



**Adoption, biological and adopting parents,  
difficulties to live this situation, friendship, dream,  
poetry, human adventure**

## Collection *Du coq à l'âme*

**A very delicate question is the  
question of adoption because every  
adopted child always ends to ask  
himself: who is my mother ?**

**In this nice novel, Leo shows us a  
way to answer this sensitive  
question.**



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**Léo** and Katia were walking around  
among the booths full of colour and noise.

Léo wished he could have a go shooting a  
rifle, but he knew that Katia would not like  
that. She was holding his hand very tightly, as  
she always did when they went to the fun fair.  
She said she was afraid of losing him.

Léo wanted to remove his hand from his  
mother's grip: he was ten years old, and he  
thought that at that age, you  
don't hold your mother's  
hand anymore.

Katia didn't like  
the fun fair and only  
agreed to go to please



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## DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR POLAR BEARS



During a fun fair, Leo, an  
adopted child, abandoned at birth,  
gives his last five Euros bank note  
to consult a fortuneteller.

She announces him, he will find  
his mother by following the tracks of

a polar bear.

Disturbed by the revelation, in the biggest secret,  
Leo will try the adventure with his faithful friend  
Laura.

A very nice novel full of modesty and tenderness  
about the question that all the adopted children ask  
themselves, just like Leo, when they realize that their  
daily mom is not their real mother.

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Now, she writes stories where she can freely release her imagination. What is more, she believes that dreaming is the best hobby in the life.

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