

# **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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