Forever, or a Long, Long Time

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After living most of their life in the foster care system, Flora and Julian are still dealing with the trauma. Though they’d been adopted by a wonderful lady two years earlier, when they find out she is having a baby, they worry that there will not be enough love to go around. Julian used to hide food in his closet, while Flora would stop talking because her words got stuck. These problems had been getting better, but once they found out about the baby, they started occurring more regularly again. To help them work through the trauma of their early life, Person (as Flora calls their mom) takes them on a trip to find out their history. Along the way, they learn what a family really means, and that love is never divided, only multiplied.

This is a raw and emotional novel that takes the reader into the hearts of this family. Written in the first-person perspective of Flora, a fourth-grader who spent the majority of her life in foster care, this story takes you deep into her heart and her concerns. It shows the reality of the trauma caused by foster care and doesn’t hide the difficulties and problems that this family had to work through after adoption. The desire to be wanted and loved is a real human need that we all have. Flora and her brother, Julian, only remember the bad moments of their past – being defined by their problems and passed from home to home. This is their story of learning to trust, learning to allow themselves to love and be loved, and learning what it means to be part of a family.