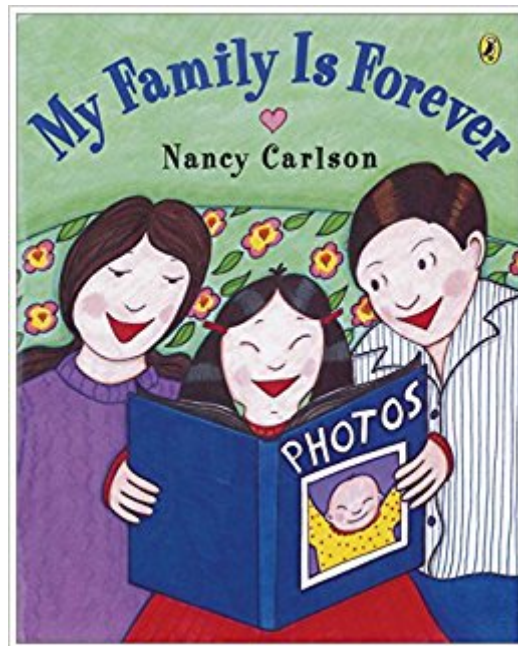




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My Family Is Forever



Synopsis

Some families look alike, some don't. Some families are formed through birth, and some families are formed by adoption. But as the little girl in this heartwarming book makes clear, being a family isn't about who you look like or where you were born—it's about the love that binds you together. Adoptive families are sure to delight in the special story of the narrator's adoption—from her parents' excited preparations and long journey by airplane to meet her, to their life together as a family. Nancy Carlson's thoughtful, straightforward text and cheerful illustrations combine to create a reassuring look at how one little girl came into her parents' world—and made them a family forever.

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2--A young girl introduces herself to readers: "My family was formed by adoption, so I look just like me!" She goes on to tell the story of her move from an undisclosed Asian country. She describes her experiences with her family, the activities she enjoys, and her thoughts about her birth parents. In the end, she says that wherever she goes she will always have her family by her side. Carlson has selected a topic that's in great demand. Unfortunately, this effort falls flat. The text is lively but sounds too adult and too preachy to ring true as a child's voice. Some will view

the cartoon illustrations of the main character as stereotypical. Her eyes are drawn as slanted lines and look closed on most of the pages, while the non-Asian faces have large dots for eyes and look wide open. For more successful adoption stories depicting Asian children, try Rose A. Lewis's *I Love You Like Crazy Cakes* (Little, Brown, 2000) and Eve Bunting's *Jin Woo* (Clarion, 2001).--Rachel G. Payne, New York Public Library Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreS-Gr. 1. A young Asian girl's first-person simple narration states how she came to her adoptive parents and describes the joys of having a loving family. While she sees that her friend Jeffrey has his mom's red hair and his dad's big ears, she matter-of-factly notes, "Families are formed in different ways, so they don't always look alike." Later, the child talks about how she resembles her parents: "I'm a good cook like my dad, and a wonderful dancer like my mom." Like many adopted kids, she wonders about her birth parents, and is very sure that "they wanted me to have a family to love." Decorated with upbeat, brightly colored pictures portraying a supportive, loving family, this cozy picture book will have great appeal for many youngsters, though adoptees, and kids from blended families, single-parent homes, or any nontraditional family, will feel a special connection. Lauren Peterson Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Bought this for my daughter so she can have the author sign it at her school. This book helped answers questions for my daughter who we adopted. I would recommend this book for anyone who has adopted and want to be able to explain to their adopted kid(s).

This book was perfect for use in my environment. I was looking for a general book about adoption. I'm an Elementary School Counselor and a teacher asked me to come in her class and share some info about adoption. She had 3 kids in her class that were adopted and the kids were asking lots of questions. (The adoptive moms thought it would be cool if I'd come in and share some very general info so the teacher asked.) This book is perfect. Many of the books out there get too detailed and are meant to bring out the therapeutic issues that come up for adoptive children. Those books have their important purpose. This is a great first book for adoptive families to lead their child into the idea that they were adopted and general enough for general audiences too.

We have an infant through adoption and wanted to have a way to introduce the concept right off the bat. We got a few books and this is by far the best. It has a wonderful message and uses positive language and ideas about adoption. I also like the illustrations better than other books. Our evening routine includes reading this book and Thr Family Book.

I bought this book for our 3 sons, all of whom are adopted. It is great for both our 6 & 8 yr. olds. Eventhough the story is about a girl adopted from China, it is not specific to that type of adoption. Our boys were adopted here in the U.S., but the content of the story is broad and talks about basic adoption issues but specifically that she knows she is loved. Every year in November I take a day at our school and read adoption books to grades K-5. This book was a favorite for almost every class. They enjoyed it so much we got one to donate to the school library.

This has been a valuable tool to start discussions with my 3 year old on how our family has been formed. I added our own pictures at the end of his birth parents and some age appropriate language for him to understand more of "his" adoption story.

This is a really cute book and we will be excited to read this one after we complete our adoption

We have two adopted children and it is important that they feel that joining our family is permanent. I like the story and how it shows different types of families: some that look the same, some that don't, some with older parents, some with one parent.

Great story to share with children.

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