

will hunt & justin





thanks
for opening our book



We are so excited
to become parents
and welcome a child
into our lives.





hello

We are Justin and Will Hunt and live in Houston. We have been together almost ten years and married for six years. While we do not yet have children, we are excited to start our family and have so much love to give.

We are honored that you have taken the time to look at our profile. There is no way for us to imagine what you are experiencing on your journey, but we support you in whatever decision you decide is best for you and your child. We know only you can make that decision. We would love to meet and learn more about you. We admire the strength that you have to navigate such a vulnerable and challenging time in your life.

As a gay couple, our route to parenthood is more limited than it is for many other couples. We know that adoption is the right path for us and cannot wait to be parents. We also know how important a child's extended family is to their development and well-being and that is why it is important to us to have the birth family as part of our family and our journey to parenthood. We have friends that are adopted so it feels natural for us to pursue the adoption route as we begin to grow our family. **We are excited to give a child a loving, nurturing home and are ready to give everything that it takes, including the lack of sleep, to be the best parents we can be.**

Thank you again for taking the time to review our profile. We hope we are able to meet you and learn more about each other.

Will Hunt and Justin





our story

It was a cold, snowy evening in February 2014. We were meeting for our first date and in true Justin fashion he was 20 minutes late. Will Hunt almost left but something told him to wait a few more minutes. We ended up talking for hours and having a great night learning more about each other. For Will Hunt, it was an instant connection. Justin takes a little more time to assess things. Nearly ten years later, we are still going strong (and Will Hunt still often waits for Justin).

Justin is from Houston and Will Hunt is from the Mississippi Delta. After getting married in 2017 in Brooklyn, we lived in New York until the COVID pandemic highlighted the importance of being close to family, so we made the decision to move to Houston, where most of Justin's family lives. **Houston has been a great change for us—being close to family and friends, terrific parks and cultural amenities and the opportunity to grow our family in a familiar setting.**

Justin works for a non-profit that builds parks in the Houston region and Will Hunt owns his own antiques and decorative accessories business. We love to travel but also love to hang out on the couch watching tv and lounging with our dog Lulu.

We love the life we have built with each other over the last ten years and know a child would enrich our lives further!





why we are adopting

We have probably talked about adoption for almost as long as we have been dating! We both knew before we met each other that we wanted to have children, as family is one of the most important things for each of us. **The chance to grow our family – with the birth family – and to share that experience with our parents, siblings, and our extended families would be incredibly fulfilling.**

We lived in New York for over a decade, where we met, and at the beginning of COVID we were discussing raising a child in New York, away from our families and a support system. We had to decide what was more important—living in New York or moving to Houston and having the chance to raise our child near their extended family. In the end, it was an easy choice to be closer to family, as we knew that would make a better life for our child, our family and the two of us!





meet justin

FRIENDS SAY I AM:
Funny, outgoing
and family-oriented

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Dumbo

FUN FACT:
I have visited over 60 zoos
around the world.

It is a little challenging to put yourself into a single page but let's try! **I am Justin—a fun-seeking, community-oriented extrovert.** I grew up in Houston, attended college at University of Texas in Austin (hook'em!) and then moved to New York where I lived for 15 years. In New York I met my husband, Will Hunt, who really does make me a better person.

I am very close with my family and that was a big part of the draw to move back to Houston in 2020. Being able to see my mom every week, in addition to my siblings, grandmother, aunts and uncles and our niece and nephew is such a gift.

In Houston, I work for a non-profit that builds and renovates parks and trails which allows me to explore new parks as part of my job. It also allows me to go on runs all over the city

Our niece Sarah Jane



Our close friend Courtney

Hobbies:
Reading, Traveling
to New Places,
Running, Napping
(for now, at least!)

which I enjoy! It is satisfying to know that the work I do helps people to get outside and build community.

I have always wanted a family and the ability to parent a child is incredibly exciting. I had a wonderful childhood with so many fond memories and am eager to give our future kiddo those same experiences. Although I am not looking forward to cleaning up poopy diapers, I actually am looking forward to the exhaustion and challenges that come along with being a parent. To me, that is all part of the process and something to learn from. I cannot wait to be able to take our child to the zoo, my favorite place in the world.

meet will hunt

FRIENDS SAY I AM:
Funny, Kind, Thoughtful

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Working Girl



Hi! My name is Will Hunt and I am from Mississippi. I grew up in a very close immediate and extended family. My parents still live in my hometown. I have one brother who is married with four kids, which makes me an uncle to three nieces and one nephew. I have loved watching them grow up and am excited to begin raising children of my own.

I grew up as a shy child but as I have got older, I became more outgoing. I consider myself creative and entrepreneurial. I opened my own store when I was 24 and ran it for five years before moving to New York where I lived for thirteen years working in the corporate home furnishings world. After moving to Houston, I was ready to try something on my own again and have recently launched a new retail business selling vintage and antique home furnishings. This gives me the ability to do what I love while offering more flexibility to start a family and raise children.

I love beautiful things, especially things for the home so I am fortunate to be able to spend my days surrounded by these things as a career. I also love to play the piano, read, spend time with friends and family and, though I hate to admit it, am a TV junkie. I love a good mystery show!

I'm so excited to start a family with my husband. I'm excited not only to watch our child grow up and experience all the ups and downs that come along with it, but to see my husband be the amazing father I know he is going to be.



Hobbies:
Crafting, Traveling,
Music, Antiquing



justin

in Will Hunt's words

"Justin's world revolves around his family and friends. They are first and foremost in his life and that is what I love most about him. He is happiest surrounded by the people that he loves whether at an outing or just sitting around at home talking and laughing. **I can't wait to see him as a father because I know the kind of love he has for his friends and family will pale in comparison to how in love he will be with his children.**"

will hunt

in Justin's words

"Will Hunt is such a thoughtful and caring partner. He has taught me to be more patient, to be more considerate of others and has reinforced to me the importance of family in our lives. **His family is such a huge part of his life that I know he will relish growing ours. I cannot wait to see him teach our children his values.**"



our home

We live in a white brick bungalow that is almost 100 years old. We chose this house because it has so much character and charm. The family that lived in our home before us had three children so we were able to see it in action as a family home and we instantly knew it would be perfect for us. **We love our neighborhood which is a mix of young and old, with many families including several on our block. We love the sense of community we have on our block, where we often stop and chat with neighbors and their kids.**





We cannot wait
to raise a child
in our home.



meet our families

Will Hunt's Family:

I am the youngest of two children and the proud uncle to his brother and sister-in-law's four beautiful children. We love to all spend time together. **They have been so supportive of the adoption process and are eager to meet their new cousin and niece or nephew! Even though we are separated by states we are always in touch and see each other several times a year.** Our most favorite time of year is Thanksgiving when both Justin and my extended families come together to celebrate the holiday! This has become a yearly tradition that is so special to both families and are honored to host it in our home each year.

Justin's Family:

I have a very modern family, with a dad and step-mom, mom and step-dad, half-sister, step-sisters and step-brother and three nephews and a niece! I am very close to all of my family, including my grandmother (89!) who I talk and text with often. **Almost everyone lives within a short drive in Houston, meaning we get to have family gatherings often. Will Hunt and I are very close with my mom, who we see at least once a week.** Everyone in the family is excited (VERY excited, actually) about the prospect of another family member. We love to go on family trips together and look forward to adding our own child to the group!

We cannot wait to expand our family
and our entire family is almost
as excited as we are!





Justin &
Will Hunt



We love to travel to new places
and experience new cultures.

We've recently traveled
to Mexico, Mallorca,
and St. Lucia.



We love living in Houston,
one of the most diverse
and inclusive cities in the
country. It is important to
us to raise our child in a
way that values all cultures
– including their birth
family's – and celebrates
our differences.

before you go

we want you to know

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a little. It's hard to understand someone in a few pages but we hope you have an idea of who we are and why we are so excited to adopt. Your choice cannot be an easy one and we appreciate you even considering us as future parents.

IF YOU SHOULD CHOOSE US, WE WILL COMMIT TO:

- A loving, supportive home for your child
- A family-centric home including grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins
- Teaching the importance of your child's cultural and family background
- Raising your child in an inclusive community
- Teaching your child the values and ethics of our family
- Maintaining a positive relationship with you throughout their life

We hope that, looking back in a few years, we can go through this book together, with our child, and remember what we were thinking when you first read about us and what made you want to take that leap of faith to get to know us a little more. Being a parent is going to be hard, and will have lots of ups and downs. We hope to have the opportunity to do that and to have you be a part of that, for the betterment of your child. We cannot put into words how much this means to us and how much we appreciate your considering us for this incredible responsibility.

with love and gratitude.

Will Hunt and Justin

