

Roxie the Doxie Finds Her Forever Home

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A Book To Help Children through Adoption
and Other Family Transitions

Includes Parent & Therapist Guide for Adoptive Families

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ABOUT THE BOOK: The story about 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 complicated, often uncertain process of adoption. It shows children it is perfectly normal to be afraid or anxious, and to ask questions, and most importantly that everything will work out all right. Roxie's transition allows children to understand and express their feelings in an easy, fun way without feeling threatened.

Roxie the Doxie will also help children in welcoming step siblings and adopted children into their home, joining blended families, or moving between one separated parent and another.

The book includes a *Parent & Therapist Guide for Adoptive Families* written by professional therapist, Renee Smola, MS, LPC, to help adult caregivers and clinicians in guiding children through the adoption process and answering questions they may have. There is also a **photo-gallery** in the book with information about the real dog, Roxie, and a way for children to contact her with their questions.

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