

GRANT & MOLLY





Hey Mama!

IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU!

Thank you so much for taking the time to review our book. Our family is honored that you are considering us as prospective adoptive parents for your child. We know the decision to place your child for adoption was not easy and comes with many thoughts, feelings, and emotions.

We hope this book provides you with a sense of comfort as you learn more about us.

SINCERELY

Grant & Molly





M E E T
Grant

H I , M Y N A M E I S G R A N T !

I am a power plant technician who repairs and calibrates instrumentation. I enjoy spending time with Molly and taking in the adventures we have. My hobbies include both a woodworking workshop and a garage bay where I weld, fabricate and tinker on various projects. I have a small collection of four full-size antique tractors and a larger collection of toy tractors; I am a big kid at heart! I enjoy going fishing and hiking and just getting away to enjoy the outdoors. Garage sales, estate sales, and auctions are my thrill in life because I am always looking for a great deal.

fun facts

I am an avid college football fan, the Big 10 in particular.

When fishing, I like to bottom or bobber fish.

I have extensive knowledge of the ways of old when it comes to tools and how things were made.

I am an avid maker of smoked BBQ, my brisket is the best!

St. Elias Wrangell is my favorite National Park I have been to.





M E E T

Molly

H I , M Y N A M E I S M O L L Y !

By trade, I am an athletic trainer. While most of my career has been in education, I have worked with college athletics, club sports, recreational activities, concerts, special events, and Special Olympics. I have seen many injuries in my career! Currently, I teach undergraduate and graduate students in fields related to athletic training and health.

When I'm not helping Grant with his hobbies, I enjoy baking, working out, and reading. My favorite thing to bake is pies! My workouts take place early in the morning at home before work and consist of nothing fancy, just enough to stay fit. When I'm not reading textbooks and articles for class, I love a good fluff novel; simply a story to get lost in.

fun facts

I spent 7 years living in Michigan where I fell in love with summers up north and tart cherries.

I am always cold!

As a former swimmer, I absolutely love being in or near water.

I love a good sunrise or sunset.

I rarely turn down freshly baked bread!

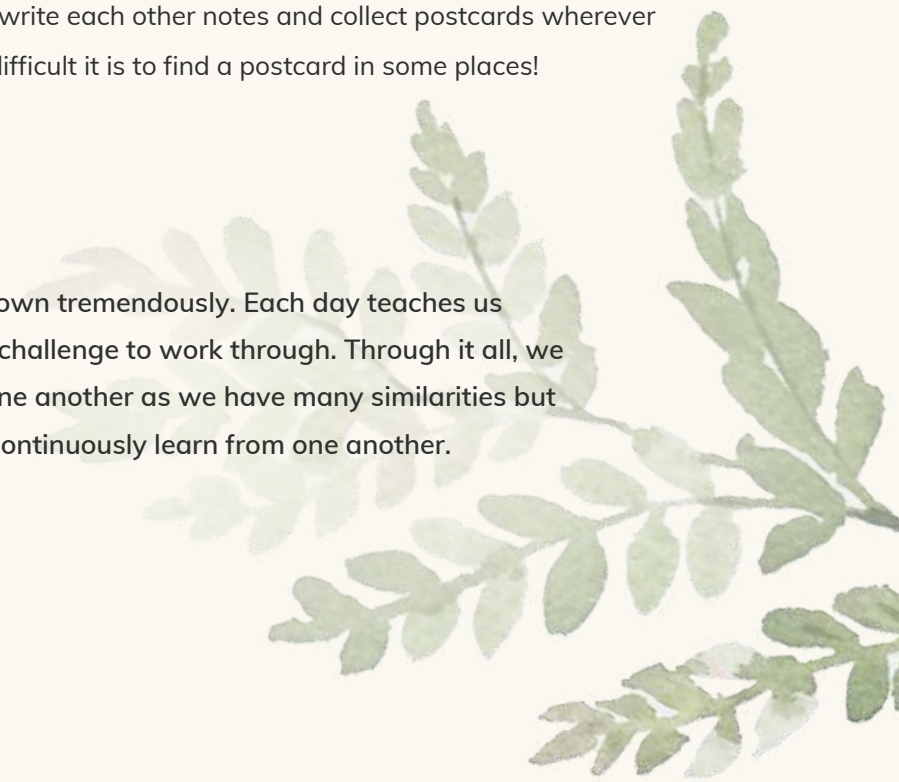
A B O U T U S

Together

WE MET THROUGH ONLINE DATING IN THE
SUMMER OF 2017 AND FOUND WAYS TO CONNECT
EVEN THOUGH WE LIVED TWO HOURS APART!

Aside from emailing and talking on the phone, we wrote each other letters and sent postcards. We met halfway on the weekends or alternated driving to visit one another. We were engaged in late fall of 2018 and got married in the summer of 2019. While we have certainly enjoyed not traveling to visit one another, we do still write each other notes and collect postcards wherever we travel. It is surprising how difficult it is to find a postcard in some places!

Since meeting, we have grown tremendously. Each day teaches us something new and provides a challenge to work through. Through it all, we realized we are a good fit for one another as we have many similarities but enough differences to continuously learn from one another.





Molly IN GRANT'S WORDS

Molly and I have a strong relationship where I like to push the boundaries of what we can do together. I fell in love with Molly after a vacation to Michigan where we hiked 28 miles in about 48 hours on an island in Lake Superior. We love going on vacation together and taking hikes that challenge both our physical and mental abilities. My love for her grows stronger after every hike; even after she got us caught in a rainstorm in an open field within the Grand Tetons. I love Molly because she is very compassionate and will go out of her way for others; her brother, my mom, or even a coworker whose mom died. She is compassionate towards everyone.

Grant IN MOLLY'S WORDS

Grant and I met online in the summer of 2017. At the time, we lived 2 hours apart but we made it work by often meeting up on the weekends. Having a strong work ethic, close-knit families, and a willingness to work on our relationship every single day is what helped our relationship succeed. I enjoy spending time with Grant and learning more about his hobbies. He's taught me how to weld, drive a tractor, use a myriad of power tools, build tables, and redo whole sections of our house! I am constantly learning something new from him and I admire how much he can work with his hands. He is incredibly talented, smart, and I am so proud of all he has accomplished in the last few years.



WHY WE WANT TO

Adopt

Our family is pursuing adoption due to infertility. Adoption originally was not on our radar as we explored other methods to build a family. As we explored those options, we felt unsatisfied and decided to see what adoption was all about. After learning more about the process, we realized adoption was the best fit for us! We are new to this, having never adopted before, however, our decision to adopt is reaffirmed with each stage of the process.

"LIFE IMPOSES THINGS ON YOU THAT YOU CAN'T CONTROL, BUT YOU STILL HAVE THE CHOICE OF HOW YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE THROUGH THIS"

Celine Dion





ABOUT
OUR

Home

OUR HOME IS 2100 SQ FT AND SITS ON 3 ACRES. THIS INCLUDES A SMALL ORCHARD OF APPROXIMATELY 60 FRUIT TREES, MOSTLY APPLES BUT WITH SOME CHERRIES, PEACHES, AND PEARS!

The house was purchased prior to our relationship but it checked most things on Grant's list: close to his job, a 15-minute drive from a small town, and an hour away from larger cities.

Our community is a small unincorporated town. While we live on 3 acres, we do have neighbors within very close proximity. Our neighbors are friendly yet private. Some we see most nights while out walking our dog, while others we may see only periodically. However, anyone in our community is willing to help when needed. In addition, our little town houses a grain elevator, a small fire station, and a baseball field directly across the street from us.



THIS IS

Onyx

We have one dog, a labrador mix named Onyx. Grant adopted Onyx from a local shelter and she is believed to be ~10 years old. Among her favorites are treats, pets, and sleeping. She enjoys short walks around the neighborhood and is terrified of loud noises and thunderstorms. She loves riding in the front seat of the truck with the windows down and tasting anything you will give her!





This is our family

"I grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. I am one of six kids and there are 13 years between the oldest and the youngest. I am number five! Four of my five siblings are married with children. In total, I have twelve nieces and nephews. One of my brothers and his family live about an hour north, but the rest of my family still resides in the St. Louis area. Grant and I go out a couple of times a year to help my parents with projects around the house and we try to make the rounds and see everyone in St. Louis at least once or twice a year." - Molly

"I grew up in rural central Illinois and have a younger sister who is a pharmacist for Mayo Clinic. My parents are still together and live in central Illinois. I have about 30 first cousins on each of my mom and dad's sides with a huge mix of ages and locations. My sister and I usually get together 3-4 times a year and we meet with my parents about 6-8 times a year." - Grant

We usually spend one to two days a month with Molly's brother's family. We enjoy taking our nieces on various adventures such as fishing, out for a treat, or even just reading stories. In addition, we have a close friend couple who we will share a meal with a few times a year.

We make homemade woodfire smoked pizzas almost every Friday night and simply unwind from the week by watching a movie, spending time together, working on a project, or, if the weather is perfect, enjoying a bonfire. We also enjoy fresh produce and attempt to garden every year. What we are able to grow in excess, we store to enjoy during the winter. Farmer's Markets and local farms help supplement what fails to grow. We also enjoy making trips to nearby farms or orchards where we enjoy picking apples, cherries, and much more. During the fall, we try to make a date night watching college football Saturday nights or a day date watching an NFL game Sunday afternoons. Grant's family has a big family bonfire in the fall and a get-together around Christmas. Molly's family has always celebrated New Year's Eve with a balloon drop for the kids and lots of noise makers. Both families have traditions centered around the kitchen. We also try to take one or two big vacations every year!





Thank You

We appreciate you for taking the time to review our book and learn more about the two of us.

We are honored that you have considered us as prospective adoptive parents. Please know that we promise to love your child unconditionally and will give them the best life we can. We are equipped with many loving aunts, uncles, and grandparents who will adore and spoil your child. We look forward to learning more about you and walking through this journey together.

We are willing to be as open as you see fit and truly look forward to having you as part of our family

Holly & Grant



"LIFE AIN'T ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL,

but it's a beautiful ride"