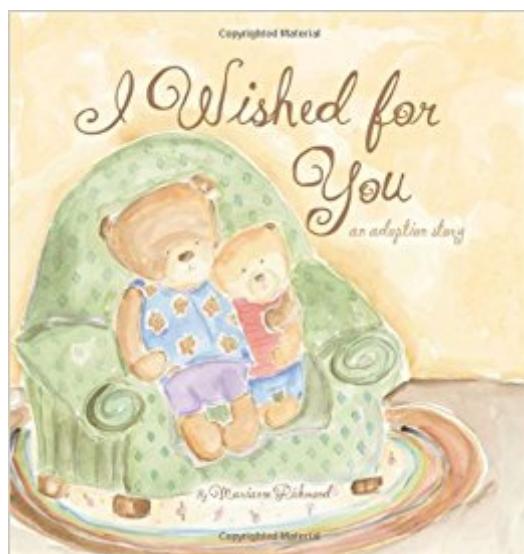


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# I Wished For You: An Adoption Story (Marianne Richmond)



## **Synopsis**

"Mama," said Barley. "Tell me again how I'm your wish come true." Thus begins this beautiful story for adoptive families. *I Wished for You: An Adoption Story* follows a conversation between a little bear named Barley and his Mama as they curl up in their favorite cuddle spot and talk about how they became a family. Barley asks Mama the kinds of questions many adopted children have, and Mama lovingly answers them all. With endearing prose and charming watercolor illustrations, *I Wished for You* is a cozy read that affirms how love is what truly makes a family.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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and coauthor of seven *Chicken Soup For The Soul* books; Tara Paterson, Certified Parent Coach, and founder of the Mom's Choice Awards. Parents and educators look for the Mom's Choice Awards seal in selecting quality materials and products for children and families. *I Wished for You*: an adoption story has been honored by this distinguished award. --Mom's Choice Awards

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My precious son, adopted 14 years ago, is going to be 17 this year! He's in the midst of some teenage struggles and being adopted has become an issue for him. It seems that, more than ever, he needs to feel grounded, certain of his place and who he is - all the usual teen insecurities are playing out but are, perhaps, magnified because he's adopted. Anyway, a while back I decided to purchase books for him about adoption that expressed what we've told him all along - that he was longed for, waited for, prayed for. He is loved, chosen, special. And that we are blessed beyond belief. Books like this were few and far between 15 years ago. I wasn't certain how he'd feel about me giving him children's books about adoption at this stage in his life. The first book I gave him was "God Found Us You." He actually let me read it to him! (I cried. He gave me hugs.) He said he liked it. This one (*I Wished for You*) brought a big smile to his face, and prompted him to say "Tell me 'the story,' Mom" - the catch-phrase he would use when he was little, when he wanted to hear about "the day he came home." As it turned out, he had questions about things I'd never thought to talk about before. My point in writing this review is simply to note that this book and books like it don't always have to be only for younger children. For us, they are serving as gentle, humorous catalysts for conversations that we might not otherwise have.

When looking for books about Adoption I came across (3) books that I purchased together. Though the other 2 were good books they didn't really fit our situation. Our child came to us through fostering. This book didn't talk about where the child came from. It was more focused on the mother bear wanting and wishing for her baby. Great story, easy read, not too long for small children. I would highly recommend this book. Especially if your child didn't come straight from the hospital into your home.

This book was more than I even imagined, perfect for an only parent who adopted. The only thing that would have made it more perfect is if it were about two bears instead of just one, as I adopted siblings on my own. I can't read it to my kids without tearing up.

I got this for my daughter when she was a toddler. She's 9 now and still asks me to read it to her. She loves knowing she's my "wish come true", and she also loves to know that I cry "happy tears" when I read it to her. Best adoption book we own.

This book has some great concepts and it gets my 2 yo to say "I am your wish come true" which is neat, but it's way too long. My toddler can only sit through the first few pages before she loses interest. I really like, though, how the book talks now only about the "wishes" of the adoptive mom but also the wishes of the bio mom. I recommend it for bigger kids.

Good story for any family going through the adoption process. Simple story line and great illustrations. I would recommend this book

Got this as a gift for a coworker, and I have to say, the story is a definite tear-jerker. This is a great book!

This book is amazing and covers a lot of questions that may arise. Very sweet!

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