

NAMING DAY GUIDE

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WELCOME TO THE WORLD

PLANNING TIPS AND MORE

HOW TO CREATE THE PERFECT DAY

PERSONAL AND ORIGINAL CEREMONIES



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Naming ceremonies are an original way to have a relaxed and personalised celebration for a new child joining the family. The ceremony can be held at home or at a favourite venue, indoor or outdoor and on any day of the week. These ceremonies are perfect for cool kids and families looking for an alternative and authentic way to welcome their new arrivals.

The strength of this ceremony are declarations of promises from parents, grandparents and supporting adults. Adding creative touches is one way to stand out from the crowd by including rituals, your family history, hopes and dreams, music, thank yous and religious content.

These ceremonies aren't exclusively for babies, I can create unique ceremonies for; welcoming older children, blended families and celebrating the adoption of a child. A naming ceremony offers an opportunity to celebrate the unity of a new or existing family.

Siblings can play an important role in the naming day too, from taking part in some of the symbolic acts or writing their own promises as a brother or sister.

There are many symbolic acts you could choose for your ceremony, here's just a few ideas; lighting of a candle, sand ceremony, message trees, hand fasting, time capsules and tree planting. See my top tips for adding personal touches to the ceremony.

There are typically three main reasons why families choose to have a baby naming or child ceremony, they are;

- An expression of commitment to the child. The ceremony provides an opportunity for parents to affirm a duty of care in front of witnesses of close friends and family.
- To appoint supporting adults, VIPs or god parents, who will promise a special relationship with the child.
- Strengthening family and friendship relationships by providing the opportunity for the family to be together.



PERSONAL TOUCHES

01 PLANT A TREE

Plant a tree or seeds at the ceremony or at home to symbolise growth and nurturing.

02 CANDLE LIGHTING

Include a candle lighting ceremony. Light is one of the most universal symbols of love representing the spiritual, unity, new beginnings and purity.

03 MUSIC

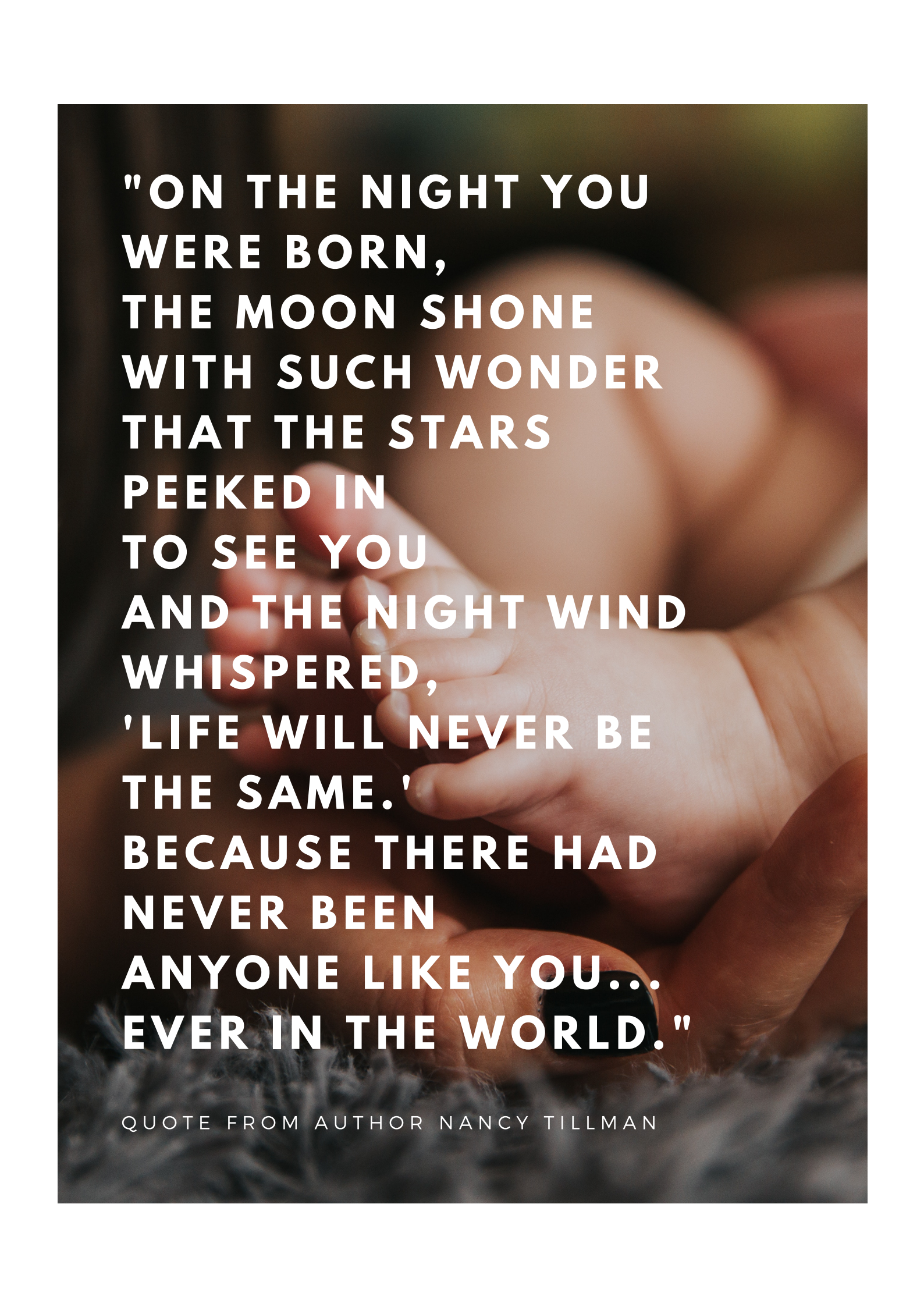
Add some music to the ceremony, you could ask a friend to play a favourite song as you all sing along.

04 READINGS

Ask Grandparents or Godparents to choose or write a poem or reading. Dr. Seuss is perfect check out "Oh the places you'll go".

05 CREATE A MEMORY BOX

Fill it with wishes, photographs, memories and meaningful items like your baby scan. You could ask your guests to write messages which will be kept to read on special birthday's.

A close-up photograph of a baby's hand being held by an adult's hand. The baby's hand is in the foreground, with a black ink smudge on the thumb. The adult's hand is behind it, supporting it. The background is dark and out of focus.

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QUOTE FROM AUTHOR NANCY TILLMAN

ABOUT ME

Modern families come in all shapes and sizes. I work with families who have varying circumstances and diverse backgrounds to create bespoke ceremonies for babies and children that reinforce the bonds of family and friendship.

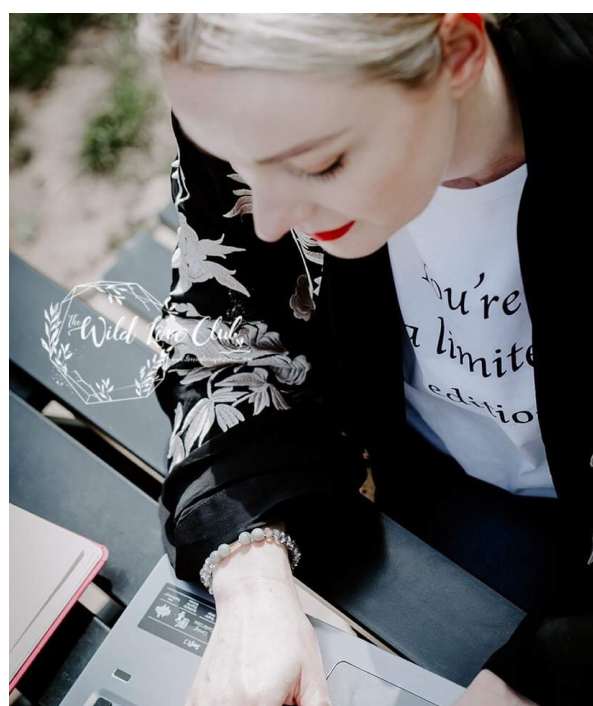
I trained as a professional celebrant with Civil Ceremonies Limited, to enhance my learning in the craft of creating epic ceremonies so that you get the very best.

Using my degree in English and love of ceremonies with real personality, I will work with you to create an original and cool ceremony. As your celebrant you'll have no restrictions on venue, content or style. You can have a ceremony of your dreams that is truly unique, one of a kind that reflects your family values and wishes.

Imagine it. Total freedom.



"Lisa conducted my daughters naming ceremony at Redworth Hall and she was amazing, very professional, polite and an all round lovely lady. The ceremony was fantastic and very touching everyone commented on how lovely it was. Amelia loved you and thank you for entertaining her for a while
Thank you Lisa for making Amelia's day truly magical I would recommend you to anyone" Gemma Friji



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ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST

Date and Time:

Venue

Confirmed:

Book your celebrant & discuss planning your ceremony

Confirmed:

Guests

Total adults:

Total children:

Food and Drink

Menu agreed:

Toast:

Invitations

Designed:

Sent:

Outfits

For child:

For you:

Readings

Reader:

Reader:

Reader:

Ceremony script

Agreed:

Symbolism

Confirmed:

Photography

Photographer:

Videographer:

Supporting Adults

Promises agreed:

Gifts

For child:

Supporting Adults:

Grandparents:

