

Nick and Natalie





HELLO

**We're Natalie and
Nick, along with our
daughter Penny**

FROM CALIFORNIA



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to open our book and look through our lives. We have carefully chosen every photo and word here to give you a genuine glimpse into who we are, our home, and the life we share.

As you read this first page, we want you to know that we hold the deepest respect for you. We recognize the profound love, immense courage, and careful thought it takes to make a decision of this magnitude. Please know that your strength and your story are honored here.

Being considered as adoptive parents is an incredible privilege. We are wholeheartedly committed to providing a safe, stable, and nurturing future. Our love extends far beyond our walls; we are surrounded by a wonderful community of family, neighbors, and friends eager to wrap another child in support.

Together, we promise to honor their story, provide endless warmth, and celebrate exactly who they are.

A wide-angle photograph of a couple walking along a sandy beach. The man is wearing a light blue jacket and the woman is wearing a dark jacket and a beanie. They are walking away from the camera towards the ocean. The beach is rocky in the foreground and the ocean waves are visible in the background.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR CONSIDERING US!

Our Story

A man and a woman are walking through the surf on a beach. The man is wearing a brown jacket and jeans, and the woman is wearing a dark, patterned dress. They are holding hands and smiling. In the background, there are cliffs with houses and palm trees under a cloudy sky.

FROM AUSTRALIA TO CALIFORNIA

Our journey began in Sydney, Australia, where we met while Nick was traveling for work. What started as a close friendship quickly grew into a deep, lasting partnership as Natalie showed Nick around the city. When it was time for Nick to return to New York, we committed to a long-distance relationship, navigating visas and time zones for nearly two years. Meeting up globally in places like London and Singapore, that foundational experience taught us the absolute importance of communication, commitment, and trust. Today, those values remain the bedrock of our strong marriage.



After marrying in New York, we eventually relocated to San Diego, where our coastal cul-de-sac blends America's energy with the relaxed, outdoor lifestyle that reminds Natalie of home in Australia. Together we've built a vibrant life filled with two rescue dogs, afternoons by the ocean, and a deep appreciation for life's simple pleasures.



New York City
view from the top



A Legoland day



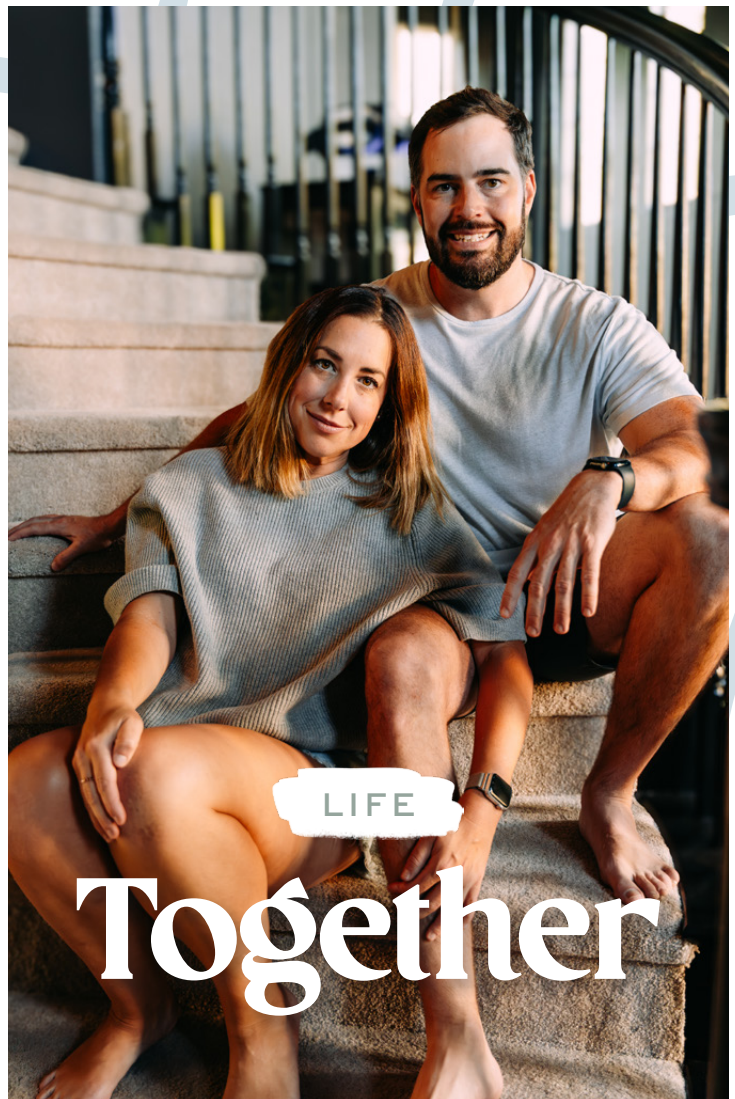
Swing time with our girl

On Adoption



Becoming parents to our daughter, Penny, has been the ultimate fulfillment of a lifelong dream. Watching her grow has only reinforced our love for parenthood and our desire to provide a safe, supportive, and joyful presence for children. Our decision to adopt stems from this profound love of family. We feel deeply drawn to the adoption path because it allows us to expand our family with intention and offer another child a nurturing, stable home filled with endless love and adventure.

Our weekday evenings are peaceful and relaxed, often spent watching the sunset from our yard, going for long walks, and laughing as our two rescue dogs get their afternoon zoomies. When the weekend arrives, we embrace the coastal lifestyle—heading to the beach, exploring new spots, and getting together with friends. Community is incredibly important to us; we love participating in our neighborhood’s annual block parties, pot luck dinners, and festive Christmas light viewings.



Travel and adventure are part of who we are.

Our journeys have taken us all over the world, and today our trips range from visiting family and lifelong friends on the East Coast and in Australia to exploring the national parks of the Southwest. Whether on a global flight or a local weekend road trip, we love discovering the world together.



Cooking class in Thailand



Ready for Thanksgiving



Dog sledding in Canada!



Sky high in NYC

While we already cherish these big adventures and simple everyday moments in our home, we are so excited to share them with another child as our family grows. We look forward to reading books at bedtime, exploring the outdoors, and passing down our deep love of music to our children. Our home is already known for spontaneous kitchen dance parties and car karaoke, and we cannot wait to watch our children team up to take over as the family DJs. We also fully embrace the holidays, finding any excuse to celebrate together with everything from matching festive pajamas to silly headwear.



ALL ABOUT

Natalie

I grew up in the suburbs of Sydney, Australia, spending weekends visiting my grandparents, playing sports or simply hanging out with friends. All of my school friends lived just minutes away and, to this day, I'm still best friends with my kindergarten bestie, Elisa.



I pride myself on being a loyal and thoughtful friend, someone who shows up with kindness during difficult times and genuinely celebrates the successes of the people I care about. I put real effort into all of my relationships, which is why many of my friendships have lasted over 20 and even 35 years, and even from the other side of the world, I speak weekly to my loved ones.

As a parent, I am fascinated watching children's curiosity evolve. I find joy in providing children opportunities to explore that curiosity, develop their interests, and help them grow into the best versions of themselves.

I LOVE THE
SIMPLE THINGS

Like car karaoke, long walks and beach strolls, matching pajamas during the holidays, and silly hats at Thanksgiving and Christmas. I also enjoy yoga and strength training as part of my daily routine.



Watching Natalie become a mother has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I always knew she'd be a wonderful mom, but her excitement, passion, and natural talent for it still amaze me. The energy and intention she brings to every moment with our daughter leaves no doubt in my mind about her capacity to nurture a growing family.

-NICK



Coconut in hand,
ready for vacation



Beach days with our girl,
sunhats and all



Meeting a cute wallaby while
visiting Australia

ALL ABOUT

Nick

I grew up in Bristol, Connecticut, spending my childhood outdoors swimming, playing sports, building forts, and exploring with my three siblings. My early fascination with taking things apart and putting them back together led me to a career in cybersecurity. Today, my hobbies balance the tech side of my job with staying active through weight lifting, tennis, motorcycle rides, and exploring the outdoors, recently road tripping across the Southwest, visiting national parks.

My career took me around the world and eventually to Sydney, Australia, where I met Natalie and we began our greatest adventure yet.

As a parent, I'm most looking forward to passing down the simple joys of my own childhood. I can't wait to take adventurous trips with our children and teach them to embrace their curiosity, wherever it may lead. More than anything, I look forward to providing a safe, stable home filled with everyday fun, laughter, and endless support as our family grows.



HOW PEOPLE
DESCRIBE ME

**Driven,
resourceful,
and loyal. I
show up for the
people I love,
no matter what.**



Nick is already a loving and deeply thoughtful parent who shares his curiosity and passions with the people around him. He values growth and connection, and leads by example, proving it's never too late to try something new, like learning piano eighteen months ago. His thoughtfulness shows up in small, everyday ways: remembering a special treat, writing a beautiful card, reflecting on the year's memories, good and bad. He's always cheering on the people he loves and championing them, even through hard times.

-NATALIE



Backyard hangs
with Penny



Puppy love



Kangaroo cuddles on
a trip to Australia

A man and a woman are sitting closely together on a light grey sectional sofa in a bright, modern living room. The man, on the left, has a beard and is wearing a dark blue short-sleeved shirt with a white floral pattern and dark shorts. The woman, on the right, has long brown hair and is wearing an orange dress with a white polka-dot pattern. They are both smiling at the camera. Behind them is a large window with a view of a garden and a large green plant with broad leaves. The room is filled with natural light.

Our home is full and
our hearts are open

WE'RE READY TO SHARE IT ALL



NATALIE

Career

Stay-at-Home Mom/Former Early Education and Elementary Teacher

3 Words to Describe Natalie

Friendly, Vibrant, Nurturing

The Perfect Day

Morning workout, beach walk, iced matcha, sushi or Thai for dinner, cozy PJs and cuddles with family and pets

Known For

My Australian accent, hugs and dimples

What I Love

I love living in America! Christmas has always been my favorite holiday and now I get to celebrate Halloween and Thanksgiving

Random Fact

I can hula hoop around my neck



NICK

Career

Cybersecurity Consultant

3 Words to Describe Nick

Generous, Witty, Kind

The Perfect Day

Early quiet mornings, tennis, an afternoon outside with family and dogs in the SoCal sun, evenings by the fire

Known For

Random facts and trivia knowledge

What I Enjoy

Playing sports, riding my motorcycle, Jeopardy

Random Fact

I took my first college course at age 12

MEET

Penny



Our daughter, Penny, is a bright and social child who approaches the world with pure joy and wonder. Uniquely herself, she is obsessed with music, happily clapping along to car karaoke and rocking out to everything from Creedence Clearwater Revival to Calvin Harris. She is incredibly inquisitive (currently fascinated with the aquarium) and loves playing with her daycare friends and showering our rescue dogs with affection.

Our path to Penny was made possible through IVF, a journey that deeply reflects just how much we longed to build our family. Having her has only amplified our love for parenthood. As our family grows, we are so excited to watch her grow into the role of a loving, playful, and fun big sister.



Penny's first Easter



Reach for the stars!



Halloween goes hard,
three little pigs included



Mommy-daughter dance class



LOVE MAKES A FAMILY READING TIME



Welcome!

TO OUR HOME IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

Our home is a bright, warm, and inviting sanctuary where love and laughter are always present. With its clean, coastal vibe, it is designed to feel peaceful yet completely lived-in. We spend the vast majority of our time together in our backyard, enjoying our own oasis by the pool, having a family BBQ, or watching the sunset and playing with our dogs.



Beach days and
beautiful sunsets



We go all out for Christmas

WE'RE LUCKY TO
LIVE HERE

**Great schools,
beautiful parks,
and easy ocean
access make our
neighborhood the
kind of place where
neighbors become
extended family
and kids thrive.**

We live in a wonderful coastal neighborhood in San Diego, tucked away on a quiet cul-de-sac. What makes our town special is its sense of community and the multi-generational warmth of our neighbors. Our street blends young families with original homeowners who raised their own children here, many of whom are now our friends bringing their own kids to visit, while the original owners have stepped in as extra grandparents for our child. Throughout the year we look forward to summer block parties, casual cul-de-sac hangouts, and walking together to see the Halloween decorations and Christmas lights.





OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Between the sunset walks with the dogs and Christmas lights up and down the block, ours is a street that feels like one big family.



SAY HELLO TO

Hudson and Ziggy



HUDSON

Hudson loves nothing more than sunbathing outside with his family and warmly greeting any visitors. With his distinctive looks, he constantly reminds people of Petey from The Little Rascals. While he is generally relaxed, you can always count on him to get a hilarious case of the zoomies every afternoon at exactly 4 PM.



ZIGGY

He's affectionately known as "Squid"! Originally from Puerto Rico, this little guy is fully convinced he is the biggest dog in town. He believes there is absolutely nothing better in life than a snack -especially if it happens to drop onto the kitchen floor. When he finally winds down from his big adventures, he sleeps soundly with his tongue charmingly poking out, as it doesn't quite fit in his mouth.



Our Family

Though miles separate us from family, we stay close, talking to our parents and siblings multiple times a week and catching up over biweekly FaceTimes.

Each year we spend three weeks with Natalie's family in Australia and travel to the East Coast once or twice to see Nick's, extending his work trips whenever we can to visit family, colleagues, and childhood friends.



Nick's side of the family gathered together



Can you spy the koala?



Thanksgiving with
our good friends



Friends who are like family



We love visiting Natalie's
family back in Australia



Our favorite traditions come from our parents. Natalie's mother always made Christmas magical with new games and festive hats each year, while Nick's family loves gathering around the fire, a simple photo of the family fire pit still enough to spark nostalgia between his siblings.

Adoption has been close to Natalie's heart for decades. Her high school best friend's family has fostered for 28 years and adopted three children, and watching those young men thrive in loving, open adoptions has been deeply influential; one even spent Memorial Day weekend with us in San Diego two years ago.

Our extended family spans Britain, the Middle East, and Peru, and our global friendship circle brings incredible culture into our lives, from Jewish celebrations to an annual potluck representing over twenty countries. We'll always make sure our children grow up with diverse role models and a community that celebrates exactly who they are.



IN OUR HOME

We work hard to create a peaceful, safe place where our children always feel comfortable sharing their feelings.

OUR FAMILY

Values

Our daily lives are guided by core values of kindness, compassion, and deep respect for people, animals, and the environment. We place an immense value on honesty and the ability to navigate difficult conversations while feeling fully supported.

We want our children to know that while life brings challenges, it is also incredibly wonderful, and we look forward to sharing both the joys and the hurdles together around our dinner table. They will always know they have our unconditional support in their decisions, coupled with gentle, age-appropriate guidance.



An essential part of this commitment is honoring our child's identity; they will grow up knowing their adoption story.

While the private details of their birth family's history belong solely to them to share if and when they choose, we promise to always speak of their birth parents and relatives with the utmost respect, gratitude, and love.

Thank you again for spending these moments with us and letting us share a glimpse into our home, our family, and our hearts.

We know the pages in this book represent just a fraction of the story, and we hold the utmost respect for the weight, emotion, and significance of the decision you face. Please know that whatever path you choose, we think of you with immense gratitude and wish you peace, strength, and comfort. We are so grateful for your time, your grace, and your willingness to get to know us.

WITH WARMTH AND APPRECIATION

Natalie & Nick

