

Answering Adoption Questions After Reading *Sweet Moon Baby*

Children sometimes ask adoption questions after hearing the story. These answers are suggested ideas for your response.

Why Didn't Her Birth Parents Love Her?

Her birth parents loved her very much, but they wanted her to have a life they could not offer. Sometimes there are important reasons why parents can't care for a baby. It is a hard decision.

Did They Really Put Her in the River?

No. That's how the author decided to tell the story. The baby was not really rescued by animals either. Lots of wonderful stories have imaginary details to entertain us. The importance of the story is something beyond these pretended moments.

Ask them to suggest fairy tales they love with magical details. Why is that story important? What do you learn? What does it show us about life? What is an important idea about *Sweet Moon Baby*?

Is This a True Story?

The event behind the story is true because the author and her husband really adopted a baby from China. She shows us the adoption announcement they sent to family and friends at the front of the book. Instead of telling us the story through facts, she created a fairy tale about the adventure.

Why Don't the Parents Who Find Her Have Children of Their Own?

Families are made in many ways. Some families include step-children or foster children or adopted children who weren't actually born to the adults in the house. They are loved and cared for and are a valuable part of the whole family.

Will the Baby Miss Her Real Parents?

The parents who adopted her will always be her real parents to her because they raised her. She will never remember her birth parents in China because she was too young. Adopted children have two sets of parents.



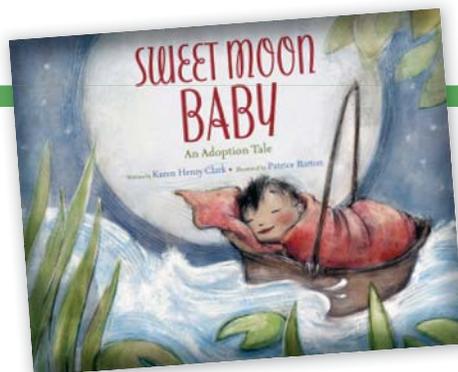
Currently, birth parents in China surrender children anonymously. No records exist for these children to learn about birth families.

How Did the Adoptive Parents Really Find the Baby?

They worked with an adoption agency that has offices around the world. They match people with available children. In this case, the couple flew to China with other families who also adopted children from the same orphanage.

Does It Cost a Lot of Money to Adopt?

Adoptions include fees for attorneys, social workers, the agency, travel expenses, and government paperwork. If you were born here in a hospital, your parents paid fees, too.



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