



**ERIC & KOLBIE**  
ADOPTION PROFILE BOOK

Dear birth mom,

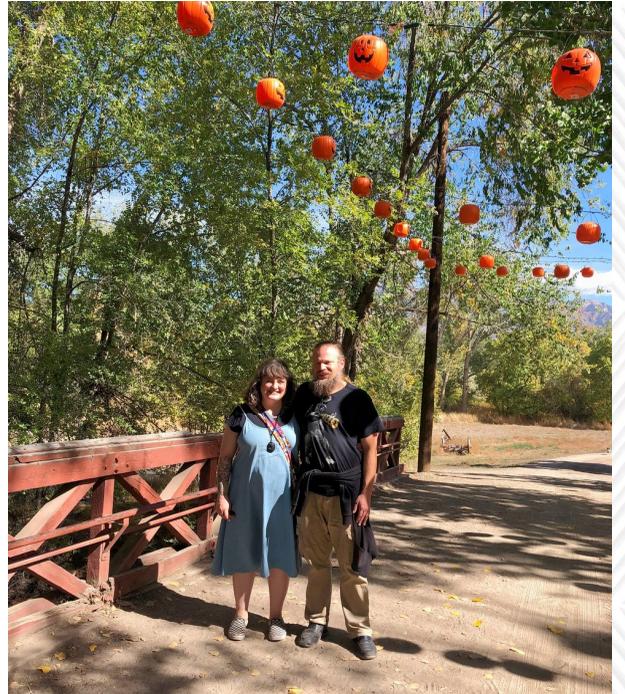
Hello! And thank you for reading this. It's so strange to meet this way through a book like this, but we hope these few pages help you understand who we are as a family. But before you get to know us we just wanted to say THANK YOU for your courage and the love you have for your baby. We don't know your situation but know it must not be easy. Life has not always been easy for us and medical issues have made pregnancy not an option for us. Adoption is our dream, and we hope that we can also be the parents you have dreamed of for your child. We are a simple couple from Utah, two goofy sweethearts who have made a cozy home outside Salt Lake City and are looking to bring a child home to share in our love. We long to introduce your baby to our cats, to make snow angels with, to read to at night and surround in love every day, 24/7. We have known our own share of struggles and have both come from humble upbringings and found success and stability in our careers. We know the ups and downs of life and have been made stronger by all these lessons and are ready to share our wisdom with your child. We thank you for your consideration and ultimately respect your decision. This is a journey for all of us and if we're not meant to be the parents to your child we wish you all the luck on your journey!

Love, Eric & Kolbie



## Our love story

Eric and Kolbie met in 2011, when Kolbie started working at a local newspaper, where Eric was working as a reporter. Kolbie remembers that when she was introduced to Eric for the first time, she got a strange feeling that he was going to be an important person in her life. And he was! They became friends after about a year of working together, and started dating in July 2012. Eric and Kolbie got married on Oct. 1, 2016, and as of 2022, have been married for six happy years.





## Eric, by Kolbie

My husband is my best friend, confidante, soulmate, cat co-parent, future human co-parent and the love of my life. Eric is caring and kind, steady and reassuring. When things get hard or stressful, Eric is always there to “right the ship.” He’s so intelligent but eager to share his knowledge. He is humble, he is thoughtful. He has the rare gift of being able to walk in other people’s shoes and really understand where they’re coming from. He gives everyone the benefit of the doubt. For these gifts and many others, I know he will make an incredible father.



## Kolbie, by Eric

My wife is my best friend, soulmate, enchantress, sharer of weird and dumb jokes, current cat co-parent, future human co-parent and the love of my life. My wife is an artist and a top-notch journalist and also runs a little free library she keeps stocked with kids books and art supplies for children in our neighborhood. She is diligent and honest to a fault and she's also the bravest person I know. Unlike me, my wife grew up with an abusive father. I'm constantly awed watching the way she has grown and learned from that experience over the years. It's amazing how she's learned to trust and love in ways that others with untroubled childhoods take for granted. It's how I know she will make an amazing mom.

## Our family



Kolbie with Eric's mom, Cristie.

Our families are split between Utah and Washington. Eric's family is all in Utah with multiple siblings and nearly a dozen cousins all excited to meet the new addition to the family! The Peterson family is a big board game family. Every get-together involves cards, charades and other games. Christmas is a big event with Eric's family with siblings all sleeping over at Eric's mother's house for a super Christmas with all the families. Easter-egg hunts are also big events with Eric's family coloring and hiding over 100 eggs every year for all the kids (and grown up kids) to hunt for. Eric's family also hosts annual get togethers at a big cabin on a beautiful lake in central Utah where the family does a talent show, scavenger hunts and lots of other family games.

Kolbie's family lives in Washington state where her mom and step-dad raise lavender on a beautiful farm. Washington is going to make a great summer vacation spot when things get hot in Utah! Kolbie's mom is also going to be a great role model as she was also adopted as a child.

## Our home and community



We live in a cozy home just outside of downtown Salt Lake City. We are minutes away from a major hospital, good schools and down the street from a fire station; police are excellent and very responsive. We are also a few minutes from a major park rec center where kids often go to play soccer and basketball. Our neighborhood is culturally diverse and we love it! Our neighborhood includes a Vietnamese buddhist temple and excellent Latino restaurants and shops. We are also close to multiple museums including a popular Children's Museum five minutes away from our home. Both of us work from home most days. Eric runs his own nonprofit so he works from home and has a flexible schedule to accommodate time raising your child. He also works a few days at a university that also offers quality daycare options.

## Fun Eric facts!

Eric is a real book nerd. He reads an hour a day and even takes notes on every book he reads.

Eric gets up at 5:30 every morning to work out and get chores done before starting the day.

Eric has a black belt in Kung Fu.

Eric started his own nonprofit and before that worked many jobs to pay his way through college from driving buses and bartending to working as a private investigator.

Eric once taught English to elementary students in China.

Eric is an award-winning investigative reporter who has often exposed corruption and injustice against low-income and vulnerable Utahns.

Eric has 16 nieces and nephews and is well known as the “favorite uncle.”



## Fun Kolbie facts!



Kolbie loves animals. She would rescue hurt and lost animals when she was a kid, she used to volunteer at an animal sanctuary, and she was more than happy to take in three new kittens.

Kolbie's most recent tattoo was of a cat.

Kolbie once had a mohawk. .

Kolbie loves to make things. .

Kolbie is known for her unique personal style, and really knows how to accessorize an outfit. .

Kolbie is proud of being able to make soup without a recipe. .

Kolbie has 16 nephews and nieces, who call her "Auntie Kolbie."

If Kolbie could have any pet she wanted, she'd want an owl.

# Our kitties!



Tabitha



Charlie



Fenrir



Miss Mow



Polly



Before you go...

Thanks again for reading this and even considering us for this most important decision. Please know that if you choose us, raising your child with unconditional love will be our top priority. We'll teach the child empathy and curiosity and to be kind and confident. We promise to spoil them on birthdays, make Christmas mornings magical for them, hold their hands when they're scared, and be the first ones there for their soccer games and spelling bees. We swear to let them know their full history, where they came from and how all OUR stories intertwine to make up who they are as a person. We promise we won't let you down.

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