AUTHOR MEDIA KIT

Martha McClanahan Pierce

Memoirist • Children's Book Author • Storyteller

The little girl who was "picked out special."

Born in Germany and adopted by an American Air Force couple, Martha grew up knowing that she was deeply wanted and loved. Her father's words—"We picked you out special"—became the foundation of a story spanning family, faith, identity, and the search for her beginnings.

Her memoir, *Picked Out Special: A Memoir of Faith, Family, and Love*, reflects on the parents who raised her, her reunion with her birth mother, and the meaning of belonging.

Martha also writes children's stories exploring kindness, friendship, and belonging.

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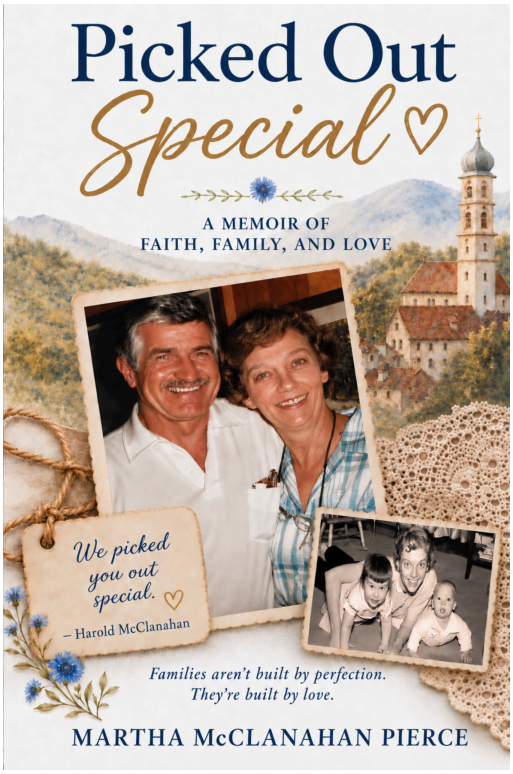

At a glance

Primary book: *Picked Out Special: A Memoir of Faith, Family, and Love*
Genre: Memoir / Adoption / Family / Faith
Author location: Virginia, USA
Available for: Interview requests, feature stories, podcasts, and book-related media inquiries.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A life shaped by love and belonging

Short biography

Martha McClanahan Pierce is a Virginia-based memoirist and children's book author. Born in Germany and adopted by an American Air Force couple, she grew up hearing her father say, "We picked you out special." Her memoir explores adoption, family, faith, and her later discovery of her biological roots. She also writes children's books celebrating kindness, friendship, and belonging.

Extended biography

Martha McClanahan Pierce was born in Germany in 1956 and adopted by an American Air Force family. Her childhood took her across the United States and beyond, but wherever her family lived, she knew she belonged. Her father's affectionate phrase, "We picked you out special," stayed with her throughout her life.

As an adult, Martha returned to Germany and met her birth mother. That experience deepened her understanding of identity without diminishing the love she felt for the parents who raised her. Decades later, she captured those memories in *Picked Out Special: A Memoir of Faith, Family, and Love*—a tribute to unconditional love, family, and the many forms belonging can take.

Her writing now includes children's books, where she brings themes of compassion, friendship, and acceptance to younger readers.

Possible story angles

• Growing up adopted and proudly telling strangers, "I'm adopted!"
• Reuniting with a birth mother while honoring adoptive parents
• The experience of growing up in an Air Force family
• Writing a memoir later in life
• Turning personal experience into stories for children

Suggested interview questions

1. What did your father mean when he said you were "picked out special"?
2. How did your parents talk about adoption when you were young?
3. What was it like meeting your birth mother in Germany?
4. Did that reunion change how you understood your family?
5. What inspired you to finally write your memoir?
6. How does your own story influence your children's books?

BOOKS & PRESS RESOURCES

Stories of family, faith, and friendship

Featured memoir

Picked Out Special: A Memoir of Faith, Family, and Love
A personal account of adoption, an Air Force childhood, a reunion with biological family, and the enduring love of the parents who chose her. The memoir combines reflection, family photographs, and memories across generations.

Children’s books

Martha’s children’s publishing work includes the *Little Sprouts Garden Collection* and *Friendly Farms* stories, with themes of kindness, friendship, learning, and belonging.

For editors and producers

Martha can discuss her lived experiences of adoption, identity, family, and writing. For interviews, book-cover assets, a current author photograph, review excerpts, or additional book details, please contact her through her author website.

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Editorial note

This media kit provides background for interview and feature consideration. Please verify current availability, publication details, and any quotations with the author before publication.

“Families aren’t built by perfection. They’re built by love.”