

Adoptive & Foster Parenting Resources

| Title | Author | Brief Description |
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| <i>Forever Fingerprints</i> | Sherrrie Eldridge | Beautifully illustrated book (including hands on activity) that helps families honor their child's past |
| <i>Welcome Home</i> | Christopher J. Alexander, Ph.D. | A guide for adoptive, foster, and treatment foster parents |
| <i>Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew</i> | Sherrie Eldridge | Insights from children, parents, and experts in the field of adoption |
| <i>A Passage to the Heart</i> | Edited by Amy Klatzkin | Writings from families with children adopted from China |
| <i>A Child's Journey Through Placement</i> | Vera I. Falberg, M.D. | Provides foundation, resources, and tools to help professionals, parents, and others who care to support children in foster care |
| <i>Loved By Choice</i> | Susan Horner and Kelly Fordyce Martindale | Personal stories from birth mothers, birth grandparents, adoptive parents, adopted children, siblings, etc. |
| <i>Another Place at the Table</i> | Kathy Harrison | Written by a foster parent who shares her experiences with the many children she cared for |
| <i>One Small Boat</i> | Kathy Harrison | Follow-up to her first book, but focuses on the story of one particularly challenging child |
| <i>Parenting the Hurt Child</i> | Gregory C. Keck, Ph.D. and Regina M. Kupecky, L.S.W | Provides insightful and practical resources for adoptive families and adoption professionals |

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| <i>Silence Broken</i> | Sara O'Meara & Yvonne Fedderson | Inspirational stories of Childhelp USA's journey in the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect |
| <i>We Rode the Orphan Trains</i> | Andrea Warren | Stories of the orphan train riders that describe the transition and adventure; disappointment and loneliness; and for some, the joy of belonging to their own new families |
| <i>Cross-Cultural Adoption: How to answer questions from family, friends, and community</i> | Amy Coughlin and Caryn Abramowitz | Suggestions are provided for appropriate answers to frequently asked questions of cross-cultural adoptive families |
| <i>Nurturing Adoptions: Creating Resilience after Neglect and Trauma</i> | Deborah D. Gray | Provides information about the emotional, developmental and neurological impacts of early childhood trauma and neglect |
| <i>The Pumpkin Patch, A Single Woman's International Adoption Journey</i> | Margaret L. Schwartz | An insightful 'how to' tool highlighting the financial and emotional hidden costs and practices of Ukrainian adoption as well as a touching and fascinating true story of one single woman's journey to 'instant motherhood' |
| <i>Ultimate Insider's Guide to Adoption, Everything You Need to Know About Domestic and International Adoption</i> | Elizabeth Swire Falker | Helpful information about adopting that is not overwhelming and is written in a clear and simple manner |
| <i>The Complete Idiot's Guide to Adoption</i> | Christine Adamec | Great resource if you are just looking into adoption and do not know where to begin |
| <i>Gone Baby Gone</i> (movie) | | The plot of this movie centers on two private investigators hunting for an abducted four-year-old girl |

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| <i>Maybe Days: A Book for Children in Foster Care</i> | Marcia Kahn Wright & Jennifer Wilgocki | This is a great book for explaining exactly what the 'system' involves. It covers many frustrations and questions that foster children may have. |
| <i>Parenting Your Adopted Older Child</i> | Brenda McCreight | The book is a good overview of challenges that characterize the adoption of older children. The challenges are illustrated with vignettes of families, but many readers disappointed because they were never resolved. |
| <i>Adoption Wisdom</i> | Marlou Russell | A guide to the issues and feelings of adoption. |
| <i>I'm Chocolate, Your Vanilla: Raising Healthy Black and Biracial Children in a Race-Conscious World: A Guide for Parents and Teachers</i> | Marguerite A. Wright | A practical and intelligent discussion of a complex issue that is so frequently misunderstood. |
| <i>Sacred Thoughts of an Adoptive Mother</i> | Jana Wolff | |
| <i>Real Parents, Real Children</i> | Holly van Gulden and Lisa Bartels-Rabb | |
| <i>The Family of Adoption</i> | Joyce Maguire Pavao | |
| <i>The Women who Raised Me</i> | Victoria Rowell | A memoir that describes Victoria's experiences growing up in foster care. This is a very positive and inspiring book that honors the women who helped to raise her. |

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| <i>Beneath the Mask- Understanding Adopted Teens</i> | Debbie Riley and John Weeks | |
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| www.adoptuskids.org | Features all the children waiting for adoptive homes in each state. |
| www.nfpainc.org | National Foster Parent Association website. Gives a history of foster care in the U.S. and covers adoption, rights of foster parents, and state requirements. |
| www.adoptioninstitute.org | Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute |
| www.adoptionsupport.org | Center for Adoption Support and Education, INC. |
| www.nacac.org | North American Council on Adoptable Children |
| www.fosterparenting.com | Information about foster care and forums with topics related to fostering, adoption, and other related issues. |
| www.adoption.com | Provides a wealth of information about adoption. |