

Suzanne Hobbs

FIRST SHE HELPED WRITE THE LAW. THEN SHE WROTE THE BEDTIME STORY.

Suzanne Hobbs is an author, speaker, former television journalist and national Safe Haven advocate who helped champion Idaho's Safe Haven Law and later adopted her daughter through that same law.

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ROLE

Title Director of Media Relations, National Safe Haven Alliance

Also Children's author and keynote speaker

Career Fourteen years as a news reporter and anchor in Idaho

THE LAW

2000 Covered a story about a newborn found in a dumpster in Idaho Falls

2001 Idaho passed a Safe Haven law. The Governor gave her the signing pen

Now Safe Haven laws exist in all fifty states, with rules that vary by state

Figures 5,427 babies surrendered safely since 1999, 43 in 2026. Source: National Safe Haven Alliance, checked 4 September 2026

THE ADOPTION

2003 Adopted a newborn safely surrendered at a hospital under that same law

Her daughter Lillie, twenty three

BOOKS

The Hungry Snake Amazon bestseller. ISBN 9781682133811

La serpiente hambrienta Spanish edition. ISBN 9781513618739

The Sleepy Snake: A Perfect Bedtime Story Available now

RECOGNITION

Television The Oprah Winfrey Show

Listed 100 Most Inspiring Women in the World, by Dr. Shellie Hipsky

In print Woman, The Platform, Leadership in Action, Pink

In books Open Your Eyes by Jake Olson, Common Threads by Dr. Shellie Hipsky

INTERVIEW AND MEDIA TOPICS

Topics Safe Haven Law: How it works, why it matters and how laws vary from state to state. The story that started it all: Covering the death of a newborn found in a dumpster and turning that tragedy into action through legislation. The Power of One: How one person, one story and one decision can create lasting change. A remarkable full-circle: Helping champion Idaho's Safe Haven Law and, two years later, adopting Lillie through that same law. 25 years of Safe Haven stories: The lives saved, the heartbreaking cases that still happen, and why continued public awareness is critical.

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