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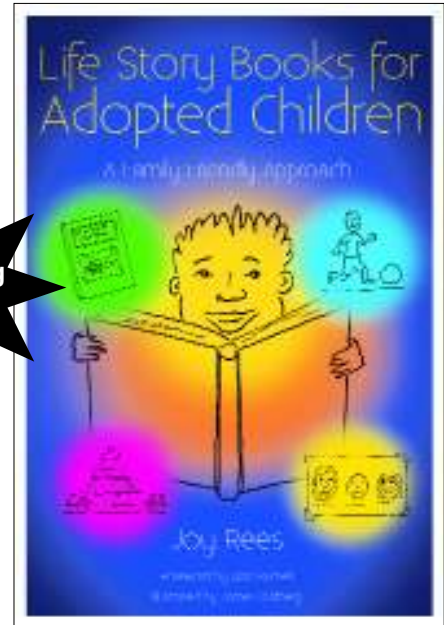
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Through words, pictures, photographs, certificates and other ‘little treasures’, a *Life Storybook* provides a detailed account of the child’s early history and a chronology of their life.

This clear and concise book shows a new family-friendly way to compile a Life Storybook that promotes a sense of permanency for the child, and encourages attachments within the adoptive family. Joy Rees’ improved model works chronologically backwards rather than forwards, aiming to reinforce the child’s sense of belonging and security within the adoptive family before addressing the child’s past and early trauma. The book contains simple explanations of complex concepts, practical examples and helpful suggestions.

Perfect for busy social workers in local authority children and adoption teams, approved adoption agencies and adoptive parents, *Life Storybooks for Adopted Children* is a refreshing, innovative and common-sense guide.

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