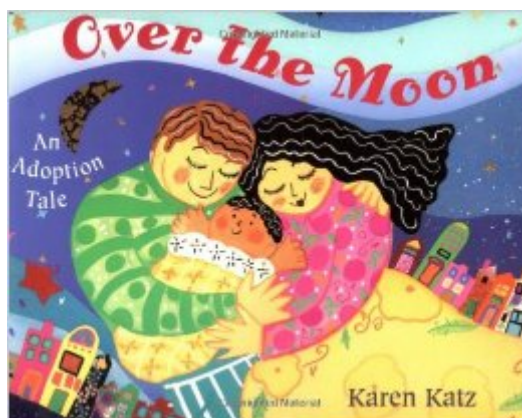


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# Over The Moon: An Adoption Tale



## Synopsis

An affirming story about international adoption, based on the author's own experience with her daughter. A magical, reassuring story of one adoptive family's beginnings, told in words and pictures that are just right for the youngest child.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is about the best book we have that deals with how we became a family - hands down! Our daughter was born in China as is our Number #2 daughter who we are expecting any day now. I found alot of the "classics" in the "how we became a family" to be not my cup of tea or piece of crazy cake, as it were. "Over the Moon" approaches the "how you were born" subject so beautifully that we felt comfortable reading it to our 3 year old (over and over and over.....) and would have felt comfortable reading it to her 2 years ago! A very gentle, happy, gorgeous book!

Over the Moon is a vibrantly illustrated and beautifully written tale about international adoption. My five year old son asks for me to read it to him frequently. The author took care to use positive adoption language throughout the book, i.e. "You grew like a flower in another lady's tummy until you were born. But the lady wasn't able to take care of you, so Mommy and Daddy came to adopt you and bring you home." This is an appropriate reference to the adoption triad. The book describes a South American adoption but easily translates to our Korean adoption since we traveled to Korea

to bring home our son. I also enjoyed the author's description of the extended family and community's enthusiasm over the arrival of this special baby. *Over the Moon* is a heart warming book your child will ask for again and again.

As the mother of a 3-year old adopted from China, I've bought quite a few adoption-related children's books, and I like many of them. But this one I love! Although it's not directly tied to Chinese adoptions, the story is similar to ours (we're a 2-parent family; we adopted a baby; we traveled to get her). The illustrations are lovely and the story captures the happy anticipation we felt as we waited for our child. Most importantly, the author gave me words to use in explaining my daughter's birth to her: "You grew like a flower in another lady's tummy until you were born. The lady couldn't take care of you so Mommy and Daddy came to adopt you and bring you home." I just love those 2 sentences and feel grateful to have them. And my daughter asks me to read this book just about every day!

*Over the Moon* is, by far, my son's favorite adoption book. He points to the baby in the picture and shouts "me!" every time we read it. We didn't adopt him from a tropical climate full of beautiful purple flowers, but he doesn't care. He knows we waited and wished for him like the parents in this book and we flew on a plane to get him. For a young child like him that's plenty with which to identify. The message in this book is universal for all internationally adopted children: we couldn't wait to meet you and would have gone over the moon to get you!

We adopted a baby girl from Guatemala, and this story could have been written by us! Our daughter is only two, but she loves the bright colors...as for us we relive our wonderful experience of bringing her home every time we open it up!

We often read this book to our son, who was adopted domestically. But we have also given this book as a gift to families that have adopted internationally. It has simple words and concepts - which makes a great gift. I have looked at other books and many others have too much detail. One of my other favorite simple books is titled "The Day We Met You", which we started reading to our child around the age of 1.

As we await the finalization of the adoption of our daughter from Guatemala, I read this book over and over again! I feel as though it tells our story. The illustrations are bright and appealing. I cannot

wait to share it with my daughter. A must have for any adoptive family.

This is a lovely adoption story, particularly for young children adopted from Central America or South America. The illustrations are beautiful, dynamic and colorful, and the story is gentle and joyous. The story captures the excitement and joy of traveling to bring home an adopted child without dwelling on details, so it is easy to add the specifics of your child's adoption as you read. The book emphasizes the permanence of adoption, and that the child was meant to be the child of the adoptive parents. My 2 year-old daughter, adopted from South America, loves the story, and requests it before nap-time and bed-time.

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