

# Hello!

We are

**Clayton Lord**

and

**Seth Miller**

from Petaluma, CA.

**We would love  
to meet you!**

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# Thank You

We recognize the amount of courage and responsibility it takes to consider adoption, and we look forward to welcoming both a baby and a birthfamily into our family with open arms. We appreciate you taking the time to get to know us a little better.

We are so excited to begin the open adoption process, and can't wait to become parents. From the very beginning we have both wanted to be fathers, and we thank you so much for considering us in your search for adoptive parents for your baby.

Clayton Lord and Seth Miller

# Meet Seth and Clay

We met almost ten years ago in college and, after first becoming best friends, we started our lives together in 2002. Clay proposed in Central Park, New York City, in 2007, and we got married in front

of our families and friends a year later. We can't wait to welcome a child and birthmother into our family, which also includes



Our dogs, Baz and Lulu

our chihuahuas, Baz and Lulu, who love belly rubs, treats, and snuggling. We look forward to expanding our family and having an open, honest, ongoing relationship with a birthfamily for years to come.



Seth and Clay on a camel safari in India

Clay works in San Francisco as the marketing director of a theatre company. Seth is earning his PhD in marine biology and plans to teach at a university.

Clay works four days a week, and Seth's schedule is endlessly flexible.

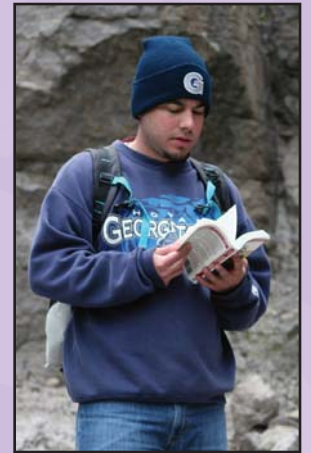
We love to travel, and have been lucky to see many

corners of the world. We can't wait to share our passions with our child. Clay's creativity shines through in his writing, painting, and quilting. He's also a long-time photographer, and has filled our home with pictures. He can't wait to inspire our own child's creativity.



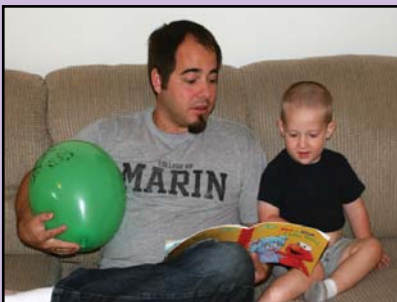
Clay learning how to cook in Udaipur, India

Seth loves hiking and camping, and takes an annual backpacking trip with his dad. He looks forward to three-generation backpacking trips, when he'll carry his child's pack like his dad did on that first trip twenty years ago.



Seth looking up a bird while birdwatching

We love to cook, usually with organic ingredients from our farmers' market. Our backyard has a large vegetable garden, and we're excited to give over part of it to whatever our child's heart desires. We look forward to seeing the wonder and pride on his or her face when we eat food that he or she has grown.



Seth reading to nephew Ryan



Clay and Seth at the Grand Canyon, Arizona



Clay participating in the Miller "orange bowl" in Los Angeles



Seth swimming in Hawaii

## About Seth (by Clay)

Seth is one of the funniest, kindest, most generous people you'll ever meet. I fell in love with every quirky quality in him, and I'm so happy to say he is my best friend and my husband. Seth is going to make an absolutely fantastic father. I can't wait for him to teach our child about the wonders of the natural world, or to instill into our child his passion for maps and travel, or to show our child how to plant and nurture and harvest a garden like the one that he cultivates in our backyard. I am the luckiest man in the world to have Seth as my husband, and I look forward to raising a child with him.

## About Clay (by Seth)

Clay is patient, loving, and understanding. He absolutely adores children and will be an amazing father. After seeing him interact with our nephews, several members of my extended family have told me that I'm lucky to have a partner who will obviously be such a great parent. I usually tell them I'm lucky to have him for other reasons, too. He's incredibly supportive of me, and he's been my best friend for nearly ten years. I can't wait to come home to him at the end of the day, and I love traveling with him. I look forward to watching him be a father – painting with our kids, teaching them how to ice skate, and taking them to movies on rainy Saturday afternoons.



Clay in our garden



Seth calling bingo as part of Clay's parents' New Year's Eve party



Seth and Clay canoeing on the Russian River, California



Clay, cousin Savannah and nephews Casey and Ryan

## Where We Live Petaluma, California

Petaluma is a beautiful town nestled in a green valley about an hour north of San Francisco. We share our quiet residential street with friendly neighbors and lots of kids. There's a park one block away, and the best elementary school in Petaluma is just up the street. We landscaped and renovated our 1930's-era house ourselves, and love digging in the vegetable garden or enjoying balmy evenings on our patio.

# Our Family

**Clay's family** is a close-knit group even though his parents, brother and grandma live in North Carolina. They're all very excited to welcome our baby and his or her birthmother into the family.

Some of Clay's fondest memories are of annual family vacations to Hawaii and the Outer Banks – a tradition his parents, Bill and Judy, are excited to continue with their first grandchild. They love to travel, boat, and cook.

Clay's brother, Brad, is a graphic designer in North Carolina. He's very excited to be a first-time uncle, and looks forward to passing on his favorite past-times: hockey, lacrosse, and soccer.

One of Clay's most prized possessions is a quilt he helped his grandmother, Stella, design and piece together. At 86, she's still quilting and knitting away, and can't wait to outfit our child with knit booties.

**Seth's family** lives in the Bay Area, and we have weekly get togethers with them. We are very lucky to have so many loving family members nearby, and they can't wait to meet and welcome our birthfamily.

Seth's dad and stepmom, Scott and Linda, recently bought a new home with several acres of land. They love babysitting their grandchildren and having everyone over to their house for big family dinners.

Seth's sister, Sarah, and her husband, Roger, have two boys, Ryan and Casey. We babysit them about once a week, and can't wait for them to have cousins!



Seth's stepmom Linda with nephew Casey



Seth's dad Scott, Seth, and brother-in-law Roger hiking up Half-Dome in Yosemite National Park in California



Seth's dad Scott flipping pancakes while camping



Clay's dad Bill and his dog Maggie boating through the Pamlico Sound, North Carolina



Seth and Clay's mom, Judy, making meatballs



Seth's sister Sarah and Seth walking through Armstrong Redwoods in California



Clay and his grandma Stella on a trip through Costa Rica and Panama



Seth's grandparents with Ryan at the County Fair



Seth with some of our dearest friends, William (left), Will (right), and Anna

**Thank you for reading our letter!**

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