

Adoption Book List

(for a more comprehensive guide, including books for young children see <http://www.spence-chapin.org/paresources.html>)

General Adoption

- A Child's Journey through Placement by Vera Fahlberg, MD
Adopting the Older Child by Claudia L. Jewett
Adoption Nation: How the Adoption Revolution is Transforming America
by Adam Pertman
Be My Baby: Parents & Children talk about Adoption by Gail Kinn
Being Adopted: The Lifelong Search for Self by David Brodzinsky, PhD
Beneath the Mask: Understanding Adopted Teens by Debbie Riley
Children's Adjustment to Adoption by David Brodzinsky, PhD
Family Matters: Secrecy & Disclosure in the History of Adoption by E. Wayne Carp
I Wish for You a Beautiful Life by Sara Dorow
Lost and Found: The Adoption Experience by Betty Jean Lifton
Reunion: A Year in Letters Between a Birth Mother & a Daughter she Couldn't Keep
by Kate Hern
Sacred Connections: Stories of Adoption by Mary Ann Keoning
Secret Thoughts of an Adoptive Mother by Jana Wolff
The Family of Adoption by Joyce Pavao
The Primal Wound: Understanding the Adopted Child by Nancy Verrier
20 Things Adopted Kids Wished Their Adoptive Parents Knew by Sherri Eldridge

Adoptive Parenting

- A Love Like No Other: Stories from Adoptive Parents by Pamela Kruger
Attaching in Adoption: Practical Tools for Today's Parents by Deborah Gray
Beyond Good Intentions: A Mother Reflects on Raising Internationally Adopted Children
by Cheri Register
Handbook for Single Adoptive Parents by Hope Marindin
Inside Transracial Adoption by Gail Steinberg
Operating Instructions: A Journal of my Son's First Year by Anne Lamott (not specifically about
adoption, but relevant to new mothers)
Our Own: Adopting & Parenting the Older Child by Trish Maskew
Parenting the Hurt Child by Gregory C. Keck, PhD
Raising Adopted Children by Lois Ruskai Melina
Talking with Young Children About Adoption by Mary Watkins
Telling the Truth to Your Adopted or Foster Child by Betsy Keefer
The Velveteen Father: An Unexpected Journey to Parenthood by Jesse Green
Toddler Adoption: The Weaver's Craft by Mary Hopkins Best
What is Open Adoption? by Brenda Romanchik

Country Specific

The Lost Daughters of China by Karin Evans
The Russian Word for Snow by Janis Cooke Newman
Come to the Window: Life with Daniella-Our Child from Romania
by Christina Goldstone
There is No Me without You: One Woman's Odyssey to Rescue Africa's Children (about Ethiopia)
by Melissa Fay Greene
A Single Square Picture: A Korean Adoptee's Search for her Roots
by Katy Robinson
After Sorrow Comes Joy (about Vietnam) by Cheri Clark
Love in the Driest Season (about Zimbabwe) by Neely Tucker

Birth Parents

Being a Birth Parent: Finding our Place by Brenda Romanchik
Birth Parent Grief by Brenda Romanchik
The Girls Who Went Away: The Hidden History of Women who Surrendered Children for Adoption in
the Decades before Roe vs. Wade by Ann Fessler

Infertility

Surviving Infertility: A Compassionate Guide through the Emotional Crisis of Infertility
by Linda P. Salzer

Adoption Videos (these can be rented via Netflix)

National Geographic: China's Lost Girls
Daughter from Danang (about search and reunion)
Precious Cargo (about Operation Baby Lift, Vietnam)

Websites

<http://adoption.state.gov/>
<http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2000/firstpersonplural/voices.html>
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/orphan/>
<http://international.adoption.com/>
<http://www.rainbowkids.com/>