Supporting donor conception families for over 25 years

Books for Children

Support • Community • Information
‘Our Story: How We Became a Family’
Perfect for building confidence in sharing this information with your child

Our Story is a unique range of colourful, illustrated books designed to be read to and with babies and young children up to 7 yrs. They explain in a simple, positive and age-appropriate way how the child was conceived and became part of their family.

The range includes books for solo mums, solo dads, mum and dad families and same sex couples, with versions explaining surrogacy, sperm donation, egg donation, double and embryo donation. We have a book for those who didn’t use a clinic to conceive and a book for lesbian couples who used reciprocal egg donation. All the variations have twins versions.

“My son picked this [book] out when my dad was doing bedtime stories last week and my dad commented on what a lovely story it was.”

‘Archie Nolan: Family Detective’
A funny, illustrated novel for children aged 9 to 12

Archie Nolan: Family Detective explores themes of difference, family, connection and friendship and is great for older kids thinking about bigger and deeper issues relating to identity and belonging.

Science geek Archie Nolan tries to keep a low profile, but when his class are told to research their family tree, he is terrified twin sister and school swot Jemima is going to reveal that they are donor conceived. Archie is in turmoil. He doesn’t want to have to talk about all that embarrassing stuff.

The only person who understands is his donor conceived friend Cameron, but he seems to have unearthed a village vampire … and Archie’s far more interested in investigating that!

Open Archie’s secret diary and join him and his friends on an action-packed adventure to find out what family really means.

“By the way, we LOVED Archie Nolan! We ended up reading it together while camping. Brilliant and the boys are at just the right age (10 and 12) to get its message. Fantastic work!”

Primary School Resources
A fantastic resource pack for parents and teachers

“Can I just say how useful [the Primary School Resources] were. They helped me gather my thoughts before speaking to the teacher and to feel confident in the reasons why I was sharing the info with her... It really took the anxiety out of the situation.”

A helpful and comprehensive collection of information and classroom resources aimed primarily at families with children aged 4 to 11 and their teachers, although also useful for pre-school and the first year of secondary school. It includes guidance on why and how to share information with teachers about the fact that your child is donor conceived. There are separate sections on ‘Why Tell?’, ‘Letter to the Teacher’ (tailored to the way your child was conceived), ‘Information for Teachers’, ‘Classroom Resources’ and ‘Questions from Friends’ (written for children).
Books for Donors

“This is a story about something I did. Something I feel very proud of. I want to share it with you so you know about it, too.”

“Just as parents are encouraged to share their [children’s] conception narrative from a young age, the books encourage donors to do the same.”

Each of these beautifully illustrated books is intended as a simple starting point for donors to explain to their own children aged 5 to 10 how they became a donor.

There are books for egg, embryo and sperm donors, both anonymous and known, each explaining in simple words and pictures how Mummy or Daddy wanted to do something important to help other people have children.

The books provide a foundation on which to build further conversations over time, as and when it feels appropriate. Being open ensures that if your donor conceived child makes contact with their donor in the future, this information is already part of the family story.

For a full list of books and prices and to purchase any items please visit the SHOP on our website.

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