

## Choice Reads: A Book-of-the-Month Club

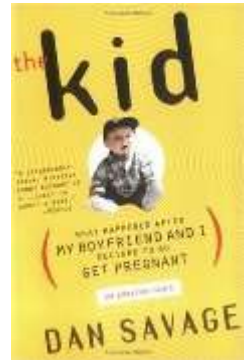
### FEBRUARY 2009:

***The Kid: What Happened When My Boyfriend and I Decided to Go Get Pregnant***

by Dan Savage

#### Description:

Best known for his syndicated sexual advice column, "Savage Love," Dan Savage shares his own story in *The Kid*, a hilarious account of his efforts – along with his partner – to adopt a child. After investigating the possibility of becoming biological parents with lesbian friends, Savage and his partner, Terry, pursued an open adoption through an agency. The misadventures continue through each step of the open-adoption process, in which Dan and Terry get to know their baby's birth mother, and the first few weeks of parenthood. *The Kid* is a wonderful, charming account that proves love knows no limits.



#### Reader's Guide:

1. What did you think of the portrayal of open adoption?
2. How did Savage approach the issues of reproductive rights and abortion in looking at adoption?
3. What did you think about the process that potential adoptive parents go through to become adoptive parents?
4. What kind of decision making processes did Dan and Terry go through in deciding to become parents?
5. How do the processes differ for heterosexual and same-sex couples looking to adopt?
6. How does adoption in this book (i.e. open adoption) differ from the portrayal of adoption in other books we've read in Choice Reads?
7. How do you think parents negotiate the ongoing relationship between their child and their bio-parents?

*If you are interested in how the family in this book has grown, Savage has discussed life in his family, and the ongoing relationship between his family and Melissa, on This American Life several times: <http://www.thisamericanlife.org/>*

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