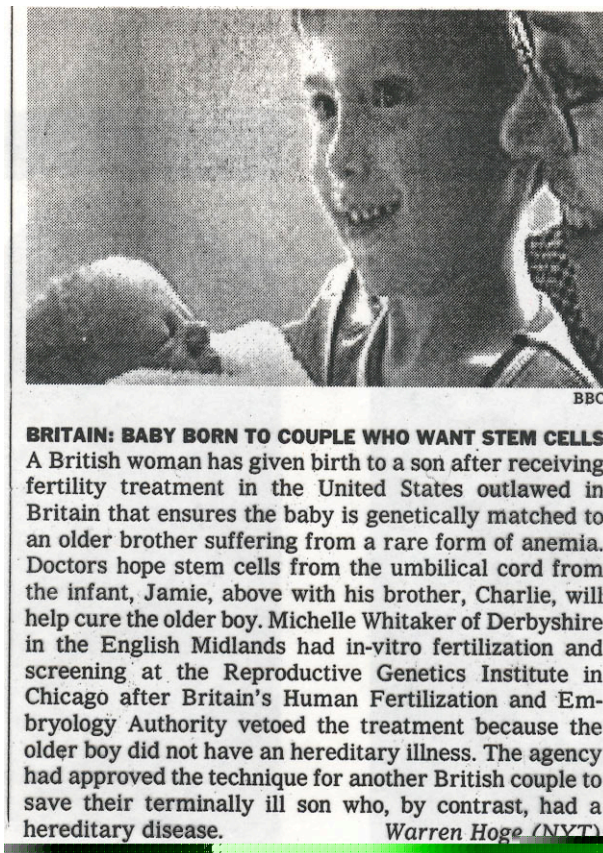


In her book, “My Sister’s Keeper”, Jodi Picoult envisions a couple that have a child near death with a very virulent form of leukemia. Neither they nor their son is a match for the girl, Kate. So they use PGD to choose an embryo that is a perfect match. The embryo is implanted and the resulting child’s umbilical cord blood (with many blood stem cells). This puts her into remission for a number of years.

But as the children grow Kate needs more things (bone marrow transplant, stem cell transplant) and finally at age 14 her kidney’s fail and she needs a kidney transplant. Anna has provided it all....

Do you think this is fiction?



In the book, Anna goes to see an attorney to sue for the right to make her own medical decisions. She wins.\*

In the above article, the couple, living in Britain has to have the procedure approved by their assisted reproduction committee. The law there requires that all couples wanting to use assisted reproductive techniques (ART) have approval. Mainly, this is because in Britain the government pays all health care.

Luckily they had money and could come to the US.

\*My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult. Published 2003.