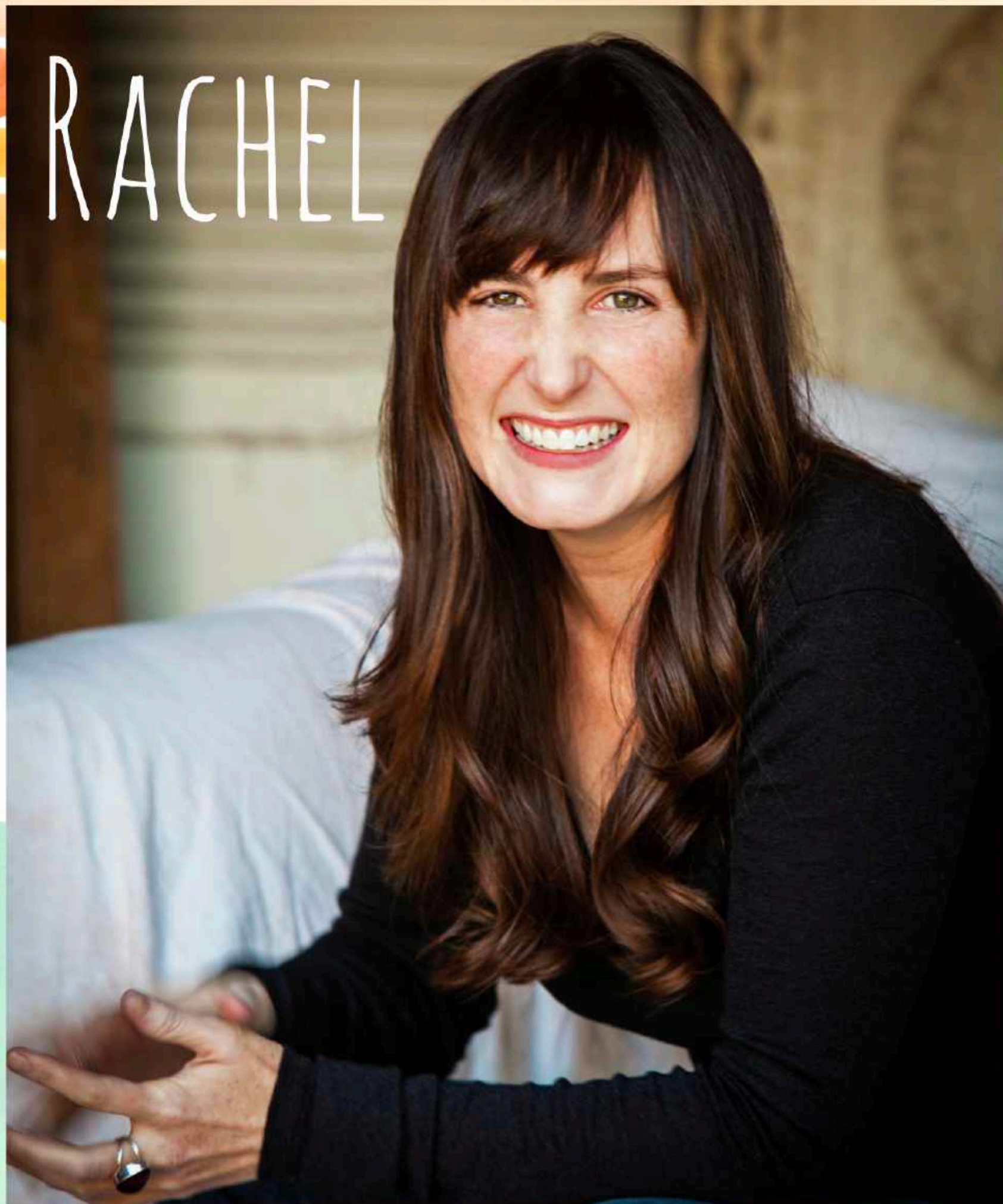


RACHEL





WHY ADOPTION?



When I was a little girl, I knew I was meant to be a mom. A few years ago, I decided to adopt. In my heart, I wanted to provide a truly wonderful life for a radiant soul who's already here in this beautiful world of ours. I also wanted to help and support a birth mother, so she could feel peace knowing her baby could be in a warm, loving home. Hannah, my little 5 year-old adopted daughter, and I have so much more room in our life, hearts, and home to welcome a new baby. We look forward to sharing all that love!





I'm a loving mom and a life coach. My purpose in life is to help people be their best selves so they can live their best lives. As a coach, it's my honor and passion to help people feel open and trusting around me, so they're able to be 100% themselves, just as they are, naturally. I get involved where I know I can make a difference— as a devoted friend, helping at every school event, and leading a women's support group here in Whitefish, Montana. I absolutely love playing music, hiking, camping, skiing, paddle boarding, yoga, Pilates, bible study, traveling all over the world, and toasty bonfires with friends.



Hannah is a joy-filled, silly, strong little girl. Hannah lights up a room and brings joy to everyone around her. She's truly loved in the neighborhood and kids are always asking to come over for playdates because she makes everyone around her feel good. And it doesn't hurt that she's super funny. Hannah loves making up her own songs, dancing, and shaking her booty. She also loves exploring outside and digging for worms! I can't tell you how many times I've found worms in her pockets when she gets home from school. She's a singer, a dancer, and a worm keeper!



I'm a California native, but I chose to live in gorgeous Whitefish, Montana. My home is 15 minutes from a ski mountain and a quick walk to downtown. In downtown, we love going to the playground where we always find friends, painting at an art studio, and grabbing dinner with neighbors we find along the way. My neighborhood is pretty special. My door is wide open, with friends and kids coming in and out, swimming, climbing, sliding, and swinging on the old wooden swing I hung from a big tree in my front yard. Growing up in Montana is all about hiking in the forest and swimming in the lake in the summer and skiing/sledding in the winter.



My family is small, yet mighty—and they totally rock. My sister lives in San Diego with her husband and my niece. Hannah and I visit them several times a year for beach fun and of course Sea World, Disneyland, and the San Diego Zoo! I've also got cousins in Santa Cruz, and together, we're a loving family who deeply care about one another. My sister is the best auntie ever. Just two states away, we all Facetime a few times/week, and beyond that, she sends little notes and silly gifts for Hannah all the time. During the months of covid lockdown, my sister sent a surprise to Hannah every 2-3 days to keep spirits up!





You could say we practically live at the lake, picnicking, swimming, and paddle boarding with other families. Floating down a river is a blast too, watching Whitefish go by and waving to friends as we try to fish from our kayaks (though I haven't caught anything, yet!).

SLOPES



When snow comes to Montana, we hit the slopes! The ski hill is just 15 minutes away, and our hats, boots, and skis are always ready in the car. Every Saturday I meet up with friends to ski while Hannah takes her lesson, then all the families enjoy hot chocolate and ski the afternoon together.

TRAVEL



I've been blessed to have adventures in over 20 different countries in my life, including the most impactful for me, the Camino de Santiago in Spain. The Camino is a 500-mile pilgrimage where I walked 20+ miles each day on an ancient trail, carrying everything I owned on my back, and stopping only to eat with other pilgrims and sleep. I learned how to endure pain, connect with people from around the world, and grow a close relationship with God. I walked 5 pilgrimages in total, and when Hannah was almost 3, she even walked parts of the Camino with me!

I PROMISE...

TO DO THE VOICES EVERY TIME I READ YOU A STORY

TO GO ALL OUT FOR YOUR CELEBRATIONS

TO MAKE SURE YOU FEEL SAFE, EVEN IF IT MEANS YOU CRAWL
INTO MY BED EVERY NIGHT

TO SING TO YOU EVERY NIGHT, AND DAY, AND IN BETWEEN

TO ATTEND EVERY SCHOOL PARTY, DANCE LESSON, KARATE
TOURNAMENT, AND SOCCER GAME

TO CREATE THE HOUSE WHERE EVERYONE WANTS TO BE

TO LOVE GETTING DIRTY OUTDOORS WITH YOU

YOU WILL GET THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION

TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR PASSION AND PURPOSE, AND BE YOUR
GUINEA PIG AS YOU PRACTICE

TO KEEP YOUR PASSPORT CURRENT SO I CAN SHOW YOU NEW
CULTURES

YOU WILL GROW UP TO BE A KIND, CONFIDENT, QUALITY HUMAN
IN THE WORLD

