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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Kid: What Happened After My Boyfriend and I Decided to Go Get Pregnant [Paperback]:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Review of: The Kid, (What Happened After My Boyfriend and I Decided to go get Pregnant) an adoption story by Dan SavageBy Paige A. StricklandReview of: The Kid, (What Happened After My Boyfriend and I Decided to go get Pregnant) an adoption story by Dan SavageWriter/ Journalist, Dan Savage appears to be an adoptive parent who gets it. Hes written a book about his and his partner, Terrys experience when they decided to adopt a baby in the 1990s.With great detail, humor, and compassion for their son, his birth mother and fellow adoptive parents, Savage explains the deeply thought out process of deciding to become parents. He describes how he and his partner felt while attending pre-parenting classes and meetings with the biological mom which their Portland, Oregon agency arranged.This book is important for all members of the adoption constellation because Savage offers his unique perspective as a future adoptive parent in the public eye due to his career plus also a member of the LGBTQ community. It is unique because there are few adoption-themed books available from this social group, although the vast majority of his experiences and attitudes while waiting are universal to many couples who are expecting a baby. The Kid is probably one of the funniest books youll ever read on this subject as well.This was a fun summer read because it was light and uplifting. However, Savage is the kind of person who masters humor to cope with and deflect his sincere feelings of compassion, love, care, and respect for the

community of adoptive parents, social workers, his partner and especially their birth mother and son. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I wish this ranked higher in the general "adoption" category...By theta444...for those of us who are modern/Millennial/Generation X/urbanite/blue-state/possibly heterosexual/open-minded families. A lot of the books that come up in adoption searches are treacly Chicken Soup for the Adoptee's Soul type stuff, or very Christian-oriented (as are many adoption agencies). I set out to read this because I've been a fan of Dan Savage's column for over 10 years and we were thinking about adoption, so I was looking for something not-so-treacly-or-Christian. I was rewarded by his typical honesty and acerbity, and also humanistic respect-with-a-dash-of-realism for the other people involved in the process, from his in-laws, to his son's birth mother, to the agency's workers. And though this generally labelled and categorized under "Gay and Lesbian Adoption," I thought for the most part the experiences were more applicable than not to every couple looking at open adoption. There are some passages that talk about the unique aspects of adopting as a gay couple (they never struggled with fertility; they thought they would never have the ability to get married; the way they were treated by some family members) and about some political and moral issues around discrimination against gay people, which I could see turning off someone conservative. Thankfully, due to the work of Dan and many other activists, most of these issues have become part of the national dialogue between the time the book was written and now--so to anyone who is reading it specifically for a memoir on open adoption, those passages are more tangential and mundane, than radical. In short, I recommend this to anyone who is considering open adoption, and looking for something respectful but fun to read about it. I don't recommend it to anyone who is homophobic or disrespectful of queer families. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great, takes a bit to get going By Robin Gallant This was wonderful, hilarious, engaging, tear-jerking and an all-around fun read. Characters were well-rounded and complete, even the "gutter punk" kids with bit parts were absolutely complete characters. I did think that the first 5-6 chapters got a little bogged down in exposition (my internal editor was mentally removing the chapter "put this book down" as it was entirely irrelevant and didn't move the story forward in any way); once they got into the "pool" and we met Melissa I found it a much more engaging read. Also I wanted to know more about Bacchus and DJ during that first year...as the book came to a close I really felt I hadn't had enough. Also, while I personally love Savage's writing, I find his in-person conversational/interviewing style more than a little brusque and stand-offish, so it was weird to read the parts about others being stand-offish or removed when he really seems very much that way in interviews. Just an observation...

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