

Adopting Around the World, Legally

Introduction

Pasquale De Marco has spent many years working with adoptive families and has a deep understanding of the legal and emotional challenges they face. In this comprehensive guide, Pasquale De Marco provides clear and concise information on every aspect of international adoption, from the initial decision to adopt to the post-placement process.

Adopting Around the World, Legally is an essential resource for anyone considering international adoption. It provides practical advice and support on every step of the journey, from choosing an adoption destination to navigating the legal process to adjusting to life with a new child from a different culture.

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In *Adopting Around the World, Legally*, Pasquale De Marco shares the stories of adoptive families from all over the world. These stories provide a glimpse into the joys and challenges of international adoption, and they offer valuable insights for anyone considering this path.

Pasquale De Marco is a passionate advocate for international adoption. He believes that every child deserves a loving home, and he is committed to helping adoptive families achieve their dreams. With *Adopting Around the World, Legally*, Pasquale De Marco provides a roadmap for the journey to adoption, helping families navigate the legal and emotional

challenges and build a strong and lasting bond with their new child.

Adopting Around the World, Legally is a must-read for anyone considering international adoption. It is a comprehensive and compassionate guide that provides practical advice and support on every step of the journey.

Book Description

International adoption can be a life-changing experience for both the adoptive parents and the child. However, it can also be a complex and challenging process. *Adopting Around the World, Legally* provides clear and concise information on every aspect of international adoption, from the initial decision to adopt to the post-placement process.

This comprehensive guide covers everything you need to know about international adoption, including:

- The different types of international adoption
- The legal requirements for adopting internationally
- How to choose an adoption destination
- The adoption process
- Health considerations in international adoption
- Cultural adjustment and integration
- Financial planning for international adoption

- The emotional journey of adoption
- Advocacy and support for international adoption
- The future of international adoption

Adopting Around the World, Legally is written by Pasquale De Marco, an experienced adoption attorney and adoptive parent. Pasquale De Marco provides practical advice and support on every step of the adoption journey, from choosing an adoption agency to navigating the legal process to adjusting to life with a new child from a different culture.

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Chapter 1: Understanding International Adoption

1. Types of International Adoption

International adoption is the process of adopting a child from another country. There are many different types of international adoption, each with its unique set of legal and ethical considerations.

Orphan Adoption

Orphan adoption is the most common type of international adoption. In this type of adoption, a child who has lost both parents or whose parents are unable to care for them is adopted by a family from another country.

Intercountry Adoption

Intercountry adoption is the adoption of a child from one country by a family from another country. This

type of adoption is typically more complex than orphan adoption, as it involves two different legal systems.

Special Needs Adoption

Special needs adoption is the adoption of a child who has physical, mental, or emotional disabilities. This type of adoption can be challenging, but it can also be incredibly rewarding.

Private Adoption

Private adoption is the adoption of a child through a private agency or attorney. This type of adoption can be more expensive than agency adoption, but it can also offer more flexibility.

Agency Adoption

Agency adoption is the adoption of a child through a licensed adoption agency. This type of adoption is typically less expensive than private adoption, but it can also be more restrictive.

The type of international adoption that is right for you will depend on your individual circumstances and needs. It is important to research all of the different types of adoption before making a decision.

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2. The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption

The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption is an international treaty that establishes safeguards to protect children and families involved in intercountry adoption. The Convention was adopted in 1993 and has been ratified by 106 countries, including the United States.

The Hague Convention sets out a number of important principles for intercountry adoption, including:

- The best interests of the child should be the primary consideration in all adoption decisions.
- Adoption should only be considered when a child cannot be placed with a suitable family in their country of origin.

- Prospective adoptive parents should be screened and approved by their country of residence before they can adopt a child from another country.
- Adoptive parents should be provided with full and accurate information about the child and the adoption process.
- Children should be placed in adoptive homes that are stable and loving.

The Hague Convention also establishes a central authority in each country that is responsible for overseeing intercountry adoption. The central authority is responsible for ensuring that the provisions of the Convention are followed, and for providing assistance to adoptive parents and children.

The Hague Convention has been instrumental in protecting children and families involved in intercountry adoption. The Convention has helped to reduce the risk of child trafficking and abuse, and it has

ensured that children are placed in loving and stable homes.

The Hague Convention and the United States

The United States ratified the Hague Convention in 2000. The Convention is implemented in the United States by the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000.

The Intercountry Adoption Act requires that all intercountry adoptions involving the United States comply with the provisions of the Hague Convention. The Act also establishes a central authority in the United States, which is responsible for overseeing intercountry adoption and providing assistance to adoptive parents and children.

The Hague Convention and the Intercountry Adoption Act have helped to protect children and families involved in intercountry adoption in the United States. The Convention and the Act have ensured that children

are placed in loving and stable homes, and they have helped to reduce the risk of child trafficking and abuse.

Conclusion

The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption is an important international treaty that protects children and families involved in intercountry adoption. The Convention sets out a number of important principles for intercountry adoption, and it establishes a central authority in each country that is responsible for overseeing the adoption process.

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3. Ethical Considerations in International Adoption

International adoption is a complex and often challenging process, and there are a number of ethical considerations that adoptive parents should be aware of.

One of the most important ethical considerations is the question of whether or not it is ethical to adopt a child from a developing country. Some people argue that international adoption is a form of child trafficking, and that it is unethical to take a child from their home country and culture. Others argue that international adoption can provide a loving home for children who would otherwise be orphaned or abandoned.

Another ethical consideration is the question of whether or not adoptive parents are prepared for the challenges of raising a child from a different culture. Adoptive parents need to be aware of the cultural differences that may exist between them and their child, and they need to be prepared to provide a supportive and loving environment for their child.

Adoptive parents also need to be aware of the potential for discrimination and prejudice that their child may face. Children who are adopted from other countries may be seen as different, and they may be subject to teasing or bullying. Adoptive parents need to be prepared to support their child and to help them to develop a strong sense of identity.

Finally, adoptive parents need to be aware of the financial and emotional costs of adoption. International adoption can be a very expensive process, and it can also be emotionally challenging. Adoptive parents need

to be prepared for the financial and emotional costs of adoption before they make a decision to adopt.

International adoption is a complex and challenging process, but it can also be a very rewarding experience. Adoptive parents who are aware of the ethical considerations involved in adoption can make an informed decision about whether or not adoption is the right choice for them.

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