

Lillys **BOOK**



YOUR PATH TO THE WORLD



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

LILLY

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– the story about how you were made

Dearest Lilly

Most children would like to know where they come from. This book is the story of how you came to be. It is a bit different to many other children's story, and there may be a few questions you would like to have answers to. We hope that this book can help us to talk about it so that you can receive all the answers you feel you need.

Your path to this world was completely unique - just like you are completely unique and fantastic. You came to this world with help from some kind, talented and helpful people. We are very thankful for them, and we would like to tell you about them in this book.

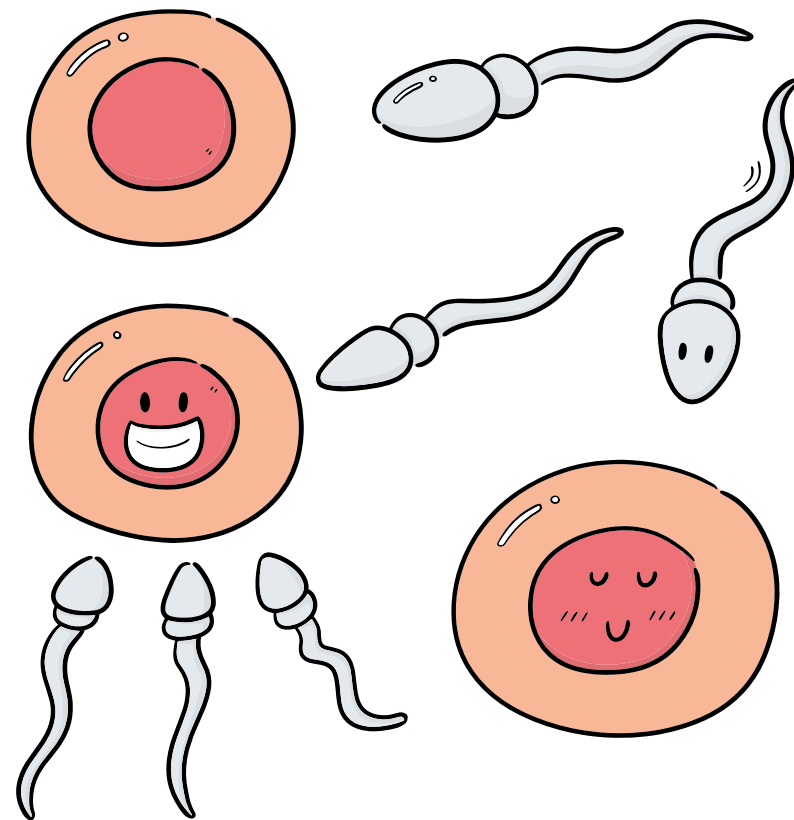
Before we had you, our biggest dream was to have a child. We are the world's luckiest and happiest parents because we got you.

We love you more than anything in the world.

Hugs and kisses
From Mum and Mum



Our beloved Lilly



Sweet Lilly

You are the child we always wished for

Before we had you, we had our family and our friends, and they made us happy, but we still felt like something was missing in our lives. We wished for a child who we could give all our love to. A child that we could love, hug, kiss and spend our time with. Sometimes we became very sad because we didn't have a child.

In order to make a baby, you need to use one egg from a woman and many tiny sperm cells from a man.

We went to a doctor who knows a lot about how you get children. The doctor examined Mummy and could see that she had some good eggs in her tummy. But we didn't have any sperm cells from a man, and therefore we couldn't make a baby by ourselves.

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We have been to many music festivals



Our wedding in Italy



We love to run with our friends



Holiday in France

We chose the best for you

Luckily, the doctor knew a very special bank. It was not a bank with money but a bank with sperm cells.

The sperm cells in the sperm bank come from kind and helpful men who would like to help women that wish to have a baby. When the men have delivered their sperm, it is frozen down in a freezer until it needs to be used.

A man that gives sperm cells to a sperm bank is called a donor. We read a lot about all the sperm bank's donors, and then we chose the one that sounded the best. We thought, with his sperm cells and Mummy's eggs we could make a fantastic baby.

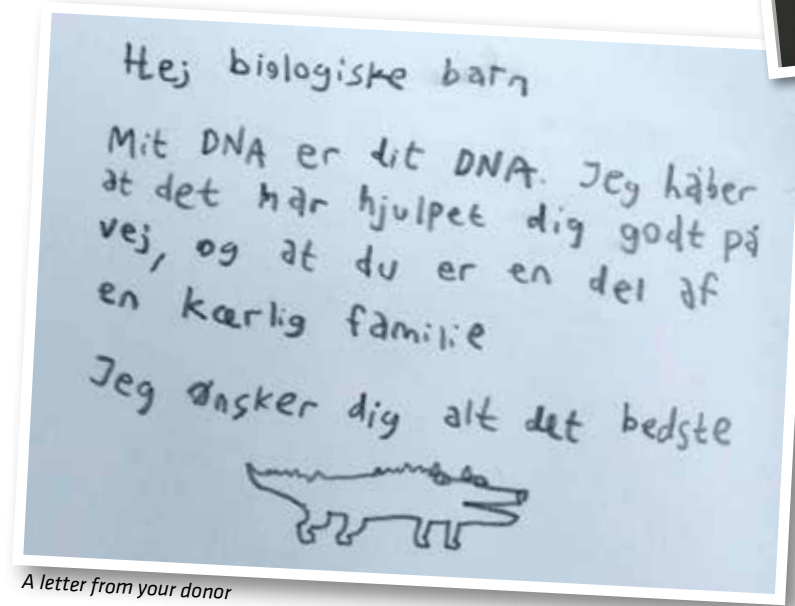
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Your Donor

... is 187 cm tall
... weighs 83 kg
... has blue eyes
... has light hair
... is a police officer



A baby picture of your donor



A letter from your donor

You were the fastest swimmer

One day the doctor looked in Mummy's tummy with a special camera that is called a scanner. The doctor could see that one of Mummy's eggs was ready to make a baby.

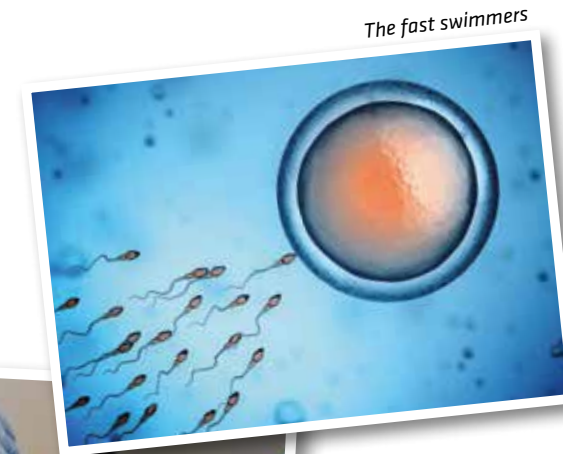
The doctor took some of the donor's sperm out of the freezer and thawed it. When the small sperm cells became warm, they started to swim. The doctor put them into Mummy's tummy, and they swam in a race to see which one came to the egg first. It is only the sperm cell that comes to the egg first that is part of making a baby.

That one sperm cell was something completely unique - it was you. You swam very fast and in front of all the others. You came to the egg first and won the race to become our child. Hurray for you, you are so amazing.

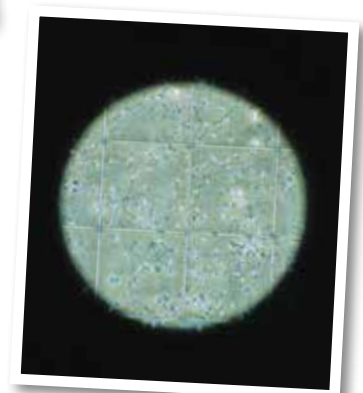
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The sperm cells are put into tubes before they are put into the freezer



The fast swimmers



Sperm cells

You grew in Mummy's tummy

When the sperm cell reached the egg, Mummy became pregnant, and you started to grow in her tummy. At first you were just a small pea, but after a bit of time you started to look like a baby. You grew bigger and bigger, and Mummy's tummy became fatter and fatter.

You grew in Mummy's tummy for nine months. It felt like a LONG time. We were so excited and couldn't wait to meet you, so it was very difficult to wait.

Luckily, the doctor could take a picture of you with his scanner so that we could have a peak. It was wonderful to see you for the very first time - you were so tiny and so perfect. We could see how you lay cosily and asleep in Mummy's tummy and that you were well. The next time the doctor used the scanner, you had gotten bigger, and we could see you were a girl.

We started to think about what you should be called, and we were even more excited to meet you and get to know you.

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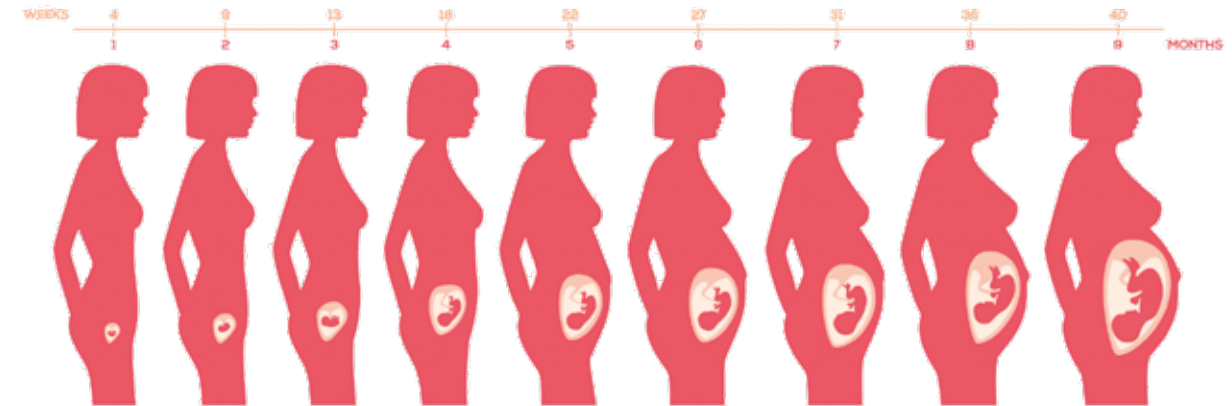
Mummy's pregnant tummy - it was really big before you came out



Mummy's tummy is scanned to find out if you are in there



The first picture of you - from the doctor's scanner



You finally came

Suddenly, one day, Mummy's tummy started to hurt. She could feel that you were ready to come out.

We quickly went to the hospital where a midwife helped us bring you into the world. It took many hours but eventually you were born. We finally had the baby we had dreamed of for so long – and that was you, Lilly.

You were the most beautiful baby we had ever seen. You came up to lie on Mummy's tummy, and you looked us in the eyes. You made us the world's luckiest and happiest parents.

We loved you from the first second, and we will always love you.

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When you were born the March 23, 2019

... you were exactly 55 centimetres long

... you weighed 4.1 kg

... it was 08:31 o'clock



Even when you sleep, we can't stop looking at you



We hurried to the hospital



So tiny and beautiful



Soft and lovely

Our family

Dearest Lilly,

That was the story of how you came into this world. You have been a long time coming, but now you are here with us - and you are everything we could have wished for.

You are so special and fantastic, and we are so thankful that you are our child. And we are thankful to the good doctor, the helpful donor and the kind midwife who helped us have you.

There are many other children who have had a very different way into this world. All children are different, and all families are different. Our family is exactly how it ought to be. It is us three and all the kind, silly and wonderful people we love.

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Your mum and mummy



Great-grandma and you



Carlo is also an important part of our family - he is looking out for you

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**Fortunately, you were
the fastest sperm cell
in the cup**

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