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Hi!

WE ARE

Anji & Josh



our daughter Linden

We're so happy that you're taking the time to get to know us. We're a married couple who live just north of New York City with our four-year-old daughter, Linden. Both of us grew up with siblings, so we want our daughter and her new brother or sister to also experience the joys (and sometimes frustrations) of growing up with a sibling.



ON A LUNCH DATE...JUST THE TWO OF US



Our hope for Linden and her new brother or sister is that they will grow up into strong and independent people who know that, no matter what, there's somebody who will always have their back. We are also hoping for an open adoption, so we'd be honored to learn what your hopes and dreams are for you and your child so that we can work together to achieve them.

Thank you for reading our book and we hope you enjoy this glimpse into our life!"



About Us

We met in New York City and our first dates revolved around hiking north of the city. One trail was over 40 miles and took several weekends to complete. We learned so much about each other and when we decided to become life partners and get married, it was on one of those trails that Josh proposed. Not only do we both love to explore and travel, but we also love going out for Thai food and a show. New York is a great city for discovering new restaurants and great plays. The feeling of mutual discovery and exploration that began our relationship has continued throughout our relationship and has led us as far as Peru and Asia. Our daughter Linden came into our lives in 2015 and she also loves to go out and explore with us. While we do love to explore and travel we also love the time we get to spend together cuddled up on the couch watching tv with a bowl of popcorn. Our new adventure of trying to get a sibling for Linden has been a hard 3 years, but we are confident that the right love will join us soon.



HAVING FUN IN TIMES SQUARE



WE LOVE CHRISTMAS



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COFFEE AND DONUTS



Traditions

WE LOVE

Holidays are a big deal in our family.

Christmas is the biggest celebration of the year. Every year we get a fresh Christmas tree from a local farm and, with two sets of very generous grandparents, there are often too many presents to fit under the tree! Anji and Linden spend lots of time in the kitchen making cookies, gingerbread, and Christmas decorations. **We are always in the company of lots of loving family.** Halloween is probably the biggest holiday in the neighborhood. All the neighbors come out to their lawns with giant bowls of candy, wearing all sorts of incredible costumes. The neighborhood becomes one giant block party with everyone socializing from the very young to the very old. Whether it's Halloween, Christmas, a birthday, or Valentine's Day, Anji and Linden will make decorations for the house and then, when the day comes, we're always sure to have special treats!



VISITING RUINS IN CAMBODIA



HUGS FOR MOM

One of Anji's favorite t-shirts has this phrase on it to reflect her Native American heritage: "Strong. Resilient. Indigenous." If it had "Loving" on it, too, then it would capture Anji to a T.

“ In so many ways, she's the heart and soul of the family and the person that Linden and I rely on. ”

After Linden was born, Anji chose to leave her job as a shoe designer because she didn't love her job as much as she loved being Linden's mom. Now she spends her days creating a rich, engaging environment for Linden. When the two of them aren't working on an art project or science experiment, Anji is either reading to her or following Linden's vivid imagination wherever it may lead them.

Anji

BY

Josh

SIGHTSEEING WITH MOM



TAKING A COOKING CLASS...YUM!



RIDING IN A TRUCK WITH THE COUSINS





APPLE PICKING WITH LINDEN



DINNER IN THE CITY



WE LOVE TO RIDE OUR BIKES



Josh

BY

Anji



Josh is the perfect partner for me. He balances me in every way. He complements my dry humor with silly physical humor that makes me laugh every time. He does the laundry and I fold. He washes the dishes and I put them away. Sometimes when it's just Josh and me, the two of us will go into the city for a Broadway show and dinner. Josh is also an excellent dad, who likes to make pancakes on the weekend. He engages with Linden through nonsensical jokes that keep Linden laughing.

He works at a university in New York City that allows children of employees to attend for free so it's nice to know that even though it's a long way off, your child's college education will be taken care of.



Josh likes to live in the moment and most nights when he comes home from work, he and Linden have a dance party in the living room with each one trying to outdo the other with silly dance moves.



SATURDAY MORNING PANCAKES

TAKING A BREAK FROM THE TOUR FOR A CUDDLE WITH DAD



We live in a suburb north of New York City in a house that looks like it came straight out of a fairytale.”

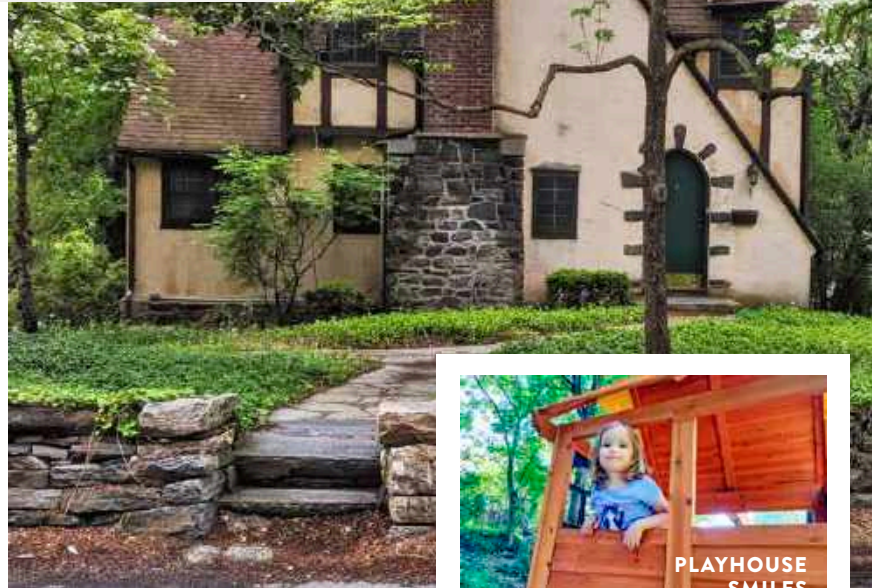


WHERE WE CALL

Home

From September to March our life revolves around the crackling fire in the big stone fireplace... it's where we play games, read books, have dance parties, and listen to Anji playing the piano. During the summer months, our life moves outside to the stone patio that overlooks a little stream that has ducks, turtles, and other wildlife. There are a ton of kids in the neighborhood and the backyards are all connected, so when it's warm all the kids just play in a big group. The neighborhood school is at the end of the block and the local library is a short walk away, too.

The great thing about where we live is how many options we have: depending on our mood, we can go north for nature hikes and apple-picking or head south into New York City for museums, shopping, or even head to the beach at Coney Island. Josh's office is near the zoo, so Anji and Linden will often go to the zoo and we'll all get together for lunch at a nearby pizzeria.



PLAYHOUSE SMILES



ABOUT
Linden



RAWR! LINDEN THE DINOSAUR



Our biological daughter, Linden, is four years old and is so excited about becoming a big sister. When she saw us working on this book, Linden said, “I want to draw a picture for the new baby!” She talks about being a big sister every day and has plans for everything: where the baby will sleep (in a crib next to her bed), what toys the baby can play with, and how she will hold and feed the baby. She will be an amazing big sister because she is kind-hearted and likes helping smaller children. Linden's favorite activities right now are doing crafts, painting, being read to, and dancing!

Meet THE Fam

Anji's Family • Anji comes from a family of artists, so her mom and dad (who we call Granny and Grandpa H.) are always making one-of-a-kind t-shirts and drawings for Linden that feature her favorite books or TV shows. Granny and Grandpa H live in Texas, so we travel down there regularly to visit them. Uncle

Ben, Anji's brother who lives nearby in Brooklyn, is known for entertaining preschooler parties with silly songs on his ukulele. He's always able to make Linden laugh. A fun annual tradition that Anji's family has is the making of a gingerbread house for Christmas. When we're decorating it, though, more candy probably makes it into our bellies than onto the house itself!



COUSIN FUN IN OUR BACKYARD



JUMPING FOR JOY!



BACKYARD "ZOO"



APPLE ORCHARD TRIP



LINDEN AND GRANNY



THE WHOLE FAMILY LOVES CHRISTMAS



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COUSINS
PLAYING
GROCERY
STORY

Josh's Family • Josh's mom and dad (who we call Grandma Mary Lee and Grandpa Ray) love spending time with Linden. This year Grandma Mary Lee and Grandpa Ray took her trick or treating, to a train show, and a holiday light show at the Zoo. Josh's sister, Aunt Erin, lives in Asia with her husband Uncle Garrett and Linden's three cousins: Winnie (4 years old), Maddie (2 years old), and Hazel (6 months). Aunt Erin and her family usually come to visit us, but last Christmas we went to Asia to spend the holiday with them! Linden loves spending time with her cousins, but because they live so far away we don't get to see them as often as we'd like so we're always Skyping and sharing videos.

**Please feel free to reach out to us
with any questions, or just to talk.**

Thank You!

We hope you enjoyed learning about our family and we're so grateful that you took the time to read our book. We are so excited and honored for the new addition to grow our family. We are interested in having an open adoption and would love for you to always be a part of your child's life.

We are interested in learning more about you and what your hopes and desires are and we hope this book has helped you envision what your child's life might look like with us.

**WITH LOVE,
Anji, Josh, & Linden**

