Dear Bella,

Welcome to the wonderful world! Your arrival has brought so much joy to our whole family. We can't wait to watch you grow up, and for all the wonderful times ahead. The Little Book of Bella may be your first story, but there will be many more. We hope that reading it will bring you magical dreams for years to come. We love you to the moon and back.

Love,
Mommy & Daddy
YOU WERE BORN ON A VERY SPECIAL CLEAR MAY MORNING AT CHOP IN PHILADELPHIA.
WE HAD BEEN DREAMING ABOUT YOU FOR SO LONG AND WERE SO HAPPY YOU WERE FINALLY HERE!
May 24th was a big day around the world! From Beijing to Buenos Aires, more than 360,000 special babies were born, but in our family we were waiting especially for you.
DR. JOYCE CHU TOOK WONDERFUL CARE OF US AND MADE SURE YOU ARRIVED IN THE WORLD SAFE AND SOUND.

SO MANY PEOPLE LOVED YOU BEFORE YOU WERE EVEN BORN AND RUSHED TO COME MEET YOU.
OUR WHOLE FAMILY IS SO HAPPY YOU'RE HERE! YOU ARE THE NEWEST BRANCH ON OUR GROWING FAMILY TREE AND WE ALL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!
WE SHARE DEEP ROOTS AND WILL SUPPORT YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AS YOU LEARN ABOUT THE GREAT BIG WORLD.
The first thing you should know is that we live in the universe. It is a vast, mysterious and wondrous place full of planets, moons, stars and galaxies.
Within the universe is our majestic solar system. It is a group of eight planets that orbit around the sun.
We live on Planet Earth. It is 4.54 billion years old and is the only planet known to have life on it.

More than 7 billion people live here and speak over 6,500 different languages!
You are from the United States of America, the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave. Our country was founded in 1776, spans 3.8 million square miles and today over 320 million people call it home.
You are from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

State bird: Ruffed Grouse
State Animal: White-tailed deer

Both the Declaration of Independence (1776) and the US Constitution (1787) were signed in Philadelphia.

In 1751 Benjamin Franklin and Dr. Thomas Bond founded Pennsylvania Hospital, the first hospital in the US.

The Battle of Gettysburg, one of the most important Union victories of the American Civil War, took place in Pennsylvania in 1863.

Pennsylvania is a pretty neat state to be from. It was the 2nd state to ratify the Constitution in 1787 and more than 12 million people live here today.
Pennsylvania
The Keystone State

STATE MOTTO: VIRTUE, LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE
This is a map. People use maps to figure out where they are going. Follow the red dotted line to find your first home!

Annabelle Avery Hamilton
1730 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
United States of America
WE BROUGHT YOU HOME WHEN YOU WERE JUST A TINY BABY!
WE COULDN'T WAIT FOR ALL THE HAPPY TIMES AHEAD.

WE WERE SO EXCITED TO DISCOVER ALL THE AMAZING, SPECIAL THINGS ABOUT YOU.
We named you Annabelle after your paternal great grandmother. She was a wonderful lady who lived to be 101 and was loved by everyone who knew her! She would have loved you very much. Your middle name Avery is your mom's maiden name and one you share with that whole side of the family. We wanted you to have special names from both sides of your family.
B is for Bella
Annabelle Avery Hamilton
AKA - Bells, Bellie, Bunny
May

What's great about your May birthday? Lots of things! It's a beautiful spring month filled with BBQ's, gardening and sunshine.

Memorial Day at the end of May is a fun holiday that celebrates our armed forces and also informally marks the beginning of summer.

National Bicycle Month!
National Strawberry Month!
National BBQ Month!
Your birthstone is the shining, green emerald. It is often called the “stone of successful love” and is believed to provide healing and bring vitality to the spirit.

Its vibrant color signifies love, patience and rebirth. Lucky you!
May 24th

Bob Dylan

is an American singer and songwriter. He was known as the voice of a generation for his songs in the 60s. One of his well known songs was "Blowin' in the Wind."

Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit

was a German physicist and inventor. He invented the mercury-in-glass thermometer and the Fahrenheit scale.

Queen Victoria

was the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from 1837 until her death in 1876. She became Empress of India. She reigned for 63 years.
2017
Annabelle Avery Hamilton is born!

1883
The Brooklyn Bridge is opened after 14 years of construction.

1844
Samuel Morse sends the first telegraph message.

1830
"Mary Had A Little Lamb," by Sarah Josepha Hale, is first published.

1775
John Hancock is unanimously elected as the President of the Continental Congress.

1626
Peter Minuit purchases the island of Manhattan on behalf of the Dutch from the Lenape Native Americans.
Gemini

Your zodiac sign is Gemini, also known as the twins.

May 21–Jun 20
Sign Ruler: Mercury
Element: Air

Geminis are intelligent, creative and versatile. They are curious and like to learn about lots of different things, just like you!
The Rooster 2017

YOUR CHINESE ZODIAC IS THE ROOSTER.
ROOSTERS BORN IN 2017 ARE ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELEMENT FIRE.

January 28, 2017 - February 15, 2018

Lucky Colors: Gold, Brown, Yellow
Lucky Numbers: 5, 7 and 8

FIRE ROOSTERS ARE HARD WORKING, COURAGEOUS AND MOTIVATED. THEY HAVE BIG IDEAS AND BIG PLANS. YOU ARE GOING TO LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE LITTLE ROOSTER!
## Memory Lane
Produce and Supply 2017

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Thank you for shopping with us!
What inventions and technology were people talking about in 2017? Pretty cool stuff!

Inventions

Robotics
Virtual Reality

Electric, Hybrid & Driverless Cars

Drones
3D Printers
WHAT WERE PEOPLE WATCHING, READING AND LISTENING TO WHEN YOU WERE BORN?

Topping the Charts in 2017

**Song:** Shape of You by Ed Sheeran

**Movie:** Beauty and the Beast

**TV:** Game of Thrones

**Book:** Camino Island by John Grisham
WHO WERE THE BIG WINNERS IN SPORTS IN 2017?

The World Series (2016 Reigning Champions)
The Chicago Cubs

The Super Bowl
The New England Patriots

The NBA Finals
The Golden State Warriors

The US Open
Men’s Singles Rafael Nadal
Women’s Singles Sloane Stephens

The Stanley Cup
The Pittsburgh Penguins

Rio Summer Olympics 2016
CHINA
USA
GREAT BRITAIN
Bella, we love you so much and are so happy you're here! You arrived and made 2017 such a special year. We can't wait to see how much the world changes and grows with you in it.
WE KNOW YOU'LL DO AMAZING THINGS AND WE'LL BE CHEERING FOR YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!

The END
LITTLE BOOK OF YOU

By Marina and James Cummins

LITTLE BOOK OF YOU