

Reading Assignment For Parents-In-Waiting

You surely won't have time once Baby comes home, so *read it now!* Moms and Dads To-Be: each of you select one book of your choice from this list, read it and send Abrazo your report prior to placement- so we'll know you're ready. ☺

Dear Birthmother

By Kathleen Silber & Phyllis Speedlin

(The classic—an easy read that makes sense of this process and its participants. Also good for extended family members supporting you in your adoption quest.)

The Open Adoption Experience

By Lois Melina & Sharon Kaplan Roszia

(The how-to guide for what-to-do... the nuts and bolts of how it all works)

The Spirit of Open Adoption

By James Gritter

(What openness means and why it matters.)

Secret Thoughts of An Adoptive Mother

By Jana Wolff

(A glimpse into one parent's perspective regarding her transracial adoption.)

The Family of Adoption

By Joyce Maguire Pavao

(An adopted person/therapist explores the impact of adoption and openness as it pertains to developmental issues children face across the lifespan.)

Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew

By Sherrie Eldridge

(A no-holds barred look at life and family, from the adoptee perspective.)

Adoption Nation

By Adam Pertman

(The hot new read, published last year, about adoption's effect on our culture.)

Raising Adopted Children

By Lois Melina

(The bible of parenting after adoption, by a nationally renowned expert & adoptive parent.)

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