

Charlie's **BOOK**



YOUR PATH TO THE WORLD



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

CHARLIE

The book cover features a vibrant sunburst pattern in shades of yellow and green. The title 'Charlie's' is written in a large, white, cursive script, and 'BOOK' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, the subtitle '- the story about how you were made' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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- the story about how you were made

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Dearest Charlie

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. I 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. I am very thankful for them, and I would like to tell you about them in this book.

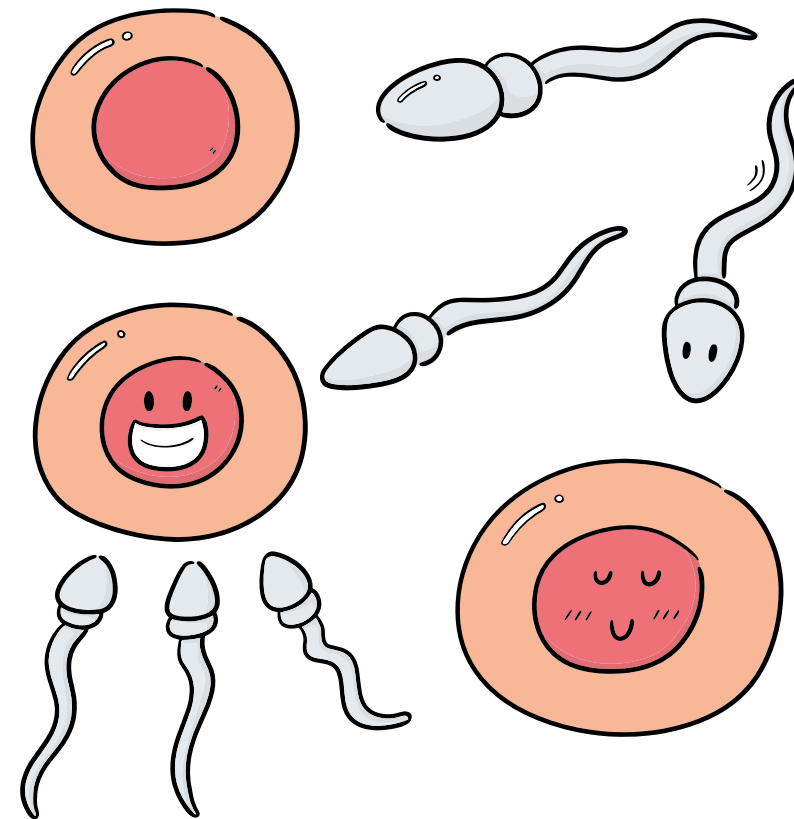
Before I had you, my biggest dream was to have a child. I am the world's luckiest and happiest mum because I got you.

I love you more than anything in the world.

Hugs and kisses
From Mum



My beloved Charlie



Sweet Charlie

You are the child I always wished for

Before I had you, I lived alone. I had my family and my friends and they made me happy, but I still felt like something was missing in my life. I wished for a child who I could give all my love to. A child that I could love, hug, kiss and spend my time with. Sometimes I became very sad because I 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.

I went to a doctor who knows a lot about how you get children. The doctor examined me and could see that I had some good eggs in my tummy. But I didn't have a man, and therefore I needed sperm cells to make a baby.

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Mummy have been to many music festivals



Mummy on a trip to South America



Mummy loves to run with her friends



Mummy picking flowers in grandpa's field.

I 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. I read a lot about all the sperm bank's donors, and then I chose the one that sounded the best. I thought, with his sperm cells I could make a fantastic child.

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Your donor

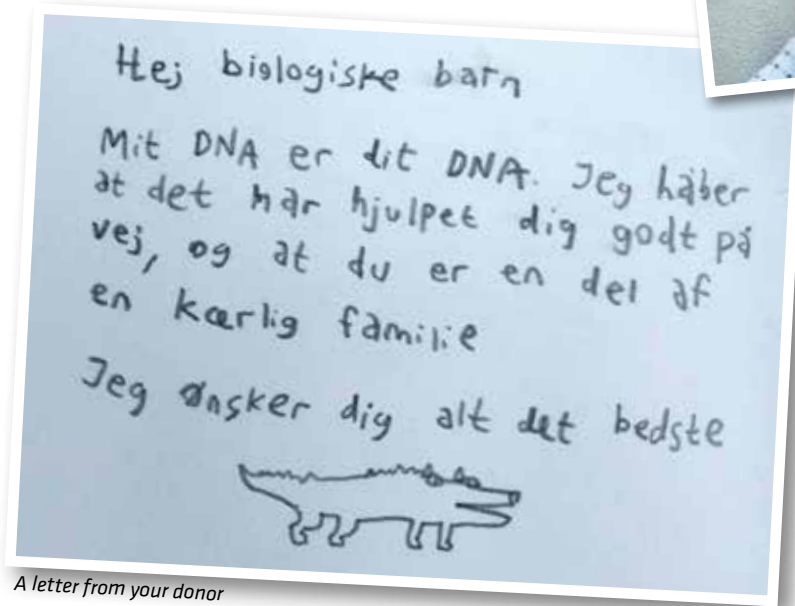
... is 182 cm tall

... weighs 78 kg

... has green eyes

... has brown hair

... is a teacher



A letter from your donor



A baby picture of your donor

You were the fastest swimmer

One day the doctor looked in my tummy with a special camera that is called a scanner. The doctor could see that one of my 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 my 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.

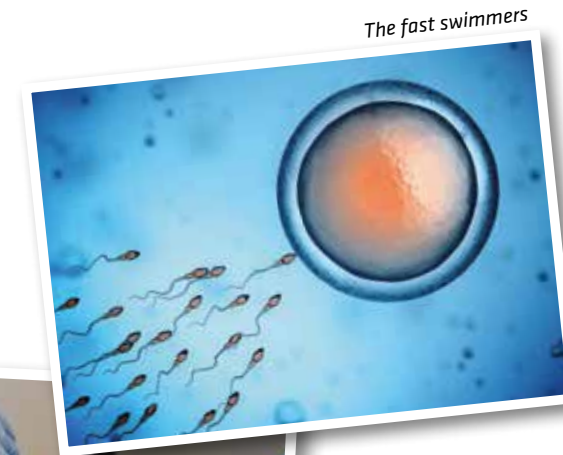
That one sperm cell was something completely unique - it was you. You swam very fast and in front of all the others. You came to the egg first and won the race to become my child.

Hurray for you, you are so amazing.

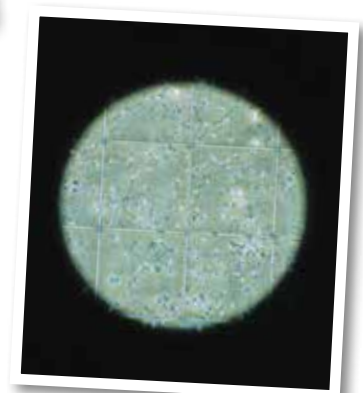
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The sperm cells are put into tubes before they are put into the freezer



The fast swimmers



Sperm cells

You grew in my tummy

When the sperm cell reached the egg, I became pregnant, and you started to grow in my 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 my tummy became fatter and fatter.

You grew in my tummy for nine months. It felt like a LONG time. I was 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 I could have a peak. It was wonderful to see you for the very first time - you were so tiny and so perfect. I could see how you lay cosily and asleep in my tummy and that you were well. The next time the doctor used the scanner, you had gotten bigger, and I could see you were a boy.

I started to think about what you should be called, and I was even more excited to meet you and get to know you.



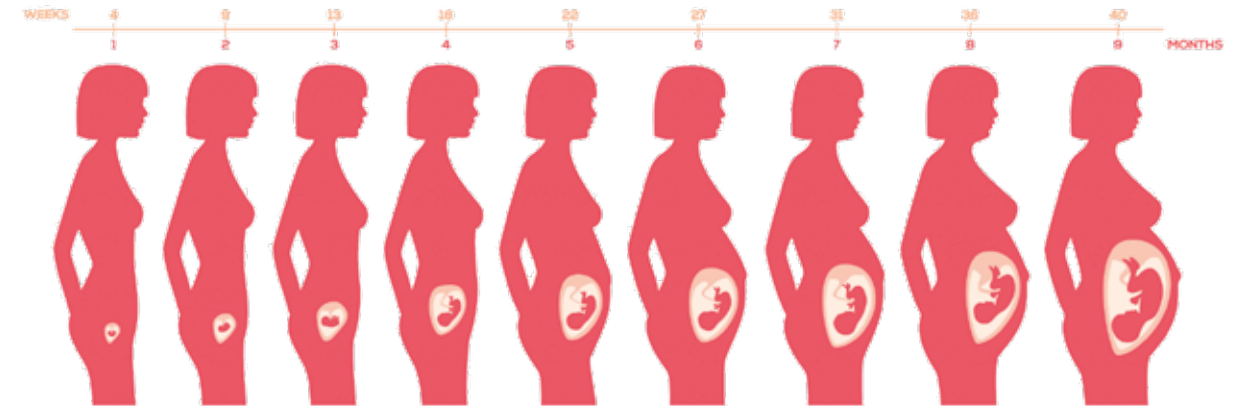
Mummy's pregnant tummy - it was really big before you came out



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, my tummy started to hurt. I could feel that you were ready to come out.

I quickly went to the hospital where a midwife helped me bring you into the world. It took many hours but eventually you were born. I finally had the baby I had dreamed of for so long - and that was you, Charlie.

You were the most beautiful baby I had ever seen. You came up to lie on my tummy, and you looked me in the eyes. You made me the world's luckiest and happiest mum.

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

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When you were born March 23, 2019

... you were exactly 52 centimetres long
... you weighed 3.6 kg
... it was 20:16 o'clock



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



I hurried to the hospital



At the hospital



The first picture

Our family

Dearest Charlie,

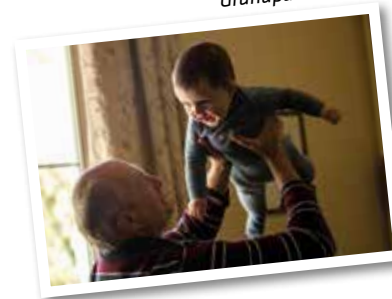
That was the story of how you came into this world. You have been a long time coming, but now you are here with me - and you are everything I could have wished for.

You are so special and fantastic, and I am so thankful that you are my child. And I am thankful to the good doctor, the helpful donor and the kind midwife who helped me 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 you, me and all the kind, silly and wonderful people we love.



Our family



Grandpa 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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