

ALEXA & PARKER

WHY ADOPT?



We both grew up in big families, and honestly, we've wanted a house full of kids for as long as we've known each other. After five years of navigating infertility, we found our way to adoption, and it ended up changing everything for the better. Three years ago, we welcomed our son, Hudson, into our family through adoption, and it confirmed what we'd always hoped was true: family is built through love, not just biology. Watching our family come together with Hudson only made us want more of it. For the past two years, we've felt ready and excited to grow our family again, with the same open hearts that led us to him. Looking back, we wouldn't change a single step of the path that brought us here. We can't imagine our family any other way than the one we were led to.

HOW WE MET

We were introduced by Alexa's twin sister in Lake Tahoe, at a birthday celebration for Alexa's future brother-in-law. It was a total secret setup, one neither of us was looking for, but we hit it off right away and started dating soon after. We spent our first year dating long distance, then a year finally living near each other before Parker popped the question. Thanks to Covid, our short engagement turned into a full year before we finally said "I do." We got married in Southern California, surrounded by 200 of our closest friends and family. Within a month of the wedding, we welcomed our first baby, Finn, our golden retriever, and three years later we adopted our precious son, Hudson. Six years into marriage, we're still inseparable, and some of our favorite moments happen outdoors: hiking, playing sports, or finding any excuse to be active together.





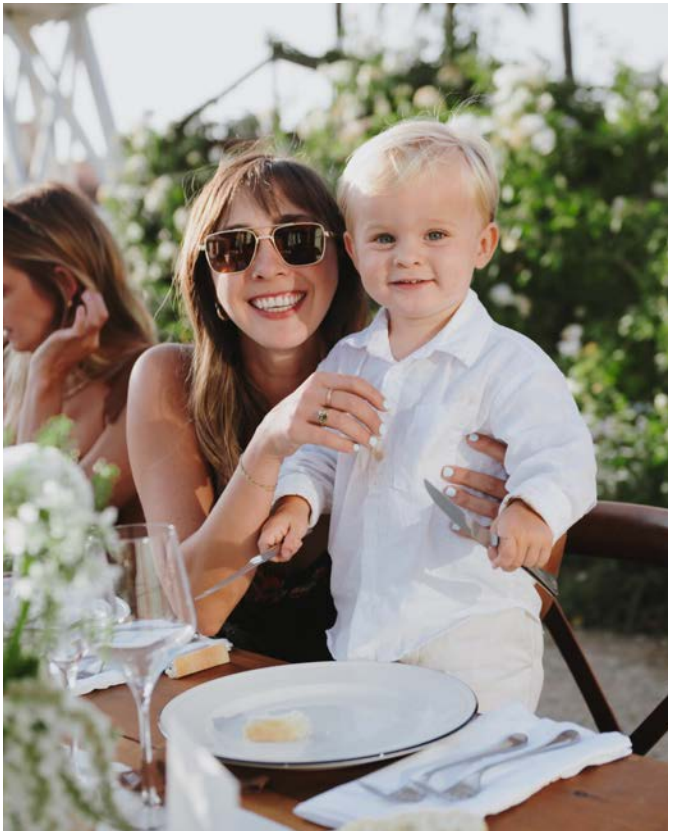




ALEXA











I grew up in Newport Beach as one of four kids, in a family that has stayed remarkably close knit well into adulthood. Holidays, birthdays, and everyday life are still very much a group effort for us. I've spent my career doing exactly what I always dreamed of: being a stay-at-home mom, a role I currently get to pour myself into with my son, Hudson, and can't wait to grow into with more children. My friends and family know me as selfless, compassionate, and endlessly kind, and I try to bring a light-hearted, nurturing spirit that puts people at ease. When I'm not chasing Hudson around, you can find me baking a fresh loaf of homemade sourdough, curled up with a good book, or out on a walk with a friend and a coffee in hand. Above all, I'm a family girl at heart, the kind of person who has always pictured a full, loud, love-filled house, and I'm so ready to welcome more kids into it.

PARKER











I grew up in Sacramento, CA, in a large family that loved being outside, playing sports, and competing at everything, and that's still me today. I love the outdoors, whether it's hunting, fishing, or hiking. I love sports, whether it's basketball (not anymore, after three knee surgeries), beach volleyball, or pickleball. And I love competing at whatever's in front of me: fixing my truck, tinkering with Hudson's toy, a house project, board games with family, or a new pursuit like marathon training, ironman training (though not necessarily finishing), or a hobby I'm probably terrible at, like golf. I'm always moving, smiling, and laughing, usually with someone beside me, because people are my energy. The one exception: Sunday afternoons, napping with a game on in the background.

HUDSON



Hudson is 3 years old and about as full of energy and personality as they come, always laughing or making everyone around him laugh. Snack time is serious business: he's all about pretzels and cream cheese, trail mix, or apples and peanut butter, though strawberries will always be his favorite. He's obsessed with anything on wheels, especially cars, trucks, and tractors, and can spot one from a mile away. He's already got serious athletic energy, always down for football, baseball, soccer, or basketball. And he's a huge animal lover, just as excited over a dog on a walk as a horse in a field.









HOME & COMMUNITY

We live in Costa Mesa, CA, in a home with a big yard, plenty of room for running around and backyard games. We're walking distance from several parks, the Back Bay trail (Alexa and Finn are out there almost daily), and three family members and their kids, so cousins and playdates are always close by. Weekends usually mean a farmers market nearby or a trip to Balboa Island, wave-free beach, good food, and a ferry ride to the Fun Zone Hudson never gets tired of. We're also regulars at Tanaka Farms all year, pumpkin picking, the holiday lights, strawberry picking, and we're close enough to Disneyland to grab annual passes and go a few times a year with friends and family.



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FAMILY



Between the two of us, this baby is going to have plenty of family. Parker's side currently has 12 direct cousins, and Alexa's has 7, with extended cousins bringing the totals to 38 and 17. Both sides are close knit, and we switch off Christmas and Thanksgiving between them every year. Alexa's family lives right around us so we see them all the time, and while most of Parker's family is in Texas, we still get out there to see them several times a year. However this baby ends up knowing them, one thing's for sure: they won't be short on family who loves them.











SPORTS



Sports are always at the top of our list, and we get competitive, but in the fun way. Pickleball's a current favorite; we even threw a full pickleball party for Parker's 30th birthday and it was a hit. We're big beach sports people too: beach volleyball (Alexa played in high school), spikeball, and floating spikeball on the lake in Idaho are all regulars. Beyond that, we're always up for cornhole, golf, biking, paddleboarding, wakeboarding, horseback riding, white water rafting, and skiing or snowboarding when we get to the mountains. Whatever the sport, we're up for it together, and we can't wait to have a new teammate to bring along.






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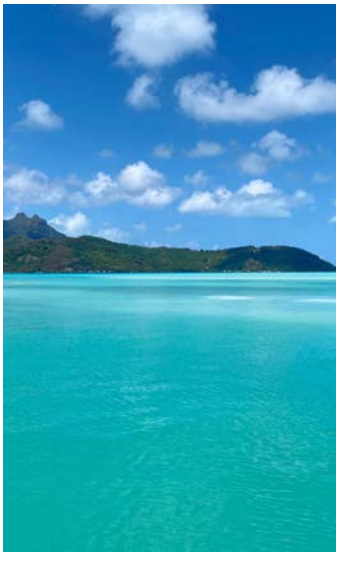



We love to travel and try to make the most of every trip, big or small. Idaho is a regular spot. Alexa's family has a house there that's perfect for hiking, ATVing, horseback riding, and lake days. Cabo is another favorite, where they also have a place in a quiet community that makes for an easy trip full of good food and beach time. We also love a weekend getaway to Palm Springs with friends and all the kids. Over the years we've been lucky enough to travel to some incredible places together: Bora Bora for our honeymoon, Jackson Hole, Big Sur, and most recently Punta Mita for our 5-year anniversary. Wherever we go, we can't wait to bring this baby along for the ride.









WE PROMISE...



We'll sing your favorite song loudly and off-key in the car

We'll build a fort at least once a season, and actually sleep in it with you

Your artwork stays on the fridge until it falls off on its own

We'll cheer the loudest at all your events, even if you beg us to stop

You can stay up 10 extra minutes at bedtime, so we can share stories of our day

You get to help in the kitchen, even when it's messier and slower that way

Finn will greet you with a million kisses every day like you've been gone for a year, even if you were just in the next room

Our arms are always open when you need to cry, no matter how big you get or how small the reason seems

Hudson has a nickname picked out for you. It is ridiculous and we will use it forever

Family pizza and game night is non-negotiable, so get ready to compete

You'll learn to boogie board before you can properly walk, because that's just how we do things by the beach

We'll pray over you every night, the way we prayed for you long before we knew your name

You'll have 49ers gear before you're even out of the hospital

We'll teach you our family sayings, things like "I can do hard things" and "I will not be afraid"

The story of how you joined our family will be one we tell you proudly, every year, for the rest of your life, so you never forget how wanted and loved you are



