

SOME REASONS WHY A PARENT MAY CHOOSE ADOPTION

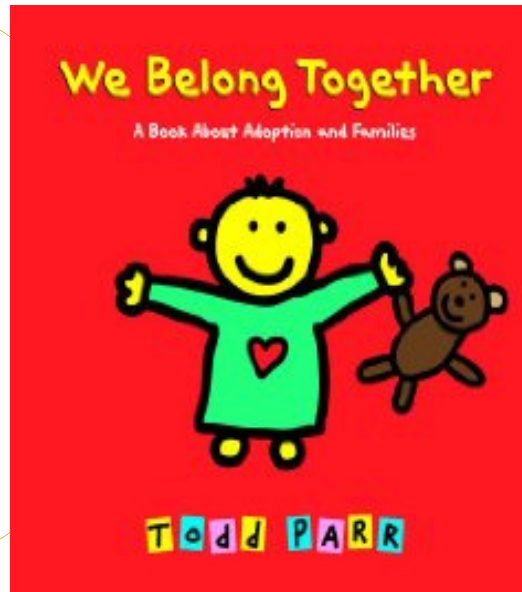
There are many reasons birth parents choose adoption. Some reasons birth parents name are:

- family and social pressures, especially related to the birth parents' cultural background.
- not feeling ready to take on the responsibilities of parenting at that stage of their life.
- not wanting to raise another child.
- emotional trauma related to the conception of the child.

For most birth parents, the decision to place their child for adoption has been carefully made. Birth parents usually believe they are doing what is best for their child.

The birth parent will not be pressured to make a decision either way.

Social Workers within the Adoption Service appreciate the mixed feelings that birth parents have when they are considering relinquishing their child. The allocated social worker will support the birth parent without putting pressure on them to make a decision either way.



Popular author-illustrator Parr illustrates the rewards of family ties in this heartfelt, supportive book geared toward adopted children and their parents. In each double-page spread, Parr completes the phrase "We belong together because . . ." with poignant explanations that touch upon basic, tangible needs ("You needed a home . . . and I had one to share") as well as emotional ones: "You needed someone to say 'I love you' . . . and we had love to give. Now we all have someone to kiss goodnight." As in Parr's *The Family Book* (2003), cheerful, friendly artwork, with thickly outlined forms and characters and a bold rainbow palette, inclusively depicts an array of children and families—including one with a single parent and one with two dads—and emphasizes the rewards of adoption for adults and children alike. In a kid-friendly, accessible way, this book explores the ways that people can choose to come together to make a family. It's about sharing your home and sharing your heart to make a family that belongs together.

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Adoption is the legal act of permanently placing a child with a parent other than the birth parents. Adoption begins with the severing of the parental responsibilities and rights of the biological parents and placing of those responsibilities and rights onto the adoptive parents.

Children are wonderful. Opening your heart and life to a little child who could not otherwise be cared for and discovering just how much you can love provides a quiet joy in itself. Family is one of the most precious things we have and somehow children make it feel more complete.

The decision for adoption is not to be taken lightly or quickly.

Choosing a reputable adoption agency or non profit adoption organization is very important. Parents can research the subject by checking '**Adoption Australia**'.

<http://www.adoptionaustralia.com.au>

When a couple choose to adopt privately, they are taking a big risk. People who choose this method of adoption run the risk of the birth mother possibly changing her mind, keeping her baby and raising her baby herself.

When people opt for public adoption they may find it disappointing to find that there are few babies and toddlers available for adoption.

Adoption from overseas can be risky. There is plenty of red tape to sort through with foreign adoption. Australia has worked hard to establish agreements with a number of countries from which you can apply for Australian adoption. Australia has also worked hard to ensure that adoption is in the child's best interests and that no children are being exploited throughout the process.

For Australian adoption, each state or territory has its own adoption authority which is



responsible for arranging Australian adoption. In order to be eligible for international or Australian adoption, there are a number of processes that you will need to go through including meeting the eligibility criteria as well as going through an in-depth assessment stage. If you are deemed to be eligible adoptive parents you will then enter the children placement stage of the adoption process where either your Australian adoption authority or the international authority will work to match children with your family.

It is very important to thoroughly research the adoptive baby or child's health history if wanting a healthy child. It's disappointing when the adoptive parents bring their child home and later discover they have health problems.

With the criteria for adoption becoming less harsh and more up to date, adoption has become a possibility for previously excluded people. Gay and lesbian adoptions are now considered, and adoption as a single parent. Is possible.

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