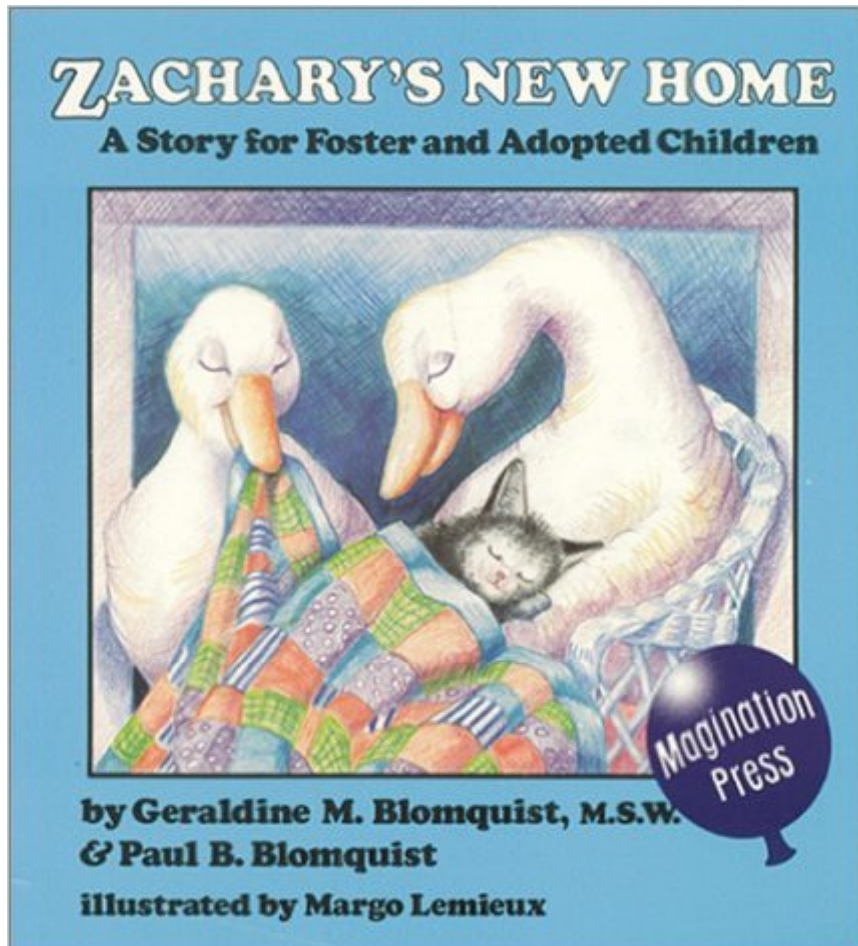


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# Zachary's New Home: A Story For Foster And Adopted Children



## Synopsis

This story for adopted and foster children describes the adventures of Zachary the kitten, who is taken from his mother's house when she is unable to take care of him. It follows Zachary as he goes into foster care, his adoption by a family of geese and his feelings of shame, anger and hurt.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I am a social worker with Child Protective Services and I use this book all the time. It helps me to explain to a child what is happening in their life as well as frame their situation in a perspective they can understand. I have used this book both at the time I am removing a child from a birth home and at the times that I place a child in an adoptive home. They often ask me to read the story again. I recommend this book for anyone with a foster child in their home or a child adopted from the Child Welfare System.

The story of the little kitten, who's daddy disappears, and Mummy is bad to him, is well written and non judgemental. The kitten is taken away from his birth mother and fostered, then adopted into a family of Swans, who love him. The book tells about the kitten's confusion and feelings of loss, and has a happy ending when the adoptive parents re-state their love for him. This book is relevant for children who have been removed from a birth parent's home, not for children adopted after being orphaned or abandoned, and the picture of the scary Mum will probably introduce the wrong

message about their birth parents.

As a foster mother and author of books for foster children, it is wonderful to see good quality books available for foster children! The writing is easy to understand and deals with some being in foster care and then being adopted. The illustrations are charming--I like how animals are used because they are appropriate for the whimsy of children, plus they do not peg the reader into thinking about whether the book's subjects are "black" or "white," etc. Children will be able to relate to this book, and they will find comfort in its story. -Cynthia Miller Lovell, author of *The Star: A story to help young children understand foster care*, and *Questions & Activities for The Star: A handbook for foster parents*

I got this because of the good reviews, but should have read it to myself before I sat down with the kids. This book is not for a child that is young, or isn't struggling in their placement. It refers over and over to his "real" parents, he runs away, and nothing really resolves at the end! Maybe it would be fine if there was a resolution, or he at least seemed happy. And it would have been nice to address foster/adoptive situations, not just group home to new parents. I don't think that's reality for most kids. Very disappointed. Luckily we have another book that we will get at the same time that is much better.

This book clearly explains the child coming into foster care and then being adopted. Great for children who were adopted through the foster care system.

We are in the process of adopting 2 children, ages 3 and 4, from the foster care system. We have found this book to be an excellent tool for helping our children understand their story and begin to heal from their wounds. Other books on adoption for children are based on the premise that they were adopted at birth, which has confused our kids because they have been in foster care for as long as they can remember and therefore these books are not always relevant. Zachary's new home has been exactly what they needed!

I adopted twins from the foster care system, ordered this book, and was very excited to read it to them. They were 4 years old at the time and had been living with me about a year. However, I do recommend that adoptive parents pre-read the book 1st. There is a part in the story when the kitten gets in trouble and runs away from his adoptive parents to go look for his birth parents.

This is a great book for young foster kids. I recently had a six year old placed with me temporarily. He absolutely loved this book, and asked me to read it to him every night. In fact, he identified so strongly with Zachary that I let him take the book with him when he left. So now I'm buying another copy to read to my next kiddo. My one complaint is about halfway through the book Zachary wonders what he did wrong to have to leave his home. I always add "he didn't know that it's never the child's fault that they're in foster care." I wish the author had said this more explicitly.

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