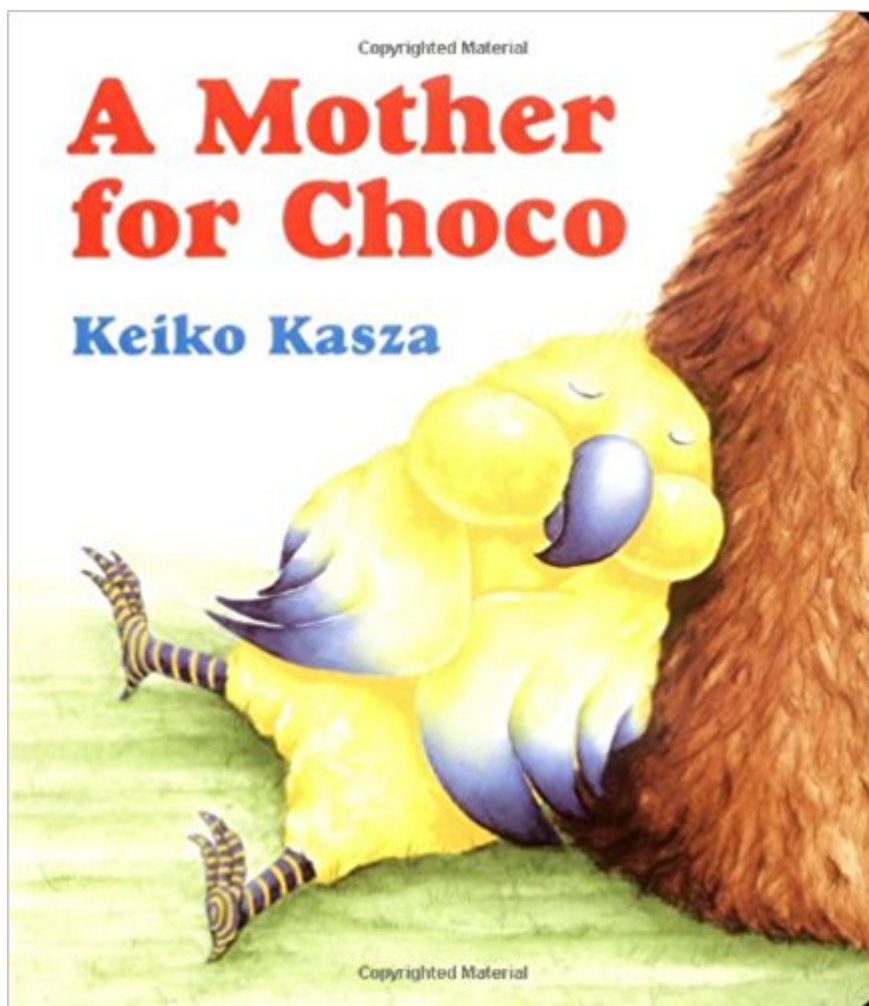




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A Mother For Choco



Synopsis

Family is about love no matter how different parents and children may be, adopted or not. Choco wishes he had a mother, but who could she be? He sets off to find her, asking all kinds of animals, but he doesn't meet anyone who looks just like him. He doesn't even think of asking Mrs. Bear if she's his mother-but then she starts to do just the things a mommy might do. And when she brings him home, he meets her other children-a piglet, a hippo, and an alligator-and learns that families can come in all shapes and sizes and still fit together. Keiko Kasza's twist on the "Are you my mother?" theme has become one of the most highly recommended stories about adoption for children.Â

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Customer Reviews

We wanted to teach our Korean born son very early about the nature of adopted families. We wished to impress on him from the start that families are people who live together and love each other, not just those who look like each other. There are very, very few toddler friendly books on the topic of inter-racial adoption, and this one is simply excellent. It uses simple language and cute pictures that any young child will enjoy. (It's also a great book to give your children's friends as gifts to help them understand why their buddy looks different.) After three years with this book, I still can't read it out loud to my son without crying at the end! If you're still looking for another book, I also highly suggest "Horace".

A Mother for Choco is a story about a lonely, little bird who goes in search of a mother. He asked all kinds of animals about his mother, but unfortunately, nobody looked just like him. Eventually, he finds someone who is just like a mother to him, even though she doesn't look like Choco, and his is very happy. This book does an excellent job of explaining the touchy subject of foster/adopted children. Since the book uses animals to describe this relationship, children may have a better understanding of this type of situation and be more accepting of it. It may also help foster/adopted children to accept their own situations as well as explain it to others. It is a very easy book to read and it creates a warm, satisfying feeling with its readers. The illustrations adequately depict the story and keep the reader's attention. Younger students especially seem to relate to Choco, whether they are in the same situation or not. They even seem to have a more accepting attitude about this subject and understand that this is something that actually happens. It's an excellent book to use at home or in the classroom; a great discussion piece.

This book is especially recommended to families we know who adopted children of a different ethnic background (look different). Our two children are the same race (by chance) and I think they get lots out of the book as well. As toddlers they LOVE this book. My daughter is only two but seems to understand that Choco is adopted like her. She turns and gives me kisses as I read the story so now we both think of it as our favorite book to read before bedtime. I think all adoptive parents should have this book to read to their young child! It is wonderful!!!

The story of Choco, a little yellow bird with big round cheeks, searching for his mother is delightful. Choco asks one animal after another if they are his mother. In despair, he fears he will never find a mother who looks just like him. What Choco finds in his search is that a mom means someone who loves unconditionally. This is a heart-warming tale, encouraging acceptance of differences, and the importance and healing power of love. A great choice for any young adopted child.

If I only had room for one book in my bag, "A Mother for Choco" would be my choice. As an adoption worker and lifebook educator, I find that children need to hear about adoption issues in simple, concrete terms. This book is perfect for any young foster or adopted child.

We have a just-turned-2-year-old daughter from China. This is absolutely her favorite book. She squeals with delight when Choco finally finds a mommy. She points to Choco's mother and shouts

"Mama!" and then points to me and shouts "Liann's Mama!". She picked up on the similarities very quickly. She just adores this book.

We listened to a panel of 7 teenage young ladies who had been adopted from Asia as babies, and one of the young ladies noted that this book was one of two favorite childhood books that she related to positively through the years, that helped her define her family in a great way. I love both the artwork and the storyline in this book. My own Asian daughter is noticing that she looks different from the rest of our family, and after she read this book once, she continued to select it from a group of 20 library books. So, I bought it!

I found this book while looking for something that tells children about the important 'stuff' about adoption. This really tells it all in a way that any child, and adult, can't fail to understand. Choco searches for her mother, assuming that someone who looks like Choco might be the one. Instead, just when he/she has given up, she finds someone who knows what counts, and is happy to bring Choco home. There's a little surprise at the end. I think it's perfect for any adoptive family, especially a blended one.

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