

## BOOK LIST

Brodzinsky, D, Schechter, M and Henig, R (1992)

***Being Adopted: The Lifelong Search for Self***

Anchor Books. ISBN 0385414269

*Looks at identity issues for adopted people from childhood to adulthood.*

Burns, E (2003)

***Adoption and Loss: the hidden grief***

Clover Publications. ISBN 0646435329

Burns, E (2004)

***Adoption and Recovery: solving the mystery***

Clover Publications. ISBN 064633709

Clapton, G (2003)

***Relatively Unknown: A Year in the Life of the Adoption Contact Register for Scotland***

Scotland Family Care. ISBN 0950811769

*This is a collection of over sixty first-hand accounts from those who have used the Register. Useful for everyone affected by adoption and by all those who work with them.*

Coleman, K and Jenkins E (1998)

***Elephants Never Forget: Reunions between Birth Parents and Adoptees***

Signature Publications. ISBN 1902138066

*This book addresses the processes, problems, sorrows and joys of reunions between birth parents and adopted people.*

Douglas, A and Philpot, T (2002)

***Adoption: Changing Families, Changing Times***

Routledge. ISBN 0415256852

*Book of contributions from all those with an interest in adoption: adopted people; birth parents and adoptive parents; practitioners and managers in the statutory and voluntary sectors; academics and policy makers.*

Feast, J and Philpot, T (2003)

***Searching Questions: Identity Origins and Adoption***

BAAF. ISBN 1903699479

*Book and accompanying video of 10 people speaking about adoption and search and reunion.*

Feast, J, Marwood, M, Seabrook, S and Webb, E (2002)  
***Preparing for Reunion: Experiences from the Adoption Circle (3rd edition)***  
The Children's Society. ISBN 1899783091  
*Advice on the reunion process, including personal stories.*

Harris, P (2006)  
***In Search of Belonging: Reflections of Transracially Adopted People***  
BAAF. ISBN 1903699770  
*A substantial anthology giving voice to the experience of transracial adoption in the UK through poetry, art, autobiography, memoir and oral testimony from over 50 adoptees.*

Howe, D and Feast, J (2004)  
***Adoption Search and Reunion: The Long-term Experience of Adopted Adults***  
BAAF. ISBN 189978330X  
*This book is based upon a large research study on searchers and non-searchers together with short-term and long-term outcomes. Most of the 472 adopted adults had been adopted prior to 1975.*

Howe, D, Sawbridge, P and Hinings, D (1998)  
***Half a Million Women (new edition)***  
Penguin. ISBN 0952919702  
*An account of the experience of birth mothers.*

Mullender, A, Kearns, S (1997)  
***I'm Here Waiting: birth relatives' views on part II of the Adoption Contact Register for England and Wales***  
BAAF. ISBN 18738684103

NORCAP (1998)  
***Searching for Family Connections***  
NORCAP. ISBN 0950990159

Perl, L and Markham, S (1999)  
***'Why Wasn't I Told?' Making Sense of the Late Discovery of Adoption***  
Post-Adoption Resource Centre, New South Wales. ISBN 0957714505  
*A report co-written by an adopted person and adoption professional*

Powell, S and Warren, J (1996)  
***The Easy Way Out?***  
Minerva Press. ISBN 1861060580

Thomas, C and Beckford, V with Lowe, N and Murch, M (1999)  
***Adopted Children Speaking***  
BAAF. ISBN 1873868782  
*This book is full of poignant testimonies offering revealing insights into what children and young people think about adoption. Themes covered include the beginnings of the process;*

*matching and introductions; the court; life story work; contact; and adoptive home and school.*

Charlton, L, Crank, M, Kansara, K and Oliver, C (1998)

***Still Screaming: Birth parents Compulsorily Separated from their Children***

After Adoption, Manchester. ISBN 0953257401

*This book provides revealing and hard-hitting accounts of what birth parents themselves think when their children are adopted against their wishes.*

Treacher, A and Katz, I (eds) (2000)

***The Dynamics of Adoption: social and personal perspectives***

Jessica Kingsley Publishers. ISBN 1853027820

Trinder, L, Feast, J and Howe, D (2004)

***The Adoption Reunion Handbook***

Wiley. ISBN 0470094222

Triseliotis, J, Feast, J and Kyle, F (2005)

***The Adoption Triangle Revisited: A Study of Adoption, Search and Reunion Experience***

BAAF. ISBN 1903699711

*For all those with an interest in adoption and the search and reunion experience.*

Verrier, N (1991)

***The Primal Wound: Understanding the Adopted Child***

London: Gateway. ISBN 0963648004

*A book about the birth mother-child connection.*

Bouchier, P, Lambert, L and Triseliotis, J (1991)

***Parting with a Child for Adoption***

BAAF. ISBN 0903534991

Clapton, G (2003)

***Birth Fathers and their Adoption Experiences***

Jessica Kingsley Publishers. ISBN 1843100126

*Interviews with birth fathers in the UK.*

A reading list of personal accounts of the experience of adoption can also be found on the Adoption, Search and Reunion website:

[www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk](http://www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk)