

THE BACHELOR'S MICHELLE MONEY

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SON SHE GAVE UP

» **Michelle Money** was a teen mom. In a July 22 interview for PMD skincare, the 2011 *Bachelor* alum revealed that at age 15, she gave birth to a son and placed him for adoption. "It's the hardest thing I've ever done," the Utah hairdresser said in the clip, part of the line's Empowered Campaign. Now a single mother of 11-year-old Brielle (with ex-husband Ryan Money), the 35-year-old tells *Us* her daughter inspired her to speak up: "I just told her about my son a few months ago, and she encouraged me to be open."

At 15, she said, she felt incapable of motherhood. With the help of her "loving and supportive" boyfriend at

the time, she opted for a semiopen adoption. "We picked the parents and received pictures and letters for the first few years," Money, who has been dating golf pro **Mike Weir**, 46, for three months, explains. Now she hopes to reconnect: "I would love to have some place in my son's life, if he'll have me."



"The timing was right," Money (in 1997) tells *Us* of going public.



Money (in 2014) tells *Us* her romance with *Marriage Boot Camp* costar Cody Sattler is over.