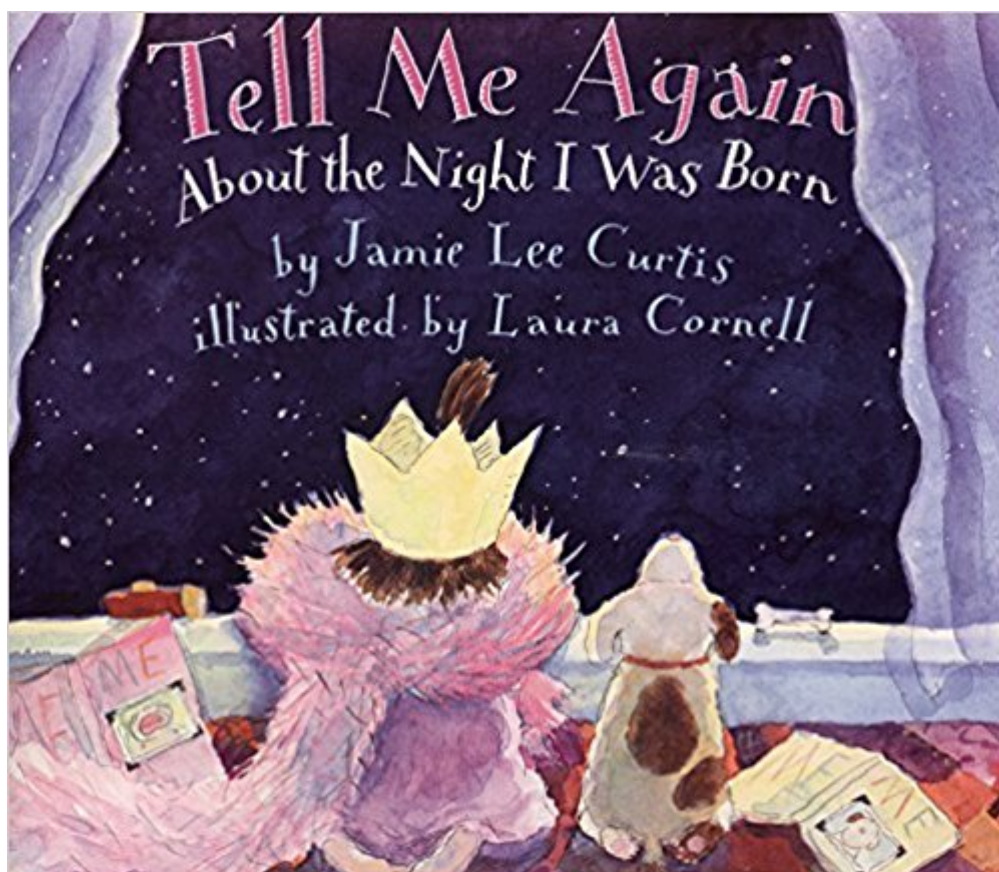


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# Tell Me Again About The Night I Was Born



## Synopsis

Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell, the New York Times bestselling team behind *Today I Feel Silly* and *I Am Gonna Like Me*, bring us a tender and funny picture book for every parent and child. *Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born* is a special celebration of the love and joy an adopted child creates for a family. In asking her parents to tell her again about the night of her birth, a young girl relives a cherished tale she knows by heart. Focusing on the significance of family and love, this a unique and beautiful story about adoption and the importance of a loving family. A beautiful adoption story, *Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born* also speaks to the universal childhood desire to know more about the excitement, awe, love, and sleeplessness that a new baby brings to a family. Tell me again about the night I was born. Tell me again how you would adopt me and be my parents. Tell me again about the first time you held me in your arms.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Actress Curtis's return engagement amply confirms the promise shown in her debut picture book (*When I Was Little*). A sweet and sunny look at adoption, the story is framed as a much-loved and clearly much-requested family tale, and rings true from beginning to end. Combining wit ("Tell me

again how you carried me like a china doll all the way home and how you glared at anyone who sneezed") with candor ("Tell me again how you couldn't grow a baby in your tummy, so another woman who was too young to take care of me was growing me"), Curtis deftly addresses the logistics of adoption in a matter-of-fact manner that radiates love and reassurance. Cornell, who also illustrated Curtis's previous books, again serves up whimsical, Roz Chast-like watercolors crammed with amusing visual asides: a jar of diaper cream sports the label "Tub o' Lard

PreSchool-Grade 2?While Curtis's fame as an actor may get this adoption story special attention, it deserves recognition in its own right. If the title suggests a blow-by-blow description of the birth process, readers are quickly set straight; the news arrives by telephone. The narrator's adoptive parents rush to the hospital via plane, and any questions about the identity of the birth mother are brushed aside; she is simply "too young" to take care of her child. The new parents see their daughter in the nursery, howling wide-mouthed and oblivious to their pleased and loving gazes. Both participate equally in this tale; the first night home with the baby, the father tells her about baseball, holding her and a bat cradled in his arms. The humor implicit in the text is made explicit in the illustrations: watery, cartoonstyle watercolors with fine-pen accents to show outlines and facial features. This book exudes action and light; nothing here will lull children to sleep, except the warmth of feeling and comfort. It does not delve into the complexity of adoptive dynamics, but simply affirms family love, the pleasure parents feel about new babies, and how pleased children are to hear the story of their birth.?Ruth K. MacDonald, Bay Path College, Longmeadow, MA  
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My son and I LOVE to read this book at bedtime. Being an adopted child he feels like he is NOT any different than any other kids. He just has his own story to share!!! We have recommended this book to all our friends!! Five star review!!!

Although this does not tell our exact adoption story I think its great. It gives our daughter an understanding of what one adoption might look like. It opens the lines of communication and makes the words "adopted", "bio mom", "bio dad", etc. normal words. If kids read about adoption in stories I would think it would help them feel more like other kids than different and know that they are not alone.

Great story! Book was a bit more used than I was expecting, but not a big deal

This book works if you had an arranged adoption. The book is about a couple's journey from the moment they received the call about the birth of the baby they were to adopt. Tell me about the night I was born, tell me about the first time you saw me At the hospital, tell me about my first airplane travel, etc etc.

Very nice book!!

Nice, but the illustrations are outdated and a little hard to follow.

Very cute book. My son is three years old and since he was born, I have been on the lookout for books about adoption for him. His was a kinship adoption and while the story does not fit him to a T (which nothing will because every adoption is a different story), I was very interested in checking out this book. I am not 100% satisfied with the illustrations of the book, which is nothing against the artist but rather a personal preference. I am satisfied with the book being able to help my child begin to understand about adoption and that families are not just those you share the same blood with. My son loves the book and especially loves the pictures of the baby. I just worry that the pages will tear easy because this isn't a board book and my son can be a bit rough. Overall, I am satisfied with this book.

Not what I was expecting. This is for a married couple who adopted. I thought it would be cuter than it was. Just my personal preference.

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