



ANNE *and* DAVID

When we have
each other,
we have
everything.



Hello!



We are Anne and David. First and foremost, we want you to thank you for being here. Just for opening this book. Although we can't imagine everything you are feeling as you journey through this process, we are in awe of your courage and trust you to ultimately know what is best for you and your child.

We hope this book gives you a look into who we are and that you'll see in these pages a future full of love, respect, and joy for both you and your child.

We hope to get the chance to meet you someday soon. Whatever you choose, we respect you and wish you nothing but the best in your life. Thank you for reading our book and "meeting" us.

Anne and David

Our story

We met in college in the spring of 2010. The first time we met, Anne had lost her voice but we still spent hours together laughing and planning an event for spirit week. Anne loved David's adventurous and fun-loving spirit. David thought Anne was kind, driven, and really, really cute. We quickly became best friends. **That summer, we had our first date!**



We have been happily together ever since. David graduated a year before Anne, so we had a long distance relationship while he lived in Miami and then after Anne graduated we moved to San Francisco. We moved back to Kansas City a few years later!

David proposed in October 2014. Exactly one year later we married, surrounded by family and friends at the top of a high-rise overlooking the Kansas City skyline. This year we'll celebrate 8 years of marriage. We're still best friends and we still make each other laugh every day.





Why *adoption*?

We always knew we wanted to build a family and have talked about adoption as a way to grow our family for years.

We struggled with infertility and tried multiple treatment options. Ultimately, we decided that being parents and loving our children was the most important thing to us, not biology.

Love makes a family.

In 2021, we adopted our brilliant and fearless daughter, Sloane. We loved meeting Sloane's birth mother and spending time learning about her. Every day we love Sloane more and we feel truly blessed that Sloane's mom chose us. We can't wait to bring another child into our large and close-knit family full of cousins, aunts and uncles, grandparents, and puppies.

Our promise is to dedicate ourselves to raising

Meet Anne



I am Kansas City born and raised. As a child, I wanted to be an astronaut when I grew up. I now work in marketing and I love what I do! I'm an only-child but I am very close with my parents and David's family. My favorite color is pink. I'm a vegetarian/pescatarian and an avid reader. I love ALL desserts, playing with Sloane, and having game nights at home. My guilty pleasures are playing video games with David and singing along, loudly, with the car radio, neither of which I do well. My happy place is soaking up the sun on our back patio with our family and friends!

As told by David: Since I met Anne, I have continued to fall in love with her over and over again. She's a strong, amazing woman that I am constantly impressed by and look up to. I am in awe of her intelligence, her drive and her compassion. She always brings out the best in me. I love that she beats me in board games, is incredibly organized and that she humors me and pretends like I am in charge, even though she's always 3 steps ahead of me. I love spending every minute of every day with her and I absolutely consider her my best friend.



"Anne is an amazing mom to our daughter and is the center of our family. She loves so deeply, takes care of all of us, and brings joy into our house every day."

Meet David

I grew up in St. Louis, the youngest of 3 boys. I work in IT and LOVE food. I enjoy running at our nearby park and convincing myself I need more tools for the garage. I am very close with my family and love to FaceTime with my nephews. I have loved every second of fatherhood. I enjoy chasing Sloane around the yard, reading with her, and teaching her all the animal sounds. I can also proudly say I know the words to every Sesame Street song. My happy place is cooking a new recipe and sharing that meal with my wife and daughter in our cozy home.



As told by Anne: David is the best person I know. He is genuinely kind, always puts others' needs before his own, and loves whole-heartedly. He has spoiled me every day since I've known him and I've loved seeing him give that same doting love to our daughter. One of his greatest skills is his ability to remain patient and calm in any situation. While he is secretly an introvert, he's also one of the funniest and outgoing people I've met. His laugh can be heard for miles around. He is incredibly smart but he is also humble and knows how to make others feel welcome.

"I can't imagine a better person to raise a family with. I know he will raise our children with unconditional love, support, patience, and a whole lot of humor."



meet *Sloane*

Our daughter, Sloane, turns two years old this year and is the greatest joy of our lives!

We adopted her the day she was born in October 2021. She has the biggest personality, the funniest laugh, and so much energy! She is fearless and truly loves life. Sloane is incredibly smart and is constantly on the go to explore new things. She has a large vocabulary and enjoys chatting with us and singing her favorite nursery rhymes. Some of her favorite things to do are splashing in the bathtub, going head first down the slide, playing in her ball pit, petting our dog, Buckley, watching Sesame Street while holding her Elmo, and reading books while sitting on our laps.

Sloane is a sweetheart through and through! She is great about sharing toys with her friends and is constantly giving her family hugs and kisses or cuddling with us on the couch while we watch her favorite shows. We know she will be an amazing big sister because she will enjoy sharing her love and adventures with a sibling as they grow up together.



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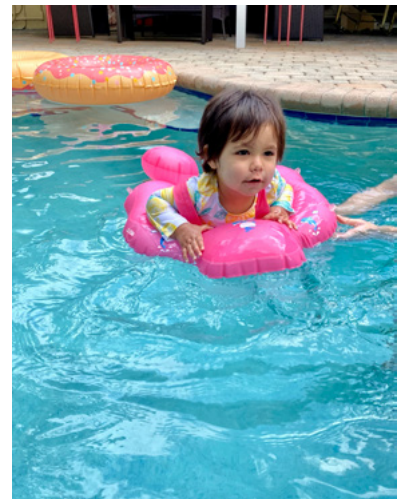


things we



David's favorite things:

- Running
- Learning to code
- Cooking
- At-home movie nights with Sloane, Anne, and Buckley
- Gardening
- Playing video games
- Playing piano



Together we love

- Family outings to the zoo, aquarium, & playgrounds
 - Exploring new coffee shops around the city
 - Decorating for the Holidays
 - Game nights with family & friends
 - Swimming at the neighborhood pool
 - Cooking & baking
- Traveling to the beach, National Parks, & visiting family



Anne's favorite things:

- Playing board games
& video games
 - Reading
- At-home movie nights with Sloane, David, and Buckley
 - Pilates & biking
 - Traveling
 - Dancing





our *home*

**We picked this house to be our
forever home with the vision of
raising a happy family under its roof.**



We have 5 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms so each of our children can have a room to call their own. We also have a large patio and backyard for swing sets and a large basement that will be perfect for birthday parties and sleepovers. Our favorite part of the house, though, is the open-concept so that our family can always be together whether we are cooking, playing, working on a puzzle (or homework!) or cuddling on the couch to watch movies. We are excited to build many happy memories in this home!



We love where we live!

We live in a suburb of Kansas City located midway between downtown and smaller rural towns. It's the best of both worlds! Our home is in a quiet, safe, cul-de-sac in a new neighborhood with diverse families and children of all ages. We share close friendships with our neighbors and all of the children run around and play together.

We are surrounded by walking trails, a neighborhood pool, a great school district, and a nearby park with playgrounds and a lake that we frequently visit.





Buckley

Our dog, Buckley, is the other deeply-loved member of our family. Wherever we go, he goes, too. He is an 11 year old corgi and truly the sweetest boy with a huge personality – those eyebrows say it all! He is bossy and tells us exactly when it's time to eat, which is his favorite time of day. He LOVES his toys and constantly has twenty, or more, of them strewn throughout the house. His favorite activities are going on car rides, chasing the ball, sleeping on Anne's feet while she works, and following Sloane while she toddles around the house.



Buckley has become Sloane's constant companion and loves being her little shadow! He loves people but especially children because he loves their belly rubs and loves to munch on anything they spill on the floor. He is looking forward to having another member of the family to play and cuddle with!





David's *Family*

I am the youngest of three boys and have family across the US. My brothers live in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. and combined have 5 children (all under 7 years old) – so Sloane has a lot of cousins! My parents live in St. Louis and come to visit and see Sloane every couple of weeks. I also have an Aunt who we see often in Florida who loves to play with Sloane and let her swim in her pool.

Anne's Family

I am an only child and most of my family lives right here in Kansas City. My parents live about an hour away, and my cousins live 20 minutes away. We love that Sloane gets a chance to play with her cousins (4yo and 6yo), and see her grandparents often.



Our family is fairly separated geographically, but they are all a very big part of our lives. We see our local families often and make trips to see the others multiple times a year. We also FaceTime with aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents several times a week. **We love that our children will be surrounded by so many people that love them.**



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promises to you



**Thank you again for reading our book
and for taking the time to get to know us.**

Should you choose our family, **we promise to raise** your child with lifelong love and support. **We promise to provide** a safe and happy home, endless adventure, and every opportunity possible throughout their life. **We promise to share** with them how they came to be ours. You will forever be an important part of your child's story and we will always honor and respect you.

You are so strong. We know both you and your baby have a very bright future ahead. We hope to meet you someday soon. Thank you again for letting us walk this part of your journey with you!

Anne and David

