ADOPTION BOOK LIST: SEARCH AND REUNION

The Adoption Life Cycle By: Elinor B. Rosenberg, M.D.
Impact of adoption on all adoption members throughout their lives.

The Adoption Reader: Birth Mothers, Adoptive Mothers and Adopted Daughters Tell Their Stories
By: Susan Wadia-Ellis
Thirty women explore adoption, illustrating many faces of adoption and issues surrounding it; works include well known writers and activists.

Adoption Reunions: A Book for Adoptees, Birth Parents, and Adoptive Families By: Michelle McColm
Fears, joys, hopes, dreams and anguish that accompany reunions. Exploration of roots and reunion, process of search and how to support the reunion process.

Adoption Searchbook By: Mary Jo Rillera
Techniques for search.

The Adoption Triangle
By: Arthur D. Sorosky, Annette Baran, and Reuben Pannor
Understanding of adoption as a lifelong process for adoption members.

Being Adopted: The Lifelong Search for Self
By: David M. Brodzinsky, Ph.D., Marshall D. Schnechter, M.D., and Robin Marantz
A demonstration of adoption as a lifelong impact that adoption has on an individual.

Birthbond: Reunions Between Birth Parents and Adoptees By: Judith Gediman and Linda Brown
Impact of reunions on the lives of all members of adoption.

Birth Mothers: Women Who Have Relinquished Babies for Adoption Tell Their Stories By: Merry B. Jones
Birth mothers share their experiences of giving birth, adoption planning, raising subsequent children, searching and being found.

Birthright: Guide to Search and Reunion for Adoptees, Birth Parents, and Adoptive Parents
By Jean A.S. Strauss
First book details information about searching. Second book deals with reunions and the effect reunions have on adoption members.

Giving Away Simone: A Memoir By: Jan L. Waldron
Memoirs of one woman’s adoption story and subsequent reunions with that child years later.
Lost and Found: The Adoption Experience  
By: Betty Jean Litton, Ph.D.  
Adoptee’s search for birth family.

Lifeline: Action Guide to Adoption Search  
By: Virgil L. Klunder Search book

A Man and His Mother By: Tim Green  
A story about a former professional football player in search for his birth mother.

Out of the Shadows: Birth Father’s Stories  
By: Mary Martin Mason  
Birth fathers tell their stories - men who become fathers who never got the opportunity to be one.

Saying Good-Bye to a Baby: Birth Parents Guide to Loss and Grief in Adoption By Patricia Roles  
Loss and grief experiences by birth parents.

Searching for a Past: Adopted Adult’s Unique Process of Finding Identity By: Jayne Schooler  
Guide to understanding the search and reunion process.

Shadow Train: A Journey Between Relinquishment and Reunion By: Patricia E. Taylor  
Building a relationship after years to separation.

Whose Child?  
By: Kasey Hamner  
Lifelong issues of adoptions from an adoptee’s perspective.

You, Too, Can Find Anybody By: Joseph Culligan  
A reference manual providing various sources nationwide to assist with the search process (updated and revised yearly). NOTE: This author provides other search books.

Adoption Reunion Stories By: Shirley Budd Pusey  
Chronicles the experiences of 38 adoptees and 56 of their birth and adoptive family members through the process of reuniting.


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