





We first talked about adoption before we ever went on our first date. Charlotte was adopted as a teenager, and Jane has felt called toward starting a family through adoption since she was a teen.

Like many members of the Queer community, we believe family is about far more than where you come from; family is something you do, a continual investment of love, nurturing, and dedication. This outlook not only shapes our wholehearted embrace of adoption but also means there's a place for you in our family, if that's something you wish.

We can't wait to welcome a little one into our family and hearts. We dream of little moments like morning rituals to help our child greet the day, sharing our holiday traditions and our yearly trips to Disney World and the cider mill. Above all, we dream of nurturing our child as they grow, encouraging them to explore and learn about whatever inspires them. Whether you come away feeling like we're a good fit for you and your child, or you skim through our profile only to set it down, we want to thank you for being part of our journey.



This may sound a bit nerdy but we met at a science fiction and fantasy literature convention.
Charlotte was working as administrative staff and quickly found herself sprinting between her duties and striking conversation with the bright, creative wallflower she had just met. By the end of the night, Jane had Charlotte's number and we were talking every day.

What formed was a strong friendship of mutual support where we could share details of our lives in an open and honest way.



It was relieving. Like many lesbian best friends, less than three years later, we were holding hands under a chuppah exchanging vows. To this day, we still love sharing our joys, sorrows, and laughter.



We've made it a family tradition to take photos at Disney World every year







Hanging out in our Hanukkah jammies





Jane

BY CHARLOTTE

Jane is a natural problem solver. Wherever you are, whatever you're sharing or telling her, you can almost see her gears turning, thinking of ways to help. It's one of the ways she shows her love. Even when she doesn't know what to say, she's looking to catch you, give you a hug, and point you in the right direction.

Jane is different from the typical go-getter; she always reaches back to help others find their footing. When I worked at a community center, I would often leave to find Jane there, in the drop-in space, giving advice to teens she'd just met on everything from their art to college and careers.

Creation is Jane's true passion. She comes home from her job as a design manager to work on designing dollhouses, making up new lyrics for songs, as well as small art projects. Jane's always dreaming of new places to explore, museums to visit, and crafts to learn. Her excitement for discovery and making a difference in the world shines through everything she creates.



"It's easy to imagine the kind of mother Jane will be. She'll be the mom who keeps life interesting, learning everything she can about her child's interests to help them flourish, or volunteering to coach a club."







Visiting the Toronto Castle



Favorite Vacation Spot

Disney World Hollywood Studios Favorite Accessory

iPhone for taking photos

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Favorite Milkshake Flavor

Chocolate

Favorite Animal

Giraffe (but we're obviously partial to wolves) *

Favorite Seasonal Activity Holiday

Holiday Crafts



Collection Stickers



Favorite Author

Sarah J. Maas



ABOUT

Charlotte

BY JANE

No matter what you are going through, Charlotte is always there to listen, open herself up to make sure you don't feel alone, and to make you laugh. Charlotte loves holidays, traditions, and cooking because they offer an excuse to bring people together. When she was 15, she started cooking and sharing Thanksgiving meals with anyone who didn't have a place to be, a tradition she has continued every year since. She grew up in a diverse community and it shows in her habit of sharing her love through her diverse and global cooking.

Charlotte is always pushing for justice everywhere she goes, including issues like education and healthcare access for people of underserved communities. She's always there to support friends, family, and community members.

Charlotte has a true passion for stories—whether it's myths that bring people together, the unique tales of those around her, or even the world's own story told in the twists of a tree's trunk. Charlotte is always learning more about the world around her.



"Charlotte has always dreamed of being a mother, and once we bring home our baby, she'll be a stay-at-home mom. She's ready to nurture your child with love, laughter, and warmth, and looks forward to telling bedtime stories, and creating family traditions that celebrate what's meaningful."



Charlotte's favorite mosaic at our Disney home-away-from-home



Riding a train in Greenfield Village during a winter festival





Favorite Vacation Spot

Disney World Epcot Favorite Accessory

Any bag with enough room for a good book *

Favorite Milkshake Flavor

Vanilla malt

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Favorite Animal Giraffe Favorite Seasonal Activity

Cider mill



Collection
Books and
Disney pins



Favorite Author Melinda Lowe





We love spending time in our community, Charlotte enjoys hiking, reading in parks, and kayaking, while Jane is drawn to social events and craft exchanges. We're excited to take your child to activities like toddler story hours and to the local splash pad.

We live in a 5 bedroom 3 bath home near Chicago in a suburb known for its award-winning schools and family-friendly vibe. Charlotte has a library downstairs with close to a thousand books alongside Jane's craft room with plenty of art supplies. We have a big play area waiting to be filled with toys, and our large, tree-lined backyard with a covered porch perfect for summer dinners. We spend our evenings together in the living room, that we like to fill with laughter and memories.

While we enjoy occasional city visits to explore museums and restaurants, we feel most at home surrounded by nearby forest preserves, diverse neighborhoods, and cultural festivals. Our community has plenty for families, including children's events, local play areas, and community festivals like Chocolate Fest and a lively 4th of July picnic. Each summer we look forward to visiting the nearby Renaissance fair and the nearby Great Lakes.



Meet Zor-El



Zor-El loves any opportunity for a nap, but she adores adventures and travel. She may be just a dog, but she has developed a love for Frozen, Idina Menzel, and romping in the snow, much like a human 4 year old. She is always demanding we investigate a crying baby and she loves all our friends' children.









Our child will be part of a diverse and loving family spanning coast to coast—and even across the ocean. We cherish hosting family during visits and holidays, as well as traveling to see them, and everyone is beyond excited to welcome your little one to the family.

Jane's parents (babushka and dedushka), originally from the Soviet Union, share a love for nature photography and are active in Michigan's Russian community. Also in Michigan are Charlotte's mom and abuela from Colombia, with her mom deeply involved in her Unitarian Universalist congregation. She's especially eager to be part of our child's life and has even talked about moving in with us someday!

Beyond our incredible found family in the Queer community, our child will have three wonderful uncles: Uncle Gary, Jane's brother and an exotic coin trader; Uncle Max, Charlotte's multilingual musician brother; and Uncle William, a researcher at Princeton University.

Here in Chicago, Aunt Reia (Monica's niece) and her partner, Aunt Lucy, bring warmth and creativity into our lives, caring for animals, engaging in local sports, and making art—ready to share their love with our child.





We love spending time with the kids in our life









Despite being spread out, our family stays connected through cherished traditions. One of our favorites is Charlotte's mom's annual Christmas gift—a toothbrush—originating from a childhood mishap when her son spent most of her present money on candy for himself!

Each Thanksgiving, we share unique aspects of our origins that shape who we are, and birthdays are always a special celebration of each family member.

Holidays aren't the only time we come together—we take a yearly trip to Disney World, booking a suite so family can join the fun. With loved ones in California and Michigan, we enjoy visits filled with nature, city adventures, and playtime for our dogs.





Coming from such different backgrounds and through such unique stories has had the benefit of teaching us about the values we hope to foster in our child. Among them are the values that brought us together: a sense of continual wonder at the world around us and a drive for fun. We both believe that joy and beauty can be found in even the darkest of places.

Our experiences as a Queer family have taught us to value authenticity and openness, and the adversity we have experienced as members of immigrant families have taught us to value resilience.

Striving to be present for those around us and allies to our community members have taught us to value kindness as well as a hunger for continual learning. It's only through learning and listening that we can lift up those around us with the support they truly need.



We are both very grateful you are taking the time to look at our profile and very sorry that you are in this position. No part of adoption is fair. It's not fair that this baby came into your life at a time you feel it isn't best for you to parent, it's not fair children don't have a choice in their own lives, it's not fair some couples have children easily and others don't.

We believe that, if a child can have two moms and not be confused, a child can have three, and we welcome that. We know that the feelings involved in this process are both complicated and painful and that there are times where you will feel more distant, but we want you to know that you would always be welcomed, respected, and recognized as a mother in our family.



We are committed to keeping our relationship as open as we can. We hope to build a strong and empowering relationship together. We are committed to sharing regular photos, video calls, and visits. We like to imagine visits to our home as well, if it feels right for everyone. We believe our child's birth mother will forever be a part of their family and thereby a part of our family as well.

Our family is diverse, loving, and welcoming, and we hope you feel that both you and your child would be embraced here. We know you have many hopes and dreams for your child and that you are being asked to make such a big decision on so little information. We welcome any questions you have for us, even if you don't ultimately feel our family is the best fit for you. You shouldn't have to make commitments for the opportunity to get to know us.

