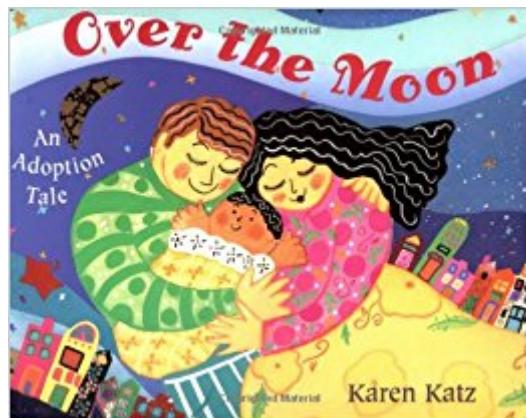


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# Over The Moon: An Adoption Tale



## **Synopsis**

An affirming story about international adoption, based on the author's own experience with her daughter. A magical, reassuring story of one adoptive family's beginnings, told in words and pictures that are just right for the youngest child.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

W called this story of a couple who take an airplane trip to adopt a baby girl "an ebullient tribute for families whose members may have come from a faraway place." Ages 2-8. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-Grade 1. Bright, fanciful folk-art illustrations set the mood for (but occasionally get in the way of) this loving story of adoption. The smoothly flowing text is reassuring throughout, reflecting the joy of the new parents and ending with the "forever and always" that is the promise of adoption. The foster parents ("the kind people who had taken care of her") are pictured. The first day includes the first telling of the adoption story to the baby girl, "You grew like a flower in another lady's tummy." However, the first couple of illustrations are problematic. On the first spread, a baby is shown alone on a hillside sitting on a beanbag cloud with a city in the distance. The text states: "Once upon a time a teeny-tiny baby was born." Babies aren't born alone on hillsides, and even though this one is smiling, the picture doesn't seem reassuring. Adopted children need to know that

they were born like other children, and did not appear magically without human connection. Also, though the text realistically recounts the new parents' first-day nervousness, the baby is pictured as smiling throughout instead of showing a range of reactions to different activities and situations.?Nancy Schimmel, formerly at San Mateo County Library, CACopyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Over the Moon is, by far, my son's favorite adoption book. He points to the baby in the picture and shouts "me!" every time we read it. We didn't adopt him from a tropical climate full of beautiful purple flowers, but he doesn't care. He knows we waited and wished for him like the parents in this book and we flew on a plane to get him. For a young child like him that's plenty with which to identify. The message in this book is universal for all internationally adopted children: we couldn't wait to meet you and would have gone over the moon to get you!

"Over the Moon" is, in my opinion, the perfect book for younger children. It has all of the elements of whimsy and joy that I want my child to feel as I tell her about how she came to be our daughter. Sure, as other reviewers have suggested, it does not really address the circumstances of how a baby comes into the world and in those terms is not very realistic. However, I believe those are items on the agenda for another day when she is older. This book has bright folk art that really captures the excitement I feel as I wait to be able to travel to Latin America to pick up our beautiful little girl. I want her to be able to feel that as she reads this book - just what joy she has brought to my life before physically entering it, and I believe that "Over the Moon" captures that joy. I think that it is a must for anyone adopting a baby internationally.

As the mother of a 3-year old adopted from China, I've bought quite a few adoption-related children's books, and I like many of them. But this one I love! Although it's not directly tied to Chinese adoptions, the story is similar to ours (we're a 2-parent family; we adopted a baby; we traveled to get her). The illustrations are lovely and the story captures the happy anticipation we felt as we waited for our child. Most importantly, the author gave me words to use in explaining my daughter's birth to her: "You grew like a flower in another lady's tummy until you were born. The lady couldn't take care of you so Mommy and Daddy came to adopt you and bring you home." I just love those 2 sentences and feel grateful to have them. And my daughter asks me to read this book just about every day!

Sweet book. Best for 4+ years old due to the story being on the long side.

Beautiful story, beautiful pictures

I use this in my therapy office and the children love the book!

...for my niece and her husband, and their long-awaited beautiful first child - an adopted baby girl!  
Smiles and tears from anyone who reads this enchanting tale.

Great book!!!

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