

MY
NAME
IS A
GIFT

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THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

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For Mum, who taught me that names are given
for their meaning, and their beauty - ZA

To L. Kinarakresna and G. Sahasastha - ÅG.

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A vibrant illustration of a baby wrapped in a white blanket, held gently by two large, warm-toned hands. The baby is wearing a green headband with a yellow star, a white onesie with a name tag, and yellow booties. The background is a lush green field of various colorful flowers, including pink, blue, yellow, and white blossoms. The overall style is soft and painterly.

When I first met Daddy,
I fitted in his hands.

When I met Daddy and fitted in
his hands. I didn't have a name.



So Daddy and Mummy
whispered one in my ear.



Daddy's tickly whisper curled
the corners of my mouth.
He smiled too.



My name is the first
present I ever got.
It came wrapped in Daddy
and Mummy's love.

I've grown since I fitted in Daddy's hands.



People I meet have never heard my name before.

Some of them
tumble up my name
in their mouths.



They miss out letters
or put them the wrong
way round.



Those words are **NOT** my name, they're just jumbled up sounds.


But my name is precious.



My name was whispered in my ear,
wrapped in Daddy and Mummy's love.

If you don't know how to say
my name, tell me and I'll help
you say it bit by bit.






I have other names too.
There is a name only Daddy calls me.

BHEETI!

It's what he says when he knows that
I'm really tired. That name cuddles me tight.



If you can't say my name
that was whispered in
my ear, sit with me.

You will hear the smiles in Daddy's
voice when he says goodnight.

There is a name only
Mummy calls me . . .



That name puts
star jumps
in my arms and feet.



when we set off
on adventures.



If you can't say my name that
was whispered in my ear, ask me.



I'll show you a place
on the map where
it comes from.

My Grandmother says my name is the first thing she knew about me.

My family is big and bursting with sunshine even though we're far apart.

If you can't say my name, speak to me. I'll show you pictures of my family who live far away.



When people tumble up my name in their mouths,
it changes from the name that Daddy and
Mummy whispered in my ear.



No one knows all the
names in the world, but
I can help you know mine.

Daddy and Mummy thought hard
about what name to gift me.



My name is perfect for me.
My name means 'shine like a star'.

My name is







This is all about my name.

Will you tell me about yours?

CÉLESTE
(SEH-LEST)

SEREN
(SEH-REHN)

IRAWO
(EE-RAH-WOH)

BINTANG
(BIN-TANG)

NYOTA
(NEE-OH-TUH)

YICHÉN
(EE-CHUN)

SAMSON
(SAM-SUHN)

STELLA
(STEH-LAH)

YILDIZ
(YUL-DIZ)



TELL ME ALL
ABOUT YOURS!

MY NAME IS:

MY NICKNAMES ARE:

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MY NAME MEANS:

MY NAME SOUNDS LIKE:

MY NAME COMES FROM:

I'M NAMED AFTER:



