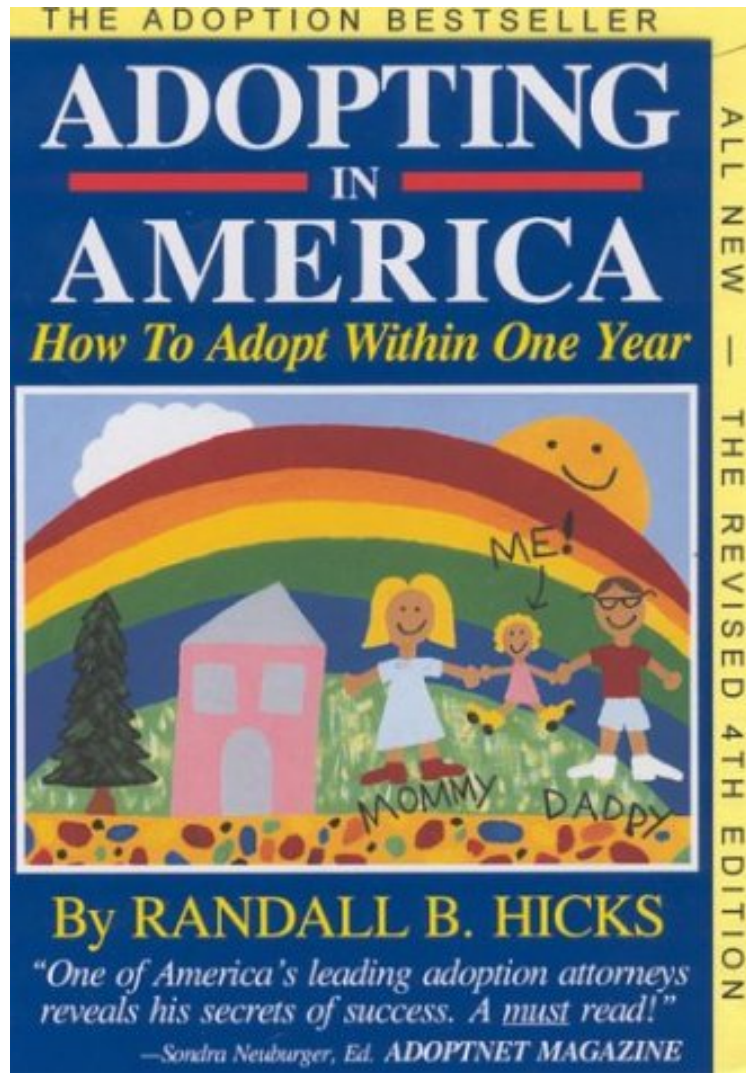


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independent [or private] adoption than it does on agency adoption. I, personally, would remove "how to adopt in one year" from the title; the book has enough power in its information to stand well on its own whether you adopt in a year, five years, or not at all. It's a good, solid, informative guide that takes no sides and leaves no emotional blame. It's a valuable source of information. I recommend it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Get the newest edition you can! By April Great book, but always get the newest edition! I ended up buying this because it was cheap used, then borrowed the newer version from the library. A lot changes year to year, and this had some way outdated stuff. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. It WORKED! By LoloMojo I recommend this book to EVERYONE who approaches me for adoption advice. In sticker-shock after visiting several non-profit adoption agencies, we were pretty hopeless and willing to try anything. He made so much sense! We followed his recommendations and were over-the-moon adoptive parents in 13 months. Not only that, we weren't dead broke. His advice is so right on. If you want to adopt and think you can't, read this book. Then pass it along. (And thanks to you, Mr. Hicks.)

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