



April Morton

ADOPTION PROFILE BOOK



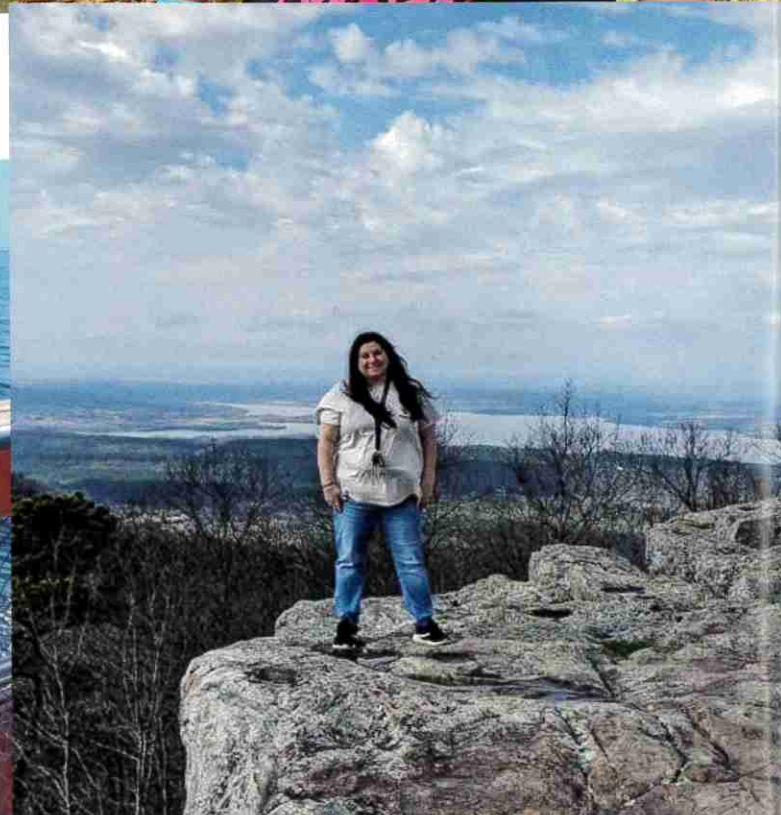
Dear Expectant Parent(s),

Hello, this must be a scary and confusing time for you and making the right decision can be overwhelming. You might be questioning so many things: "Will they love my child the same as if they have their own?" & "What are they going to say about me to the child later on?"

My name is April and I don't come from the rich and fancy. I'm just a down to earth person who wants to be a mommy and start a family. One thing that I can promise is that your child will know how very loved they are by both you and I. No matter how far away you may be, I know your thoughts will always be on them. I believe every child needs to know they are loved from every direction. Love will give them two families. Thank you for getting to know more about me in this book & considering me to be the blessed adoptive parent for your child. If you have questions feel free to contact me.



Life's an Adventure



About Me

I have a laid-back, nurturing and compassionate personality. I'm not easily angered and feel like I am a pretty patient person. My friends describe me as gentle, sweet, wise, task oriented, witty and creative. I aim to be positive and inspiring to others. My goal in life, as an individual, is to help people be the best versions of themselves. It's important to me to make a difference in the world and to feel like I have made it better in every interaction I have while I'm here.

I'm of shorter stature with dark hair and eyes. I have been often asked throughout my lifetime what nationality I am. I am a white American with DNA and family history ties that reveal Irish and English decent with the possibility of Black Irish or Native American. Due to my PCOS, I struggle to stay thin, but do many activities and stay busy.

Traveling & seeing the beauty of nature is my favorite thing to do. You can often find me near the water, swimming, kayaking, visiting parks, caving and hiking. My mother is my travel adventure partner. We often do girls trips in the summer, vacationing to the beach, National Parks or road trips across America.

I also love sitting around a table with family or friends playing board games or cards. We have a small group that gets together once a month to do BBQ's or game nights. The adults often sit around laughing about all the silly things we remember, while the kids play in the living room giggling and telling their own stories. This is one of the things I always look forward to.

My Faith & Beliefs

I am a Christian, attend church regularly, and am devoted to my faith. God has taught me to love all people, and do the best I can in the way I live my life. I know he is the source of my strength, and I trust him to guide me throughout my life. Missions is also something that I am passionate about, and I volunteer to help when I can; be it local or abroad. I think it's important to help others and show compassion with the love of Jesus. I also know that religion can be damaging if it is abused. Being a Christian doesn't mean you must cut yourself off from the world, or keep your child from participating in childhood memories. I want to raise my child with Godly values, but I also don't want them to feel odd or left out of a normal, healthy childhood. It's important to have a good balance.



Growing Up

I was raised in a loving, blue collar two-parent family, living paycheck to paycheck. My parents taught me manners, good work ethic and how to be independent. I was a shy child who wanted to please people around me, but came out of my shell as I got older. Now I am quite outgoing.

I grew up with one younger brother who is 13 months younger than me. We were often seen as twins. Like all siblings, we argued a lot, but we also did many things together. We grew closer as we got older.

As a child, I found a love for education and excelled in school. I worked hard and graduated as a Valedictorian of my class. I know what it is to have nothing and how to work hard. I didn't come from the popular crowd or the well-to-do. I fought for everything I had & learned that anything is possible if you give it your all.



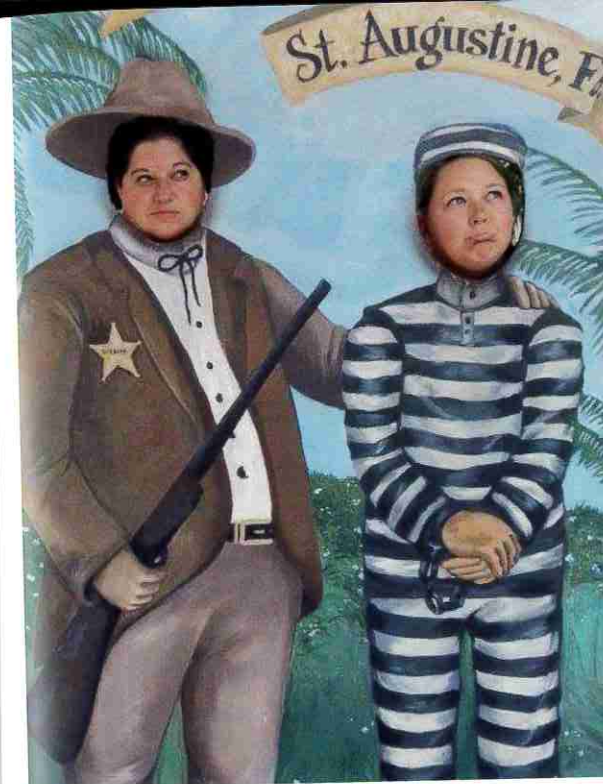
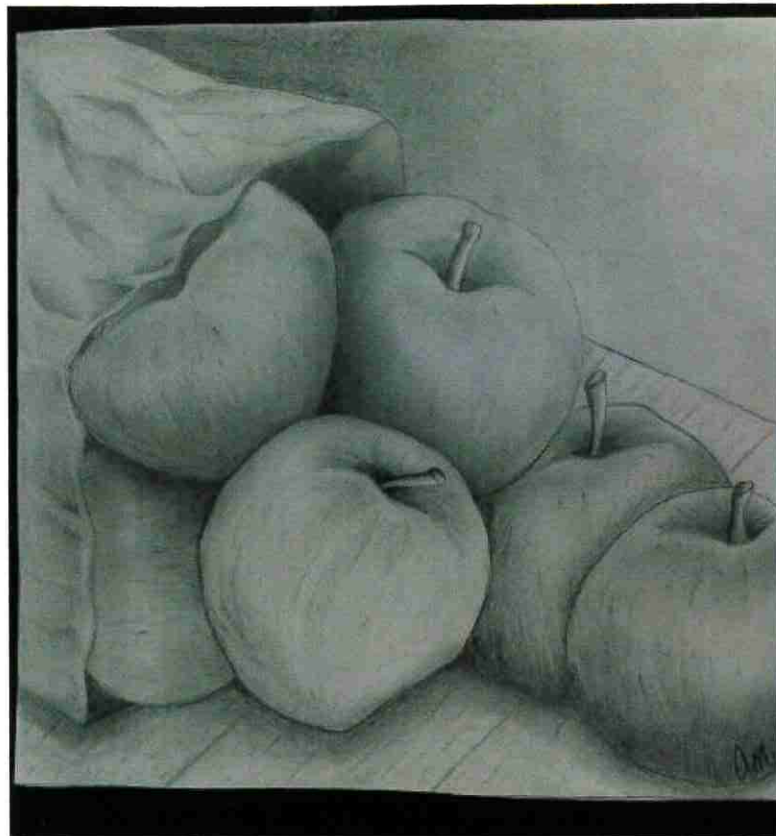
Michele becomes one of my sponsor children 4 years after this picture



Praying for God to use me in a young mom's life



Volunteering After a Flood



Here's a few pictures of Church Fun Days

This is me with a baby raccoon, but I'm sure you can find many other pictures with me and animals within this book

Hobbies & Interests

One of my hobbies is drawing. I don't do it as much as I would like to, but on an occasional snow day, I might get out a pencil and draw. I also like to curl up with a blanket and watch TV. I appreciate everything from a sappy Hallmark movie to a good suspenseful crime show. I love animals and nature. Another little random fact, I have a collection of small musical instruments from all over the world





Why I Chose Adoption

I have spent much of my life speaking into the lives of young adults and helping them to find their way. I've helped them to get through school, find jobs, raise their babies and watched as they started families. Somehow after all of that, I found myself longing for my own family.

I always thought I would fall in love, get married and have children by this time in my life. But the right guy still hasn't come along and dating has proved to be more difficult as time goes on. As a single woman in my late 30's, I have also been diagnosed with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome and have a very high chance of infertility. I feel my time to be a mother is slowly passing by and I know my life will never feel complete without a child in it. As I began this journey, I was overwhelmed by the amount of love and support by family and friends who were excited about my desire to grow a family. Reading over their reference letters (available to you if desired), gave me so much encouragement to become an adoptive mother.



My Friends & Family

Brother's Family



Family Friends



Mom & Dad



Friends



Friends gathering for game night!



My grandmother, mother and me enjoying a Christmas carriage ride!



Today, my family and friends play a huge role in my life. It takes a lot of hard work and effort to maintain good relationships. But friends have a way of becoming family. I feel blessed to have so many that love and support me.



My Education



I graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education 1-6 with additional certifications in Language Arts and Social Sciences. When hired for a Special Ed. position, I added that certification onto my degree also. In 2019, I went on to get my Master's degree as an Elementary Math Specialist.

I am also certified as an Assembly of God minister after taking 2 years of pastoral classes when I was working as a Young Adults Pastor. However, I have since transitioned with my focus re-directed toward missions and the pursuit of adoption.

Happy birthday Ms. Morton! I am truly sad that this is my last year with you. You have brought me any wonderful memories and I am thankful to call you my special ed teacher. You are such a beautiful inside and out. And I have honestly never met someone so thoughtful and kind. God ~~would~~^{is} be proud of you! Your favorite student,



My Career

I am a teacher and currently work in the special education department. I love helping students make math connections and learn to read for the first time! Watching children who feel like they will never learn or never be valued finally believe they can be successful is the most fulfilling job. It isn't the highest paying job, but it is something that is meaningful and important. I wouldn't trade it for anything! This job has taught me to listen, have patience, be flexible, be open and non-judgmental, and love unconditionally.



My Home & Neighborhood

I live in West Plains, Missouri with a population of approximately 12,000 people. It has a small town feel, but has options for everything you need. My city has many shopping centers, restaurants, a hospital, a community college, 9 schools, bowling alley, skating rink, pools, parks, and a community civic center which holds major concerts, basketball games and events.

My neighborhood is in a small, safe subdivision on the edge of town. There is a neighborhood park, creek and walking path a few yards from my house. My neighbors are a mix of pastors, law enforcement, retirees, and young families.



Downtown



Local Mill & Spring

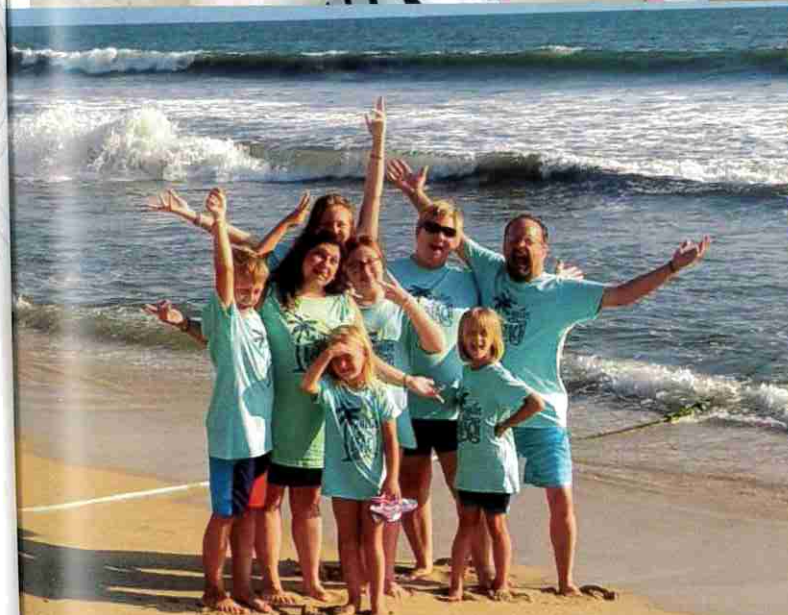
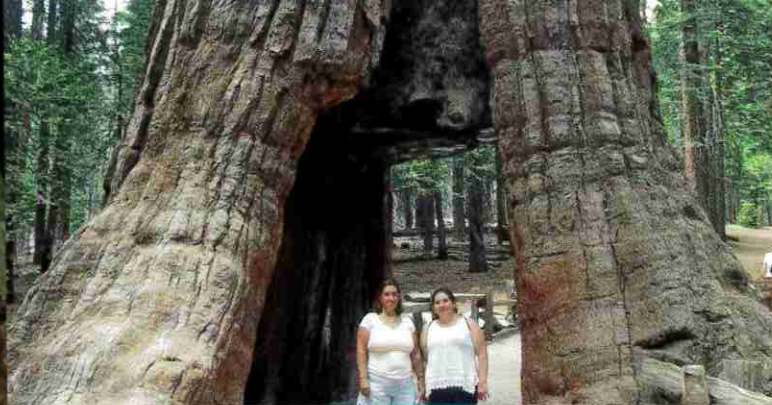
I live in a 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with an additional family den, swimming pool, deck and backyard. It has more than enough room for a child. A basic nursery is already set up for a little one and will be personalized/genderized once a match is made.

I am also 1.5 hours away from Springfield/Branson, MO and 3 hours away from St. Louis, MO. This provides many options for weekend getaways, science museums, zoo's, The City Museum, theme parks, Itty Bitty City, and other fun places aimed toward children.



Adventures

I love to see and experience new places, people, and foods! I appreciate the beauty of world around us, and try to soak in as much as I can each year, whether it's local or a far off destination. I can't wait to share my adventures with a child.





I've ventured from smiling zebras, to tropical bridges. I've went waterfall chasing and volcano hunting. I have had quite the adventures in my life... But somehow it still feels empty without a child to share it with.

Passion for Culture



I have a passion toward different cultures that started when I was a little girl. I especially fell in love with the Latino, Polynesian and Native American cultures. I feel a tugging in my heart when I see the beauty of the people, environment, music or celebrations from these regions. I have made many face-to-face friends of various nationalities, learned languages, went to classes, ordered cultured kids books, been on mission trips, attend Spanish church and joined trans-racial adoption groups. I feel God has put this passion in my heart for a purpose.

I would welcome the chance to adopt a child from a different background and show them the importance of keeping their heritage alive. I would be so excited to incorporate that as they grow up. It would also be an honor for a beautiful mother to come along side me and be a part of that. I'm sure I don't know how to communicate all of this with the right words, but my heart means well and I know that there is a child out there that I am meant to fall in love with.

Family Traditions & Holidays



In my family, we have many traditions, mostly surrounding the holidays. We look forward to them each season. Many of them have been passed down from my grandparents. I have a large extended family and some of our traditions are: Thanksgiving dinner, making Christmas cookies, looking at Christmas lights, sending Christmas cards, watching fireworks, having big holiday meals, buying Easter outfits & dying eggs, watching parades, holding an annual fall fish fry, Mother's Day strolls through my granny's iris gardens, summer reunions where we picnic and swim at the river. We get together several times throughout the year with extended family, but gather often as smaller families for our own traditions also. Here's a peak at what it's like!





Every holiday is a chance to make memories!



My little one will always have fun things to look back on!



Christmas pajamas, Christmas movies, & Milk and Cookies



My Granny is approaching 91 now, what a woman!



Questions & Answers

~What if you date or get married?

I have hopes that one day I will get married. Be assured, I would only do so if I found someone compatible with my child, and I know that he would make a terrific father. He would be entering and committing to both of our lives.

~What about siblings?

It is unlikely that I would be able to conceive a child. However, I do hope one day to adopt again to provide a sibling. I am also a strong believer in not showing favoritism and treating all your children equally.

~Any Pets?

There is currently an outdoor cat that has adopted me. I expect my child will grow up with pets though.

~Favorite Color?

Teals & Aquas

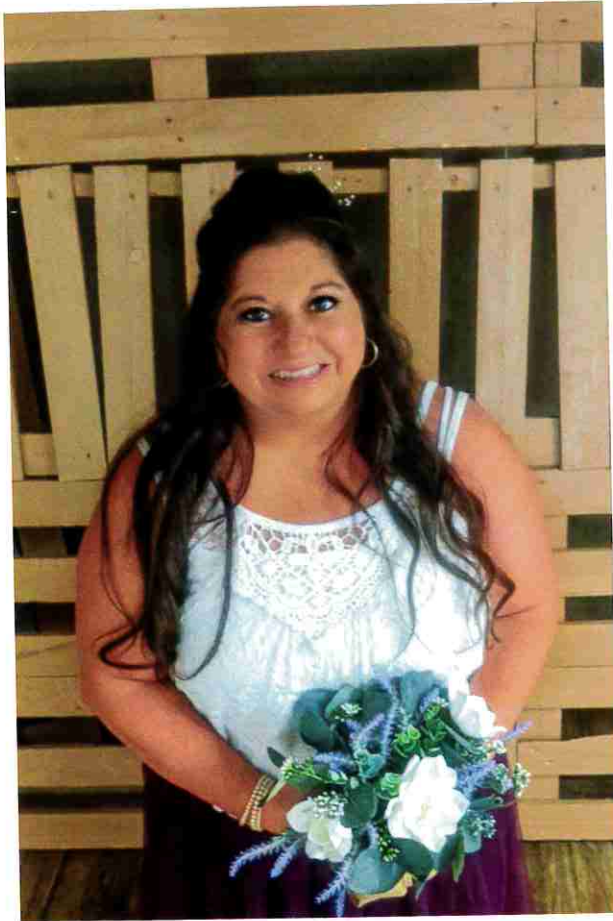
~What's your biggest weakness?

We all have them. My worst attribute is fear of failure. I want to succeed at things and I am learning that it's okay to give myself a little grace.

~Will you judge me?

Absolutely not. I know that we all have a story and with that comes a variety of factors. It is not my place to assume that I know what it's like to be in your shoes. I know life's not always easy; it's a journey. I hope that we can make a good relationship, and that you would be comfortable enough to find a friend in me one day.

My Promise to You



I can't promise that your child will grow up with the fanciest clothes or the latest toys & gadgets... But I can promise that I will cherish this child. I will surround them with unconditional love and affection. Your child will have life opportunities, hugs, laughter, and joy. I'll provide safety, a loving home, quality education, an example of good character, family & friends, and I will support them as they develop their own personality. I promise to always have their best interest at heart, help them to make good choices and pursue their dreams. I will teach them to appreciate and respect people from all walks of life. I want them to grow up respecting you and knowing that you made this choice based on your love for them. I will encourage them to write to you and remind them that this was not an easy choice for you. Life is always unpredictable. Couples can't promise to stay together forever and riches can not buy affection. Being single, I have so much love to give, and I hope that you would consider the chance for me to share it with you and your child. I know that God has just the right match for me and he will bring us together one day! - April



FOR THIS
child
I HAVE
prayed

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