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Authors on adoption Filis Casey, executive director and founder of the Alliance for Children Inc., has written a book with her adopted daughter Marisa, who is from Colombia. "Born in Our Hearts" is an anthology of stories relating to adoption.

Featured in the book are the stories of Catherin M. Rogerson of Duxbury, Margaret Ronan Stack of Hingham, Joy Murphy of Plymouth, and Monica Yerxa of Walpole.

The Alliance for Children, based in Wellesley, is a nonprofit organization established in 1974 as the first international adoption agency in Massachusetts, Casey said. It also has offices in Rhode Island and New York and has placed more than 5,000 children from China, Russia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Vietnam and Ukraine, she said.

Casey said the stories "represent various perspectives including birth mothers, adoptive parents, single parents, grandparents and adoptees. These inspiring tales reveal the challenges and joys of the lifelong adoption journey, the pain of letting go, the wonderment of meeting your perfect child halfway around the world and the eventual bonding of becoming a family."

Proceeds will support the organization's projects worldwide, Casey said. The book is available through the Internet at www.amazon.com and www.hcibooks.com, or by calling 800-441-5569. For more information on the agency, visit www.allforchildren.org or the Web site of its sister foundation, www.afcfoundation.org.