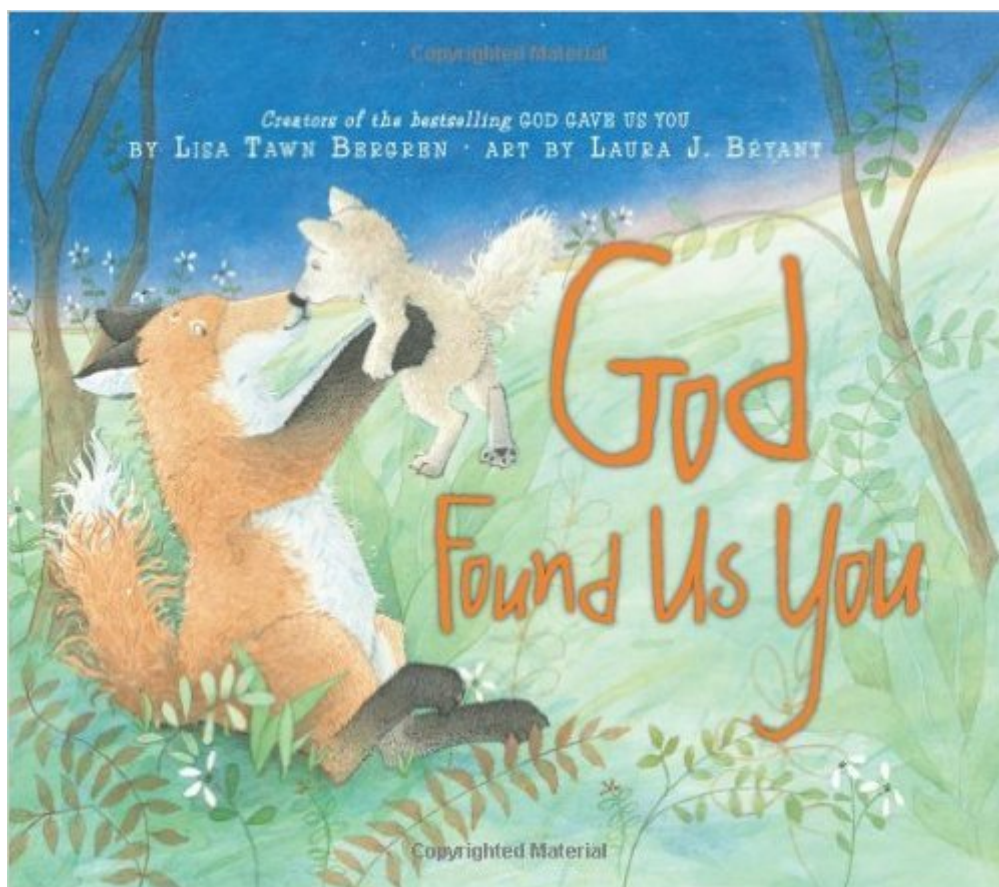


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Customer Reviews

Lisa Tawn Bergren and Laura J. Bryant's successful *God Gave Us You* has given rise to several other picture books featuring their cute and curious polar bears. But in their newest picture book, Bergren and Bryant introduce us to a new set of characters: A fox mama and her adopted baby. *God Found Us You* follows the familiar Bergren format of a conversation between animal baby and animal parent. This time, Little Fox curls up to his mother and says, "Mama, tell me again about the day I came home." Mama says this is her favorite story of all time because "when God found us you, it made me the happiest mother in the world." Mama Fox explains that she dreamed of Little Fox for a long, long time. She saw him everywhere she went; she prayed and prayed and prayed for Little Fox to come. It was difficult for her to see other mothers with their babies, but she "trusted that God knew you, and knew me, and knew when we'd fit perfectly together." Little Fox asks: "How come I couldn't stay with the mother who had me?" Mama Fox says she must have had a very big reason to give up Little Fox; she must have believed it was best for Little Fox. "I think she prayed like crazy that you would be safe, Little Fox. I think she prayed for me as much as I prayed for her." When Little Fox wonders if Mama Fox is his forever mama, Mama Fox assures him she'll be his forever - no matter what. Little Fox is the best gift God ever gave her. Then Little Fox falls asleep, feeling safe and secure, and remembering his mother is the happiest mama in the

world. Throughout, Bryant's illustrations are gentle and sweet, depicting the woodlands and Mama and Little Fox beautifully. What I Like: Bergren's tone is just right. She and Bryant make it obvious Mama Fox adores her baby, and vice versa. I appreciate how clear it's made that God brought mother and baby together, and how carefully Bergren words the section on why Little Fox's birth mother gave him up. I also love the honesty Bergren displays when she allows Mama Fox to admit how hard it was to wait for her baby. This is a lovely, lovely book that brought tears to my eyes. If you have an adopted child, or know someone who does, this book is really a must have. What I Dislike: Nothing. Overall Rating: Excellent. Kristina Seleshanko, Managing Editor Christian Children's Book Review

This book is perfect for all types of adoptions. Many books are geared towards international or infant adoptions. We adopted a child through foster care and this book could have been written for us. It is beautiful.

This book is outstanding! One of the best books I've found. My only criticism is that the momma fox said that little fox's birth mama "must have had very big reasons to give you up." This does not fit all adoptions- especially if the birth parents died- however, it's difficult to make a book that fits every adoption perfectly and can easily be changed to fit your story as you read to your child. This book centers around God working in their lives to bring them together, and I love that! I reviewed this book before buying it. I always look at the criticisms first and see what they don't like about the book and then contrast them with the positive reviews to help me make a selection. I almost didn't buy it because I noticed that others criticized the fact that the book was too "angst ridden". I'm glad I went ahead and purchased it because I don't feel this properly portrays the book at all. Most adoptions DO take a long time. I myself have adopted and I have a network of friends and family who have adopted. One of the negatives was due to the fact the book states "It made it hard to see other mamas with their children" but I feel that this sentence was misunderstood. I think the author was trying to convey that for the mama fox, it was hard to see other's with their children because she knew her baby was somewhere else and not safe with her. Fox couldn't be with his mom and she couldn't be with him as the adoption was being finalized. It has nothing to do with being depressed- just sad that the child couldn't be with his mother and vice versa. I remember feeling this way as I waited for my little boy to come home. It was hard to see others with their children knowing mine was overseas. I didn't know what kind of care he was getting, if he was sick, he didn't know he had a family waiting for him, etc. I wasn't depressed at all, just waiting on the day when I could be like

the other families and have my son home with me. Lastly, adoptions do take a long time and I think the book properly illustrates this point but not in a way that is overkill.

The illustrations in this book are lovely, but we had trouble with its content. If you want your child to know how depressed you felt before you had him/her (for example, the fox parent explains how before the adoption was complete, she felt bad every time she saw a parent who had a baby), and how generally angst-ridden your adoption journey was, then this is the book for you. This book simply has too much information about the parents' difficult emotions for a child who is still picture-book age. There are so many other wonderful adoption books out there; we will not be reading this one to our daughter.

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