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Roxie the Doxie Finds Her Forever Home

By Jody A. Dean, Ph.D. ● Illustrated by Susie Lee Jin

**A Book To Help Children through Adoption
and Other Family Transitions**

Includes Parent & Therapist Guide for Adoptive Families

Join Roxie, a dachshund dog, as she makes the transition from her temporary “Foster” home to her new “Forever” home. Based on a real dog and her experiences, the book is designed to help children through the often complicated process of adoption and other family transitions – such as welcoming adopted children into their home, joining step-families and blended groupings, or moving between one separated parent and another.

Just like Roxie, adopted children can undergo a wide range of emotions when facing these transitions, joining a new family in a new home, with unknown surroundings and circumstances. Through Roxie's story, the book shows children that it is perfectly normal to be afraid or anxious, to ask questions, and most importantly that they are moving into a loving, caring family and everything will be all right. Roxie's transition allows children to understand and express how they feel in an easy and fun way.

The book comes with a *Parent & Therapist Guide for Adoptive Families* written by professional therapist, Renee Smola, MS, LPC, to help adult caregivers and adoptive parents in guiding children through the transition process. *The Parent Guide* can help parents answer questions, craft talking-points and formulate discussions with the children about adoption. Parents thinking about adopting or having to explain adoption to their biological children will also find the guide useful. *The Therapist Guide* is written for clinicians to serve as an adjunct to therapy with children in transition and any situation involving change.

There is a **photo-gallery** in the book with information about the real Roxie, and a way for children to contact Roxie and ask her questions about adoption and other challenges they may not want to ask their caregivers. Individual answers to the children's questions are crafted by Roxie's real adoptive mother, **Jody A. Dean, Ph.D.**, a psychologist with 28 years experience specializing in children and adolescents.

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