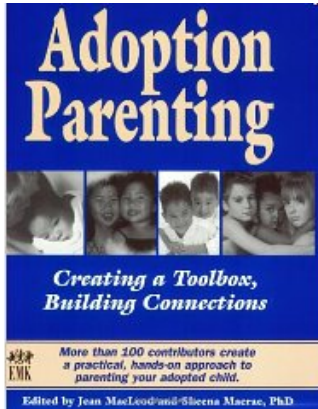
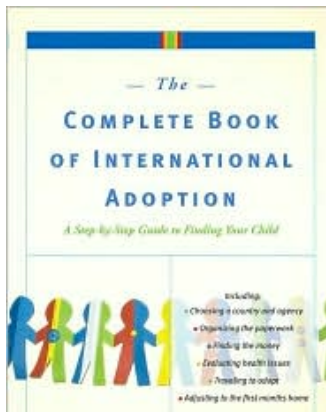


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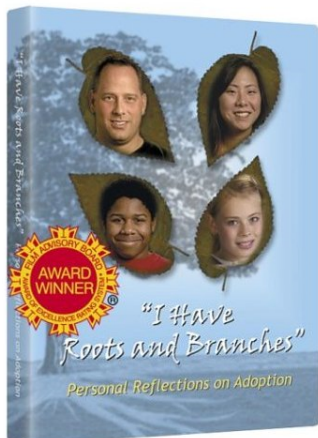
## Adoption Parenting by Jean MacLeod

This book is a virtual one-stop shop for adoption information for readers at any knowledge level. Divided into chapters like *Sleep*, *Claiming*, *Language*, and *Food*, it touches upon major issues in brief essays written by adoptive parents, adoptees, and therapists. For instance, in the chapters dealing with learning issues, educators and adoptive parents discuss the intricacies of forming effective individual education plans tailored to special-needs adoptees, while in the section on therapy, there are essays about selecting an appropriate therapist and about treating attachment disorder and posttraumatic stress disorder.



## Complete Book of International Adoption by Dawn Davenport

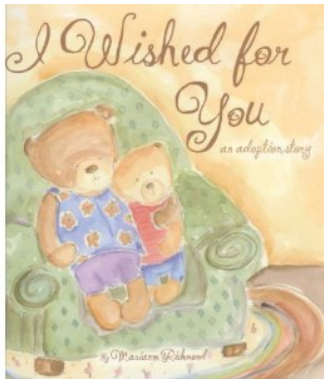
Davenport leaves no stone unturned as she guides parents through the adoption process, covering such subjects as choosing between domestic and international adoption, deciding on a country, locating an agency, determining adoption costs and wading through the often overwhelming amount of paperwork. She also delves into emotional issues, including how to know when you're ready to adopt, anxieties about the health of the baby, worries about becoming a parent and telling other children and/or friends and relatives. A comprehensive resource guide is included.



## I Have Roots and Branches: Personal Reflections on Adoption by Flory G. Herman

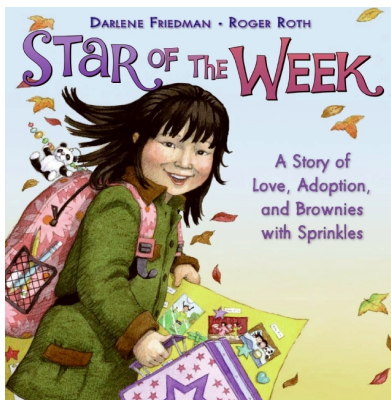
An intimate look at adoption. The film conveys a positive, encouraging and honest message about adoption, and is appropriate for children viewers. Viewers will find out first hand how it feels to have been adopted and discover that all kids have common experiences growing up in their homes, surrounded by the families they know and love.

**There are many picture books that address the topic of adoption. These are a few more recent releases.**



I Wished for You: an Adoption Story by Marianne R. Richmond

Recipient of the prestigious Mom's Choice Award. This story follows a conversation between Barley Bear and his Mama as they curl up in their favorite cuddle spot and discuss how they became a family. Barley asks Mama the questions many adopted children have, and Mama lovingly answers them all.



Star of the Week by Darlene Friedman

It is Cassidy-Li's turn to be her kindergarten class' "star of the week," so she begins her autobiographical poster with a photograph taken in China at the time of her adoption. Realistic illustrations add character and a light touch to a story, which, while upbeat, deals forthrightly with the uncertainties of adoptees. Cassidy-Li's thoughts and questions about her birth family will resonate with adopted children and serve as a springboard for discussion in homes and classrooms. —Abridged from Booklist



Ten Days and Nine Nights by Heo Yumi

"I mark a circle on the calendar. I have ten days and nine nights." The opening of this adoption story shows a young Asian girl marking May 10 on a calendar. As she waits for her mom to return, she counts down each day by doing something that's a clue: cutting a red paper heart, helping Grandpa redecorate her room, watching her dad buying new furniture, practicing holding a baby, and washing her old teddy bear. Heo's stylized artwork fills the pages with family warmth in this welcome and endearing addition

to adoption books. —Abridged from *Booklist*