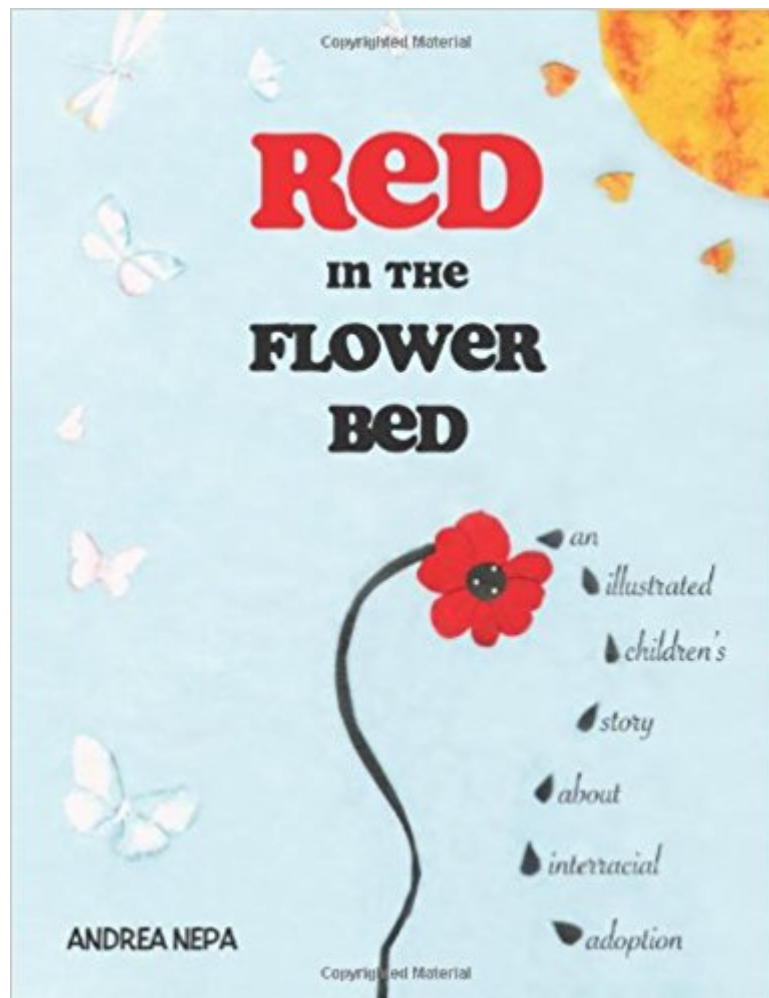




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Red In The Flower Bed: An Illustrated Children's Story About Interracial Adoption



Synopsis

The journey of adoption is beautifully depicted with the comforting imagery of a poppy flower who is welcomed into a garden family. It is a charming story of "seeds" being planted in the perfect place - exactly where they belong. Children and adults will enjoy this simple yet meaningful story and homespun illustrations. The book's loving approach helps children to understand adoption. Andrea Nepa has captured the essence of adoption and family, and has illustrated it beautifully with images and poetry that even a small child can comprehend and enjoy.

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Customer Reviews

A charming and loving approach to help all children understand adoption. Andrea Nepa has captured the essence of adoption and family, and has illustrated it beautifully with images and poetry that even a small child can comprehend and enjoy. I highly recommend this book for children to share with their parents. --Steven G. Dubin, Esquire, Adoption Attorney
An adoption journey is beautifully depicted with comforting imagery of a poppy flower that is welcomed in a garden family. Children and adults will enjoy the simple yet meaningful story and homespun illustrations. --Stacy Dori, regional director of foster care & adoption services, Friendship House, Scranton, Pennsylvania
What a charming story of seeds being planted in the perfect place, exactly where they belong. --LeAnn Thieman, co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Adopted Soul*

Andrea Nepa is the mother of an adopted Vietnamese daughter named Leah. In 2001, Adoptions from the Heart assisted with the international adoption. Andrea dedicated her book to her daughter: For my dear Leah, whose journey in her young life has already taken her to far away and

unexpected places. In 2006, Leah was diagnosed with cancer. She is currently in remission. Andrea lives with Leah and her husband, David, in Haddonfield, New Jersey. She is a registered dietitian at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

As our finalization day draws near, I have read countless adoption books -- particularly ones about interracial adoption. This short book, though, does not quite fit... In fact, it does not even mention the word adoption (except on the cover!). No mention of mom, dad, siblings, etc. either. The story opens "a seed dropped from a poppy flower" but -- because the earth was too dry and no place for the seed to grow -- it was carried by the wind to find a place that was best. One night they found a garden that the wind thought "will match." The other flowers were excited for the seed's arrival: "What will she look like? Who will she be? We can't wait to see!" After the seed grows and blooms, she declares that she is "now with my family." There are no illustrations of what the other flowers look like. But on the last page, a daisy says: "There is now red in the flower bed. And best of all, look down the row ... We have a complete rainbow!" When I first read the book, I was disappointed. But now, as I reread it, I love that it's generic. It could be used with a young child or even a teen or adult. It will likely be a good conversation starter. And -- as a foster parent -- I think it can be used to talk with children who may be in our family temporarily too. The author has a blog -- check it out!

If there is one type of book I am ALWAYS on the lookout for - it is books on adoption for children. SO, when I was contacted by Tribute Books about *Red in the Flower Bed* by Andra Nepa - I was over-the-top-excited! Nepa is the mother of an adopted Vietnamese daughter so she KNOWS what adoption involves and what it can mean to our little ones that we bring into our homes. That is why I am so excited about this book - the theme of adoption all wrapped around a little seed that grows. The analogy is wonderful! I love how the seed becomes a flower and blends into the rainbow in the flower garden. I can't wait to share this one with my daughters - it is perfect!

This is a very nice book about adoption, acceptance, and how an individual makes a larger family complete. I do like that the book addresses why birth mothers place children with adoptive families ("You will be missed you know, but this is no place for you to grow."). This book is subtle and abstract - there is no obvious mention about adoption, but the message is there nonetheless.

I found this to be a great read for young children to begin introducing them to the realization that they are adopted, special, loved, and needed, no matter what skin color they may have! This is an

instant family favorite for me and my adopted son. More reads such as this are needed in today's world.

Loved it but wish it was in hardcover.

I was looking for a simple book about adoption and this is perfect! I love the pictures and poems; simply beautiful

The idea of adoption is very subtle in this book but I find it to be a very easy way to introduce the idea of family diversity to a little one.

Please do not waste your hard earned money on this book! I would have sent it back but it would have cost more than it was worth. This book has horrible illustrations and a lame story that really has nothing to do with adoption. I get the concept, that is why I bought it, but it is not a well told story. I would not have taken this if it were a free book at a garage sale. I can not believe it got such good reviews. This book is like a craft project a mom did with her child, and not a good one.

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