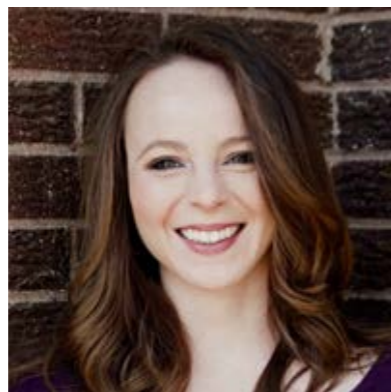


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**When Partners or Relatives
Are Reluctant About Adoption**



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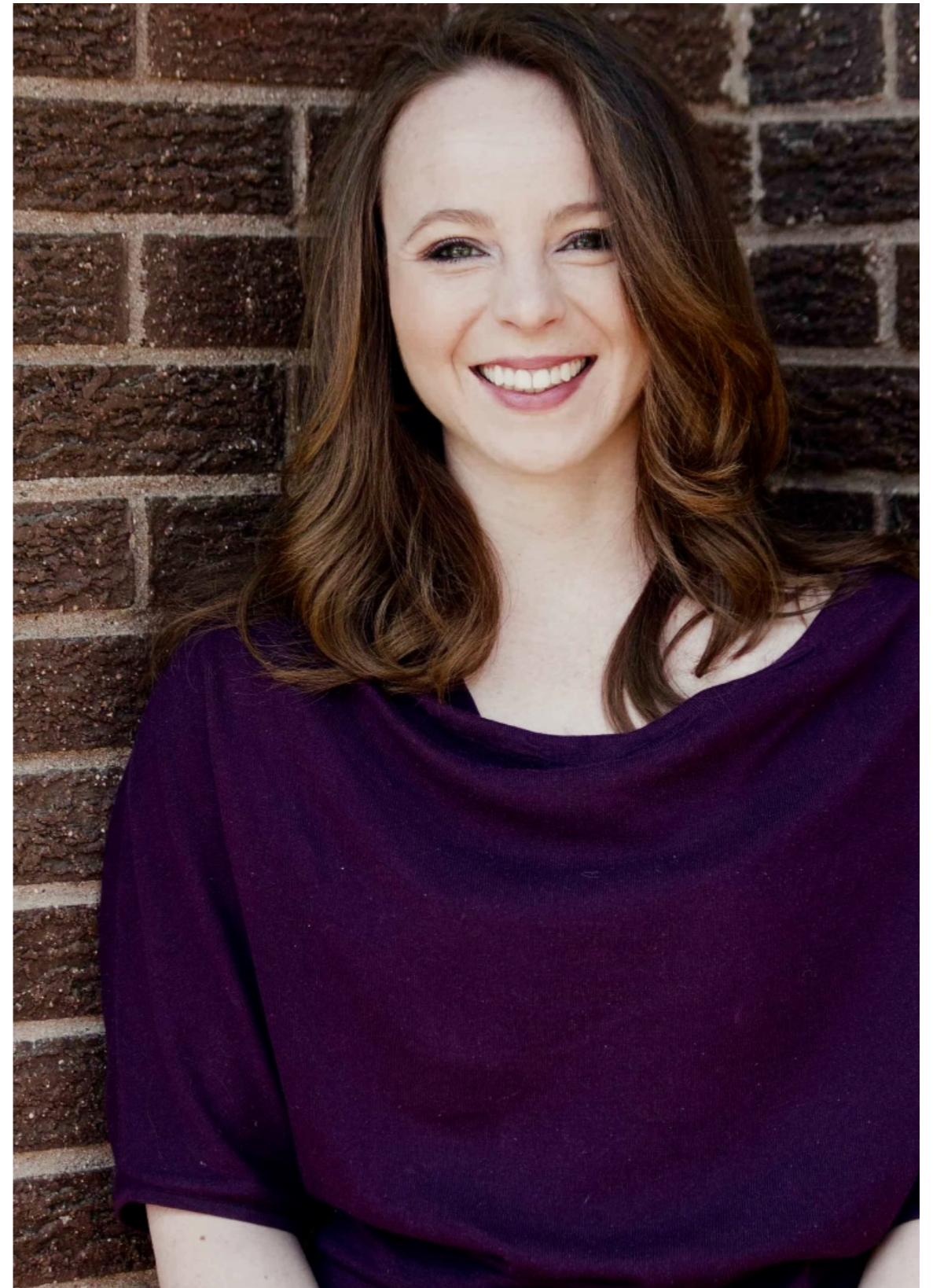
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WHEN PARTNERS OR RELATIVES ARE
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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Reluctant Partners/Spouses
- ▶ Deciding when to tell relatives and friends
- ▶ Managing expectations
- ▶ Dealing with prejudice
- ▶ Avoiding questions
- ▶ Unsolicited advice

RELUCTANT PARTNER/SPOUSES

- ▶ Listen to their fears and concerns
- ▶ Check that you understand
- ▶ Validate (it makes sense that...)
- ▶ Empathize (I can see how you would feel...)
- ▶ Patience not nagging
- ▶ Super-dads to the rescue!



FAMILY & FRIENDS

- ▶ Manage Expectations
- ▶ Educate
- ▶ Prejudice
- ▶ Dealing with prejudice
- ▶ Your child's story is your CHILD'S story, not yours to share
- ▶ Thank you for the unsolicited advice
- ▶ "Why do you ask?"





QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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