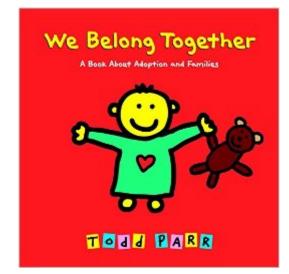
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# We Belong Together: A Book About Adoption And Families





## Synopsis

In a kid-friendly, accessible way, this book explores the ways that people can choose to come together to make a family. It's about sharing your home and sharing your heart to make a family that belongs together.

### **Book Information**

Hardcover: 32 pages Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; Library Binding edition (November 1, 2007) Language: English ISBN-10: 0316016683 ISBN-13: 978-0316016681 Product Dimensions: 10.2 x 0.4 x 10.4 inches Shipping Weight: 12.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 3.8 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (74 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #17,132 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #9 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Family Life > Adoption Age Range: 3 - 6 years Grade Level: Preschool - 1

### **Customer Reviews**

I think some of the reviews on this book are very harsh, and unfortunately for a long time I let them disuade me from buying this book. In the end I thought I would give it a go and i am really glad I did. Yes, it does have some "you needed a" type language, but it is definitely not victim mindset or setting adoptive parents up as heroes. In fact, the language that follows each "you needed a" statement is "and now we all....laugh together etc"...which is really positive because it shows that as an adoptive family we brought each other something. No adoption book is "catch all cure all" for answering kids questions or explaining adoption, so I am not surprised or concerned that Todd's book doesn't answer all questions. However, partnering this book with others, good conversations and consistency, it is a very valuable resource for my family. I have a beautiful 4 year old girl and she is just getting to all the great questions....we have moved beyond knowing "I am adopted" and into "why couldn't my birth Mom get better?", "Why couldn't she look after me?".....in my case (infancy adoption through fostercare due to neglect/abuse) this book is very good because it reinforces the foundation conversation of "all kids need a safe home", "all babies need lots of looking after and unfortunately she was not able to look after you properly". Any adoptive parent

knows that you have to find the right balance between not setting your child up as a victim, but also presenting the truth in a sensitive and age appropriate way. It is not uncommon to hear a very young child using imaginative stories to create a fantasy picture of birth parents....and I have heard my daughter telling her toys that one day her Daddy will come back...and have had to step in and gently explain that that is not going to happen.

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