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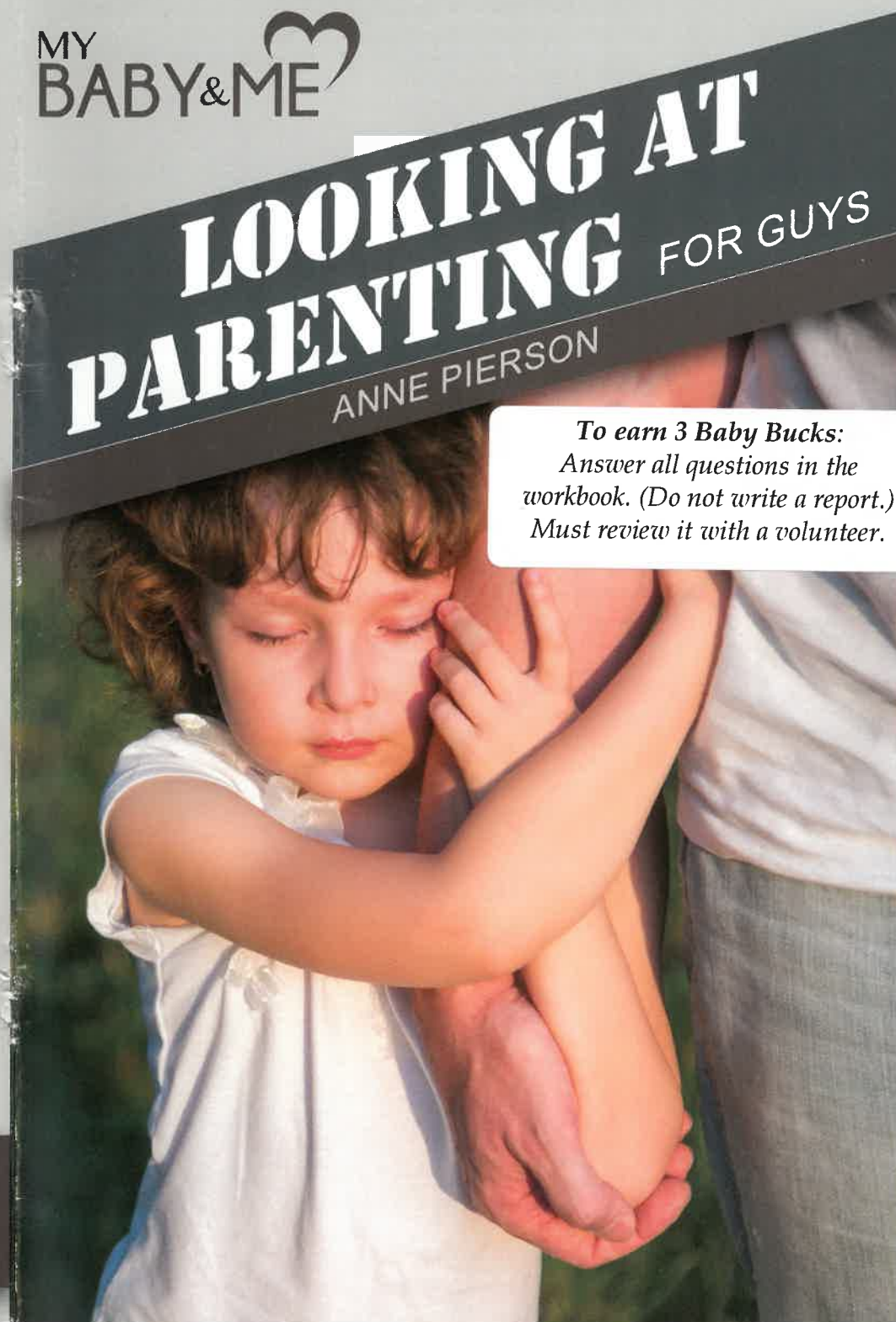
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MY
BABY&ME

LOOKING AT PARENTING FOR GUYS

ANNE PIERSON

*To earn 3 Baby Bucks:
Answer all questions in the
workbook. (Do not write a report.)
Must review it with a volunteer.*



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LOOKING AT PARENTING

It is important to look at both parenting and adoption, no matter which way you are leaning.

Not just one or the other. But both. This way you can discover which one is right for you and your baby now. Just as 10 years old is not the right time to drive and 70 years old is not the best time to learn to ice skate, there are right times and wrong times for many things in life.

We want the decisions we make to be ones we can look back on without regrets in the years to come.

This is certainly true of placing a child in adoption or of parenting.

To have a better idea of which is right for you at this time of your life, let's fill out an application. The job you are applying for is that of "father". Answer each question as honestly and completely as you can.

You cannot fail this assignment.

If it is time for you to parent full-time, you will feel more secure in knowing you took a look at this very important job and calling on your life.

APPLICATION

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

POSITION APPLIED FOR:

BEING A PARENT

Qualifications and Experience

Experience:

1. What are you looking forward to as you become a parent?

2. What skills and experience do you have in parenting?
(For example: helping with siblings, cooking, childcare courses, etc.)

Time:

3. What is your favorite part of the day?

4. How do you feel about spending time helping with the care of your child, including weekends and holiday time?

5. Do you plan to be committed to parenting for at least 18 years?

6. How well do you manage school/job and other activities?
How can you apply that to parenting?

7. How much "free time" do you need for yourself? Would you be willing to share some of that time with your child?

8. Are you on time for your appointments/school/job? If no, what keeps you from being on time? If yes, how do you organize your time?

Children:

9. Do you enjoy doing things with children? List some things you enjoy.

10. What were your favorite activities as a child?

Safety:

11. What health and safety changes in your lifestyle, home or habits will you need to have in place to prepare for the baby? (Quit smoking, drinking, drug use, multiple partners, help buy furniture and baby supplies)

12. Describe your neighborhood and present living situation.

13. Will the child live in the same home as you? If not describe the neighborhood and home your child will live in. Is it safe?

Finances:

14. Write down a summary of your financial situation.

Income

Expenses

15. Do you have a job now? If yes, what is it? If no, how will you support your child?

16. What kind of job would you like to have?

17. What would you need to do (education, training, etc.) to have the job you want?

18. Who will care for the child when you are at school/work?
How will you pay for child care if necessary?

Emotions:

19. What makes you happy and brings you joy?

20. What makes you feel insecure or stressed?

21. What do you do when you lose your temper or get angry?

22. How do you calm down and feel in control again?

Values:

23. What is important to you that you will pass on to your child? (Refer to Basic Decision Making- Chapter 4 for help)

24. How will you pass on these values and ideas?

Relationships:

25. Are you good at telling other people how you feel?
 Yes No
26. Can you explain what you need or expect from them?
 Yes No
27. Which is more important to you?
 Giving love Receiving love
28. How do you get along with your child's mother?
29. How do you get along with your parents?
30. Describe some of the positive and negative things your parents did while raising you?
- Positive:
- Negative:
31. How will you handle discipline of your child?

32. What would you do differently than your parents?

Future:

33. What do you want out of life for yourself?
34. How might a child change your future plans? *(job, dating, marriage, travel, education, etc.)*
35. How will you continue your education while raising a child?
36. How do you see your involvement with the child long-term?
37. What are some things you can do to achieve your goals and be a great parent?