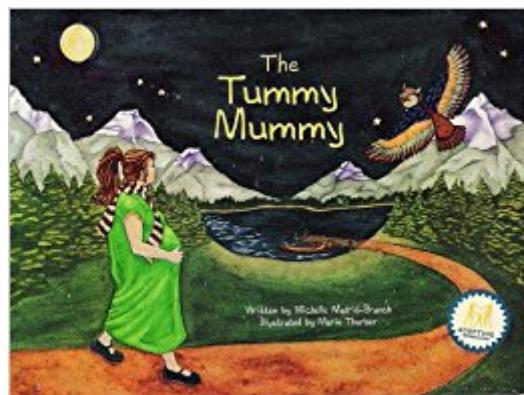


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# The Tummy Mummy



## Synopsis

The Tummy Mummy has been named a, "Top 25 Adoption Books for Children," by Adoption Mama Blog. This beautifully illustrated and compassionately written book honors the adoption triad in a respectful and loving way. It's a wonderful tool for supporting adoption dialogue! A Note from the Author: The message within this book's pages has helped countless families, children of adoption, and birthmothers, find a place of healing and a path of communication around adoption. Unfortunately, there have been a string of negative reviews recently, here on , by those who are not in support of adoption. These groups and individuals are largely "anti-adoption". Their comments often do not review the product -- rather they aim to attack adoption itself. This is especially troubling when we consider the many children who wait in foster care and in orphanages for their forever families. And, those who await a loving explanation of the true meaning of adoption. I was one of those kids. So, I know. The message of ADOPTION MEANS LOVE is not only important. It is essential. This book introduces a birthmother who deeply loves her unborn child, but cannot raise her, so she makes the most selfless sacrifice a mother can make: to let the child go, and grow, in the arms of another family. I wrote this simple little book from my own memories as a child. The message is one I was taught from my adoptive mother who is now in Heaven. Let me also add, that I was born in England, and so the term, "tummy mummy", helped me feel close to the mother who gave birth to me. I owe to her my life, my respect, my love, and my never-ending gratitude. This book is filled with those themes. This children's book, like my message of adoption means love, may not be for everyone. However, it is for many who -- like me -- believe that we are guided by a higher power in this life. A power that weaves families together in miraculous ways. One of those ways, we call adoption. I'm proud that The Tummy Mummy was named a "Top 25 Adoption Books for Children", and I stand by its message. Thank you for your kind consideration.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Disclaimer: I realize this book can't possibly cover all different scenarios but it does give a good start to make your toddler understand the concept and way an open adoption works and came about. So for the first time there is a book that somewhat fits open adoption and doesn't just accuse the birth mother of "giving away" her baby (I wished for you) and turning her back. I looked at quite a few books out there to cover a scenario where the birth mother (I deeply despise that term for a toddler and I don't like First mother at that age either) gave her baby, whom she loved deeply too, the life he/she deserved. And while you can now complain that toddlers associate tummy with tummy ache and food digestion (yeah there is a survey out there discussing that), I think it's a term a toddler can understand and it's a gentle introduction to it. Before finding this book we had agreed on Belly Mommy actually. Me and our Tummy Mummy just reviewed the book and we agree that it will work to build the basis of what we want our little one to know. That there was and is love. We both picked up on the lake, which we believe to be auto-biographic and being the Atlantic ocean but can symbolize other long or shorter distances too. I'm going to give it 5 stars because I was so glad to find a book that included "the other side" who in most other books is just mentioned in passing. And while that might be appropriate in some cases it didn't fit our situation at all. What I criticize: there is room for improvement on making it work for a boy (the story is about a girl) but you can always make it a little boy when you read it to them too, the illustration seems a bit somber and with dark colors, and I wished there was a continuation where Tummy Mummy returns at times to see her baby (but maybe there is or will be?). In the end your journey is what you make out of it and before finding this book we (mothers) planned on writing our own story to share with our little one. Lastly, I would like to thank Michelle Madrid-Branch for this wonderful book, 5 stars because yours is unique. I hope it was ok to share two pictures out of the book for the review.

I'm a mother of two adopted kids and we love this book! The concept of a tummy mummy was easy for my almost 4 year old to understand. I would highly recommend this book.

great book to help explain a birth mothers love to her child she placed for adoption

Such a sweet book! Great way to start the conversation with my 2 1/2 year old, who doesn't quite understand everything yet but is starting to seem curious.

Purchased for someone as a gift.

This is a beautiful story and is written from a neutral position. Does not make the Birth Mother or adoptive parents seem lacking in anyway. It is a warm and loving approach to adoption. The rhythm of the words is not very smooth, but the story line and illustrations make up for that.

We really like this book. It is a beautiful way to share the thoughts of a birth mom and how it is not a decision made lightly.

As adoptive parents of a 30 month old daughter, we have added this book to our collection of many books, including some about adoption. While my daughter likes the words "Tummy Mummy", and some of the illustrations, she is too young to grasp the concept of adoption. I do love how my daughter exclaims "They want to hold the baby!" when she sees the picture of the adoptive parents greeting the Tummy Mummy and baby with outstretched arms. The prose is a bit strange to me. Sometimes it rhymes, sometimes it doesn't. I do like the calm 'feel' of the book, but I think it borders on somber. I am glad it is in our collection, but it is not our favorite book at this stage. For our little one, "A Mother for Choco" is more appropriate.

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