

# CREATING AN HONEST PARENT PROFILE

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# A LITTLE ABOUT ME

- Canberra born and bred, but please, don't hold that against me!
- 35 years old, married to Pete (49), stepmum to Addi (12) and mum to Jackson (nearly 2!)
- Had a stroke in 2009 and was subsequently diagnosed with antiphospholipid syndrome in 2011.
- Despite precautions, we lost five pregnancies before being told our only option for biological children would be through surrogacy.

YOUR PROFILE

# SO MANY QUESTIONS...

- Married? Committed relationship? Single? How long?
- Gay? Straight?
- Ages? Religion? Smoking status? Health status?
- Why do you need a surrogate? How long have you been researching?
- Do you want to be at the birth? How do you feel about invasive procedures? What about selective reduction?
- How much contact do you want with your surrogate?
- What are your childcare plans?
- How many transfers? How many in a single transfer?

- Would you choose your baby's gender? Would you do PGD testing on embryos?
- Will you attend appointments/skype?
- What do you feel is the most important quality you are looking for in your surrogate?
- Describe your "ideal" surrogate? Race? Religion? Age?
- What reassurance can you give your surrogate that you will not change your mind?
- Height? Weight? Eye colour? Blood type? Allergies?  
Positively tested for any STDs or communicable diseases?
- Medications? Surgeries? Mental therapy counselling?  
Criminal convictions?
- How do you handle stress? Describe your relationship?

- Do you smoke? Take illicit drugs? Drink?
- How many siblings do you have? Are your parents alive?
- How does your family feel about surrogacy? How do your friends feel?
- Have you told anyone about your plans? Why, or why not?
- What would you tell your children about their beginnings?
- Do you want your children to have an ongoing relationship with your surrogate? Do you want an ongoing relationship with her?
- Do you have any other kids? Why do you want more?
- What caused your infertility? What other procedures have you tried?
- How do you think surrogacy works?

BE HONEST.

PROVIDE DETAIL.

MAKE YOUR MARK.

# HELPFUL THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND...

Ask your family and friends for help writing the dreaded “about me” parts

Be specific so that you’re providing a distinct sense of who you are

Choose recent photos

Check your grammar

**Think outside the box and have fun!**



SURROGACY IS A LOT  
LIKE DATING

GET CREATIVE!

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