

Transracial adoption: an extended resource list

The following resource list was compiled by Perlita Harris for her edited anthology, **In Search of Belonging: Reflections by transracially adopted people** (BAAF, 2006). As well as items from the book, the list features an extensive selection of further writings and organisations that BAAF was unable to publish for reasons of space. These supplementary resources include writings by birth relatives involved in transracial and transnational adoption, other published material on transracial adoption and adoption in general, children's books on transracial adoption written by transracial adoptees, and fiction and non-fiction about being privately fostered, in residential care or foster care by adults with first-hand experience.

Creative writing, personal accounts and reflections written by transracially adopted adults

A black adopted person (1996) 'So where are you from?' in Phillips R and McWilliams E (eds) *After Adoption: Working with adoptive families*, London: BAAF

Allen K M (2004) 'Finding my identity as a Vietnamese adoptee', in Duc A (ed) *Hanh Trinh Tuoi Tre/Journey of Youth: Writings for the generations living and growing up overseas*, Montreal: Ngan Thong Publications

Alt J M (2004) 'Please ... Don't', in Duc A (ed) as above

Alt J M (2004) 'When voices sing: my story of growing up Vietnamese', in Duc A (ed) as above

Alt J M (2004) 'Identity and transracial adoption', in Duc A (ed) as above

Anderson S W (1990) 'A letter to my daughter', in Anzaldua G (ed) *Making Face, Making Soul: Creative and critical perspectives by feminists of color*, San Francisco CA: Aunt Lute Books

Ando Me-K (1996) 'Living in half-tones', in Wadia-Ellis S (ed) *The Adoption Reader: Birth mothers, adoptive mothers and adopted daughters tell their stories*, London: The Women's Press

Austin J (2003) 'Being transracially adopted: what it is really like in the UK', in Douglas A and Philpot T (eds) *Adoption: Changing families, changing times*, London: Routledge

Bensen R (ed) (2001) *Children of the Dragonfly: Native American voices on child custody and education*, Tucson AZ: The University of Arizona Press

Bruining M O (1995) 'A few thoughts from a Korean, adopted, lesbian, writer/ poet, and social worker', in Hidalgo H (ed) *Lesbians of color: social and human services*, New York: Haworth Press Inc; available online at <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/amy.cham/few.htm>

Camper C (1994) 'Genetic appropriation: a response to a white liberal fad', in Camper C (ed) *Miscegenation Blues: Voices of mixed race women*, Toronto: Sister Vision Press

Davie S M (1996) 'An adoptee's journal', in Wadia-Ellis S (ed) *The Adoption Reader: Birth mothers, adoptive mothers and adopted daughters tell their stories*, London: The Women's Press

Dewan V (2003) 'A truer image', in Douglas A and Philpot T (eds) *Adoption: Changing families, changing times*, London: Routledge

Dewan V (2001) 'Life support', in *Something Inside So Strong: Strategies for surviving mental distress*, London: The Mental Health Foundation

Dewan V (1996) 'The pressure of being a human', in Read J and Reynolds J (eds) *Speaking Our Minds: An anthology*, Basingstoke/London: Macmillan

Fish L (1995) *Flight of Black Swans*, London: Duckworth & Co.

Harris P (1988) 'In my experience – bridging the gap', *Who Cares?* 4, Summer, p 15

Green H (1994) 'This piece done, I shall be renamed', in Camper C (ed) *Miscegenation Blues: Voices of mixed race women*, Toronto: Sister Vision Press

Hom S G (1999) 'Double lifeline', in Ito S and Cervin T (eds) *A Ghost at Heart's Edge: Stories and poems of adoption*, Berkeley CA: North Atlantic Books

Jackson K and McKinley C (1996) 'Sisters: a reunion story', in Wadia-Ellis S (ed) *The Adoption Reader: Birth mothers, adoptive mothers and adopted daughters tell their stories*, London: The Women's Press

Jardine S (1996) 'A journey to Hong Kong', *Post Adoption Centre Newsletter*, January, pp 9-11

Jardine S (1996) 'Transracial adoption: a personal experience', *Counselling*, May, pp 113-14

Jardine S (1999) 'Transracial placements: an adoptee's perspective', in Barn R (ed) *Working with Black Children and Adolescents in Need*, London: BAAF

Jardine S (2000) 'In whose interests? Reflections on openness, cultural roots and loss', in Selman P (ed) *Intercountry Adoption: Developments, trends and perspectives*, London: BAAF

John J (2002) *Black Baby White Hands: A view from the crib*, Maryland VA: Soul Water Publishing

Kim E (2000) *Ten Thousand Sorrows: The extraordinary journey of a Korean War orphan*, St Helens WA: Doubleday

Lee M G (1999) 'Summer of my Korean soldier', Ito S and Cervin T (eds), *A Ghost at Heart's Edge: Stories and poems of adoption*, Berkeley CA: North Atlantic Books

McKinley C (2003) *A Book of Sarahs: A family in parts*, Washington DC: Counterpoint Press

McKinley C (1996) 'Afro Jew Fro', in Ruff S S (ed) *Go the Way your Blood Beats: An anthology of lesbian and gay fiction by African American writers*, New York: Henry Holt & Co.

Miro A (forthcoming) *The Other Face of the Moon: Finding my Indian family*, Chichester, West Sussex: Summersdale Publishers

Park Clement T (1998) *The Unforgotten War: Dusts of the streets*, Bloomfield IN: Truepeny Publishing Co.

Pool H (2005) *My Father's Daughter*, London: Penguin

Robinson K (2002) *A Single Square Picture: A Korean adoptee's search for her roots*, Berkeley CA: Berkeley Press

Sanwell-Smith K (2000) 'Meeting our needs: some proposals for change', in Selman P (ed) *Intercountry Adoption: Developments, trends and perspectives*, London: BAAF

Shobha and Marylin (1999) 'Tum meri didi hun (You are my sister)', in Mullender A (ed) *We are Family: Sibling relationships in placement and beyond*, London: BAAF

Sjogren J S (1996) 'A ghost in my country', *Adoption & Fostering* 20:2, pp 32-35

Sjogren J S (1997) 'Dream's end', *Adoption & Fostering* 21:2, pp 16-18

Spears S (2003) 'Strong spirit, fractured identity: An Ojibway adoptee's journey to wholeness', in Anderson K and Lawrence B (eds) *Strong Women Stories: Native vision and community survival*, Toronto: Sumach Press

Stroshane S W (1999) 'Unborn song', in Ito S and Cervin T (eds) *A Ghost at Heart's Edge: Stories and poems of adoption*, Berkeley CA: North Atlantic Books

Sudbury J. (1999) 'Hunger', in Ito S and Cervin T (eds) as above

Sunny Jo (2005) *From Morning Calm to Midnight Sun*, Bloomfield IN: Truepeny Publishing Co.; available online at www.koreanadoptees.net/MorningCalm.htm

Sunny Jo (2005) *The KA Directory 2005/6*, Bloomfield IN: Truepeny Publishing Co.; available online at www.koreanadoptees.net/KADirectory.htm

Sutherland L (2004) *Venus as a Boy*, London: Bloomsbury

Sutherland L (2004) 'A boy from the islands...', *The Guardian*, 14 March

Tallmountain M (1988) (3rd edition) 'My wild birds flying', in Brant B (ed) *A Gathering of Spirit: A collection by North American Indian women*, Toronto: Women's Press

Trenka J J (2005) *Language of Blood*, St Paul MN: Graywolf Press

Williams I T (2004) 'America's adopted Vietnamese', in Duc A (ed) *Hanh Trinh Tuoi Tre/Journey of Youth: Writings for the generations living and growing up overseas*, Montreal: Ngan Thong Publications

Some interviews with transracially adopted adults on transracial adoption

Bishop J (1996) 'Adopted', in Kim E H and Eui-Young Y (1996) *East to America: Korean American Life Stories*, USA: New Press

Matthews D (1997) 'My secret mother: singer Pauline Black of the Selector was adopted - The search for her real parents led around the world', *The Big Issue*, November 3-9, p 20

Tran D A H (2004) 'Being adopted: adopted from Saigon to Sydney, interview with Indigo Thuy Williams', in Duc A (ed) *Hanh Trinh Tuoi Tre/Journey of Youth: Writings for the generations living and growing up overseas*, Montreal: Ngan Thong Publications

Tran D A H. (2004) 'An interview with Anh Dao Kolbe', in Duc A. (ed.) as above

Tran D A H (2004) 'An interview with Jason Minh Alt', in Duc A. (ed) as above

Anthologies of writing by transracially adopted adults

Armstrong S and Slaytor P (2001) *The Colour of Difference: Journeys in transracial adoption*, NSW, Australia: The Federation Press

Bishoff, T., and Rankin, J. (ed.) (1997) *Seeds from a Silent Tree: An anthology by Korean adoptees*, San Diego CA: Pandal Press

Cox Soon-Keum S (ed) (1999) *Voices from Another Place: A collection of works from a generation born in Korea and adopted to other countries*, St Paul MN: Yeung & Yeung Book Co.

IECEF Adoptees' Homecoming (2005) *The Letter Never Sent*, USA: IECEF;
available from: www.seoulselection.com

Stolen Generations (2003) *A Book of Voices: Voices of aboriginal adoptees and foster children*, Winnipeg, MB

Trenka J J, Oparah C and Shin S Y (eds) (forthcoming) *Outsiders Within: Racial crossings and adoption politics*, Cambridge MA: South End Press

Wilkinson S and Fox N (eds) (2002) *After the Morning Calm: Reflections of Korean adoptees*, Detroit MI: Sunrise Ventures Publishing

Poetry by transracially adopted adults on adoption, race, love and life

Bruining MO (1999) 'They said', in Ito S and Cervin T (eds) *A Ghost at Heart's Edge: Stories and poems of adoption*, Berkeley CA: North Atlantic Books

Bruining M O (1990) 'To Omoni, in Korea', in Anzaldua G (ed) *Making Face, Making Soul: Creative and critical perspectives by feminists of color*, San Francisco CA: Aunt Lute Books; available online at www.akconnection.com/media/miok.asp

Camper C (1991, reprinted 1992) 'Gaia' and 'Untitled', in Silvera M (ed) *Piece of my Heart: A lesbian of colour anthology*, Toronto: Sister Vision Press

Kay J (1991) *The Adoption Papers*, Newcastle Upon Tyne: Bloodaxe Books

Kay J (1998) *Off Colour*, Newcastle Upon Tyne: Bloodaxe Books

Kay J (1998) 'Teeth' in Sissay L (ed) (1998) *The Fire People: A collection of contemporary black poets*, Payback

Kay J (1998) 'The Black Chair' in Sissay L (ed) as above

Kay J (1998) 'The Church Invisible' in Sissay L (ed) as above

Kay J (1998) 'X' in Sissay L (ed) (1998) as above

Kay J (2005) *Life Mask*, Newcastle Upon Tyne: Bloodaxe Books

Kay J, Burford B, Pearse G and Nichols G (undated) *A Dangerous Knowing: Four black women poets*, London: Sheba Feminist Publishers

Shin SY (forthcoming) *Han*, St Paul MN: Coffee House Press; see
www.sunyungshin.com

Tallmountain M (1990) *The Light on the Tent Wall: A bridging*, Los Angeles CA:
University of California at Los Angeles

Tallmountain M (1991) *A Quick Brush of Wings*, San Francisco CA: Freedom Voices;
see www.freedomvoices.org

Tallmountain M (1995) *Listen to the Night: Poems to the animal spirits of mother
earth*, as above

Tallmountain M (1999) 'My familiar', in Ito S and Cervin T (eds) *A Ghost at Heart's
Edge: Stories and poems of adoption*, Berkeley CA: North Atlantic Books

Tallmountain M (1999) 'There is no word for goodbye', in Ito S and Cervin T (eds) as
above

Tallmountain M (2001) 'Five Poems', in *Children of the Dragonfly: Native American
Voices on child custody and education*, Tucson AZ: The University of Arizona Press

Non-fiction (articles, chapters, reports and books) by transracially adopted adults on adoption, race or social justice

Hubinette T (2001) 'The adoption issue in Korea: diaspora politics in the age of
globalisation', *Stockholm Journal of East Asian Studies* 12, p141–53

Hubinette T (2004) 'Adopted Koreans and the development of identity in the "third
space"', *Adoption & Fostering* 28:1, pp 16–24

Baden A L (2002) 'The psychological adjustment of transracial adoptees: an application of the Cultural-Racial Identity Model as applied to transracial adoptees' [Special issue: Adoption], *Journal of Social Distress and Homeless* 9, pp 309–37

Baden A L and Steward R J (2000) 'A framework for use with racially and culturally integrated integrated families: the Cultural-Racial Identity Model as applied to transracial adoptees', as above, pp 309–37.

(See Amanda Baden's website at: www.transracialadoption.net)

Bruining M O (1995) 'Whose daughter are you?: exploring identity issues of lesbians who are adopted', in Hildago H. (ed) *Lesbians of Color: Social and human services*, New York, USA: Harrington Park Press

Harris P (2003) '“Am I alone in this grief?”: user support for transracially adopted and fostered people', in Argent H (ed) *Models of Adoption Support: What works and what doesn't*, London: BAAF

Harris P (2004) 'User views and experiences of post-adoption services: a study of a regional post-adoption agency', *Adoption & Fostering* 28:4, pp 50-60

Harris P (2005) '“Family is family...it does affect everybody in the family’: black birth relatives and adoption support’, *Adoption & Fostering* 29:2, pp 66–75

Gilbert D (2005) 'Interrogating mixed-race: a crisis of ambiguity', *Social Identities*, 11:1, pp 55–74

Gilbert D (2004) 'Racial and religious discrimination: the inexorable relationship between schools and the individual', *Intercultural Education* 15:3, pp 253–66.

Gilbert D (2004) 'How might the concept of whiteness help teachers understand racialised policies and practices?', *Race Equality Teaching* 23:1, pp 33–38

Sloth K (ed) (2003) *The Meaning of Roots: Ethnic identity and biological heritage*, Conference Proceedings, International Adoption Conference Copenhagen, 11-12 April 2003, The Korea Club, The Danish Association of Korean Adoptees; available online at www.koreaklubben.org

Sudbury J (1998) *Other Kinds of Dreams: Black women's organisations and the politics of transformation*, London: Routledge

Sudbury J (2000) 'Transatlantic visions: resisting the globalisation of mass incarceration', *Social Justice* 27:3, pp 133–49.

Sudbury J (2001) '(Re)constructing multiracial blackness: women's activism, difference and collective identity in Britain', *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 24:1, pp 29–49

Sudbury J (2003) 'Toward a holistic anti-violence agenda: women of color as radical bridge-builders', *Social Justice* 30:3, pp 134–40

Sudbury J (2004) 'A world without prisons: resisting militarism, globalized punishment, and Empire', *Social Justice* 31:1/2, pp 9–30

Sudbury J (ed) (2004) *Global Lockdown: Race, gender, and the prison-industrial complex*, London: Routledge

Williams Willing I. (2004) 'Adopted Vietnamese identities – from fairytales to the diaspora', *Michigan Quarterly Review Journal*, (Special edition, Vietnam: Beyond the frame), Fall/Winter edition.

Williams Willing L (2004) 'New dimensions to old identities', *Adoptions Australia: Quarterly Journal of Adoption Issues*, Autumn edition.

Woodger D (2003) 'Trans-racial placements: research and analysis' in Sloth K (ed) *The Meaning of Roots: Ethnic identity and biological heritage*, Conference Proceedings, International Adoption Conference Copenhagen, 11-12 April 2003, pp

46-53, The Korea Club, The Danish Association of Korean Adoptees; available online at www.koreaklubben.dk)

Writing by birth mothers, fathers and other relatives who have lost a Child/ren to transnational or transracial adoption

Dorow S (1999) *I Wish for you a Beautiful Life: Letters from the Korean birth mothers of Ae Ran Won to their children*,: Saint Paul MN: Yeung & Yeung Book Company

Woolfclan V (2001) 'Missing sister', in *Children of the Dragonfly: Native American voices on child custody and education*, Tucson AZ: The University of Arizona Press.

Other useful books, reports and articles on transracial adoption and/or black children

Bringing them Home: Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families

Full report: www.austli.edu.au/special/rsjproject/rsjlibrary/hreoc/stolen/

Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission:

www.hreoc.gov.au/social_justice/stolen_children

Burnell A, Dago R, Gorham A, Iain and Debbie (1993) *Thoughts on Adoption: By black adults adopted as children by white parents*, (Pamphlet), London: Post-Adoption Centre

Crumbley J (1999) *Transracial Adoption and Foster Care: Practice Issues for Professionals*, Washington DC: Child Welfare League of America

Dago R. (undated) 'Getting together', in Burnell A, Reich D and Sawbridge P (ed) *Adult Counselling and Adoption* (Pamphlet). London: Post-Adoption Centre

Kirton D (2000) 'Race', *Ethnicity and Adoption*, Buckingham/Philadelphia: Open University Press

Kirton D, Feast J and Howe D (2000) 'Searching, reunion and transracial adoption', *Adoption & Fostering*, 24:3, pp 6–18

Kirton D and Woodger D (1999) 'Experiences in transracial adoption', in BAAF (ed) *Assessment, Preparation and Support: Implications from recent research*, London: BAAF.

Link-Up (NSW) Aboriginal Corporation and Tikka Jan Wilson (1997) *In the Best Interests of the Child? Stolen children: Aboriginal pain/white shame*, Link-Up NSW Aboriginal Corporation: Australia

Mallows M.(1991) 'Transracial adoption - the most open adoption of all', in Mullender A (ed.) Open Adoption: The philosophy and practice, London: BAAF

Mallows M (1999) 'Meeting the needs of transracially adopted people', in Barn R (ed) *Working with Black Children and their Families*, London: BAAF

Maxime J E (1986) 'Some psychological models of black self-concept', in Ahmed S, Cheetham J and Small J (eds) *Social Work with Black Children and their Families*, London: Batsford/BAAF

Meier D I (2000) 'Cultural identity and place in adult Korean-American intercountry adoptees', *Adoption Quarterly* 3:1, p 15–48

Patton S (2000) *Birth Marks: Transracial adoption in contemporary America*, New York: New York University Press

Post-Adoption Centre (1990) "A glimpse through the looking glass": A summary of personal experiences and reflections of a group of transracially adopted adults, Discussion Papers (Pamphlet), London: Post-Adoption Centre

Prevatt Goldstein B and Spencer M (2000) *“Race” and Ethnicity: A consideration of issues for black, minority ethnic and white children in family placement*, London: BAAF

Simon R J and Roorda R M (2000) *In their Own Voices: Transracial adoptees tell their stories*, New York: Columbia University Press

Walker P (2001) *The Fox Boy: The story of an abducted boy*, London: Bloomsbury.

Other books on adoption

Brodzinsky D, Schechter M and Henog R (1992) *Being Adopted: The lifelong search for self*, London: Anchor Books

Charlton L, Crank M, Kansara K and Oliver C (1998) *Still Screaming: Birth parents compulsorily separated from their children*, Manchester: After Adoption

Clapton G (2003) *Birth fathers and their Adoption Experiences*, London: Jessica Kingsley

Feast J and Philpot T (2003) *Searching Questions: Identity, origins and adoption*, London: BAAF

Feast J, Marwood M, Seabrook S and Webb E. (1998, second edition) *Preparing for Reunion: Experiences from the adoption circle*, London: The Children’s Society.

Gediman J S and Brown L P (1991) *BirthBond:: Reunions between birth parents and adoptees – What happens after...*, New Jersey NJ: New Horizon Press

Howe D and Feast J (2000) *Adoption, Search and Reunion*, London: The Children’s Society

Howe D, Sawbridge P and Hinings D (1998 new edition) *Half a Million Women: Mothers who lose their children by adoption*, London: Post-Adoption Centre

Lifton B J (1994) *Journey of the Adopted Self: A quest for wholeness*, New York: Basic Books

Lifton B J (1988) *Lost and Found: The adoption experience*, New York: Perennial Library

McColm M (1993) *Adoption Reunions: A Book for adoptees, birth parents and adoptive families*, Toronto: Second Story Press

NORCAP (1998) *Searching for Family Connections*, Oxford: NORCAP

Pavao J M (1998) *The Family of Adoption*, Boston: Beacon Press (new edition 2005)

Perl L and Markham S (1999) "*Why Wasn't I Told?*": *Making sense of the late discovery of adoption*, Sydney, NSW: Post Adoption Resource Centre

Thomas C and Beckford V with Lowe N and Murch M (1999) *Adopted Children Speaking*, London: BAAF

Trinder L, Feast J and Howe D (2004) *The Adoption Reunion Handbook*, Chichester: John Wiley & Sons

Verrier N N (2003) Coming Home to Self: The adopted child grows up, Baltimore MD: Gateway Press

Verrier N N (1993) *The Primal Wound: Understanding the adopted child*, Baltimore MD: Gateway Press Inc

Children's books on transracial adoption written by transracially adopted adults

Sibley L (2005) *The Nurse's Children*, Indiana: AuthorHouse; available from www.authorhouse.com

Novels about being in care or privately fostered by adults who have been transracially fostered and/or in residential care

Culleton B (1992) *April Raintree*, Winnipeg, MB: Peguis Publishers (First published as 'In Search of April Raintree' in 1983 by Permmican Publishers)

Fisher A (2003) *Finding Fish: A memoir*, London: Serpent's Tail

Frampton P (2004) *The Golly in the Cupboard*, Manchester: Tamic Publications

Jones E P (1990) *Where is Home?: Living through foster care*, New York: Four Walls Eight Windows

Mason-John V (2005) *Borrowed Body*, London: Serpent's Tail

Sunmuno Y (2004) *Cherish*, London: Mango Publishing.

Traynor J (1997) *Sister Josephine*, London: Bloomsbury

Wheatle A (1999) *Brixton Rock*, London: BlackAmber Books

Wheatle A (2002) [The Seven Sisters](#), London: Fourth Estate

Non-fiction about being in care by black adults who have been transracially fostered and/or in residential care

Anonymous (1991) 'Needs not met in care', *Foster Care*, December, p 8

Kaur H. (1988) 'In care', in Family Rights Group (ed) *Planning for Children*, London: Family Rights Group

McKenzie-Mavinga I and Perkins T (1991) *In Search of Mr McKenzie: Two sisters' quest for an unknown father*, London: The Women's Press

Other non-fiction by black adults who have been transracially fostered and/or in residential care

Mason-John V and Khambatta A (1991) *Lesbians Talking: Making black waves*, London: Scarlet Press

Mason-John V (ed) (1995) *Talking Black: Lesbians of African and Asian descent speak out*, London: Cassell

Mason-John V (2005) *Detox Your Heart*, Birmingham: Windhorse Publications

UK poetry by black adults who have been privately fostered transracially, in transracial foster care and/or in residential care

Agbabi P (1995) *Raw*, London: Gecko Press. ISBN 0952406713 (Pbk)

Agbabi P (2000) *Transformatix*, Edinburgh: Payback Press

Mason-John V (1998) *Brown Girl in the Ring*, London: Get a Grip Publishers Ltd.

Sissay L (1988) *Tender Fingers in a Clenched Fist*, London: Bogle L'oeuvre; see www.lemnsissay.com

Sissay L (1992) *Rebel Without Applause*, Newcastle Upon Tyne: Bloodaxe Books.
(Reprinted in 2000 by Canongate Books)

Sissay L. (1999) *Spoken-Works*, 57 Productions (Audio book on Audio CD)

Sissay L (2000) *Morning Breaks in the Elevator*, Edinburgh: Canongate Books

Videos by transracially adopted adults

Love is Not Enough: Experiences in transracial adoption (30 mins) (2000)
Infactuation Productions Limited, Studio 34, The Old Truman Brewery, 91 Brick Lane, London E1 6QL
Contact: Ros Gihan Williams
Tel: +44 (0) 20 7053 2126
Email: admin@infactuation.co.uk
www.infactuation.co.uk

Struggle for Identity: Issues in transracial adoption (20 minutes) (1998)
NYS Citizens' Coalition for Children, Inc., 410 East Upland Road, Ithaca, New York 14850, USA.
Tel: 607-272-0034
Fax: 607-272-0035
Email: office@nyscc.org
www.nysccc.org

First person plural (2000)
By Deann Borshay Liem (Korean intercountry adoptee, USA)
www.pbs.org/pov/pov2000/firstpersonplural/

Films by transracially adopted adults

Belonging by Li-Da Kruger

To purchase a DVD, please contact Tracey Gardiner at the Cambodian Film Company
(in association with FulcrumTV)

Bramah House, 65-71 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 3XF

Tel: 020 7939 3160

Email: info@fulcrumtv.com

www.fulcrumtv.com

Other films and videos about transracial adoption, search and reunion

Secrets and Lies (142 minutes) (1997) Written and directed by Mike Leigh

Useful websites and forums for transracial and transnational adoptees

Many of these sites contain links to other related sites and networks of transnational and transracial adoptees, as well as personal accounts and poetry.

Adopted Korean Connection (USA)

www.akconnection.com

Adopted Vietnamese International

www.adoptedvietnamese.org

Adoption, Search and Reunion

www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk

Also Known As (Korean adoptee group, USA)

www.alsoknownas.org

Association for Transracially Adopted and fostered People (England)

<http://atrap.port5.com/>

Bastard Nation (USA) page on international and transracial adoptees

www.bastards.org/library/inter.htm

Connected Indian Roots

<http://people.freenet.de/connectedindianroots/>

Filipino Adoptees Network

www.filipino-adoptees-network.org

First Nations Orphans Association (North America)

www.angelfire.com/falcon/fnoa

Global Overseas Adoptees Link (Korea)

<http://goal.or.kr/new/>

Inter-Country Adoptee Support Network (Australia)

www.icasn.org

Korean Adoptees Worldwide

www.koreanadoptees.net

Korean American Adoptive Family Network (USA)

www.kaan.com

Korea Club (Denmark)

www.koreaklubben.dk

Motherland Tour to Vietnam

www.motherlandtour.com

Six Nations Adoptees (North America)

www.bodhipines.com/6nations/

South Asian International Adoptees Talk

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SAIA-T/>

The Native Adoptee (Canada)

<http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~de723/adoptee.html>

Transracial Abductees

www.transracialabductees.org

Vietnam Baby Airlift

www.vietnambabyairlift.org

Vietnamese Adoptee Network

www.van-online.org

Personal stories by transracial adoptees (Australia)

www.bensoc.org.au/parc_stories/transracial_fp.html

Personal stories by Korean adoptees (USA)

www.pbs.org/pov/pov2000/firstpersonplural/

UK support groups run by and/or for transracial adoptees

There are very few services that have been developed specifically to meet the needs of transracially adopted children and adults. Here are some that do exist:

LAFTA

An informal and inclusive group for anyone who defines them self as black, brown, mixed-race, or dual-heritage, who has also been looked after/in public care, fostered or adopted.

Contact: Deborah Weymont

Tel: 0117 944 5165 (answer machine)

Email: none available

Location: Bristol

Transnational and Transracial Adoption Group (TTAG)

An informal social support group that meets on a quarterly basis for adult adoptees who have been transnationally and transracially adopted. The group is willing to discuss the possibility of providing specific support to younger adoptees. Some members undertake public speaking at conferences and on training courses for prospective and approved adoptive parents.

Tel: none available

Email: ttag.group@btopenworld.com

Location: London and surrounding areas

The **Association for Transracially Adopted and fostered People (ATRAP)** is a registered charity that is not currently providing any services.

NORCAP is interested in developing services for transracially adopted adults.

The **Post-Adoption Centre** (London) runs fixed-term groups for transracially adopted adults which are also open to adults who have been long-term fostered transracially. The agency provides opportunities for transracially adopted teens to come together.

After Adoption (Manchester) runs a group for transracially adopted adults.

After Adoption Yorkshire has hosted peer-led groups for transracially adopted adults and is interested in establishing a similar group in the future. AAY is able to link transracial adoptees with other transracially adopted people.

Regional adoption support services in the UK

Regional adoption support agencies provide a range of services to people who have been affected by adoption: adopted people, birth relatives and adoptive parents. Services vary between agencies and many are provided for free. The range of services may include: counselling, tracing, acting as an intermediary, support groups, groups

for adopted children, direct work with adopted children, work with adoptive families, training and events for adoptive parents.

Adoption Support

Suite A, 6th Floor, Albany House, Hurst Street, Birmingham B5 4BD

Tel: 0121 666 6014

Fax: 0121 666 6334

Email: adoptionssupport@tiscali.co.uk

www.adoptionssupport.co.uk

After Adoption

Action Line: 0800 0 568 578

Email: information@afteradoption.org.uk

www.afteradoption.org.uk

TALKadoption

Tel: 0808 808 1234 (if you are under 26 years old)

Email: helpline@talkadoption.org.uk

After Adoption (Head Office)

12–14 Chapel Street, Salford, Manchester M3 7NH

Tel: 0161 839 4930 Helpline

Fax: 0161 832 2242

Email: information@afteradoption.org.uk

After Adoption also has regional offices in London, Lancashire and Blackpool; Blackburn, Merseyside, Wirral and North Wales; North East and Cumbria; greater Manchester; South and South Wales.

Family Futures Consortium

35 Britannia Row, Islington, London, N1 8QH

Tel: 020 7354 4161

Fax: 020 7704 6200

Email: contact@familyfutures.co.uk

www.familyfutures.org.uk

Offers assessment, support, and treatment programmes.

North East Post Adoption Service

Royal Quays Community Centre, Prince Consort Way, Royal Quays, North Shields,
Tyne and Wear NE29 6XB

Tel: 0191 296 6064

Fax: 0191 296 6064

Email: nepas@nepas.org

www.nepas.org

Post-Adoption Centre

5 Torriano Mews, Torriano Avenue, London NW5 2RZ

Tel: 020 7284 0555

Tel: 0870 777 2197 Advice Line

Email: advice@postadoptioncentre.org.uk

www.postadoptioncentre.org.uk

The Post-Adoption Centre maintains a database of therapists and counsellors who have attended their accredited training on adoption counselling.

South West Adoption Network (SWAN)

Leinster House, Leinster Avenue, Knowle, Bristol BS4 1AL.

Tel: 0845 601 2459 Helpline

Email: admin@swan-adoption.org.uk

www.swan-adoption.org.uk

General Registrar Offices

Registrar General (England and Wales)

The General Register Office, Adoption Section, Smedley Hydro, Trafalgar Road,
Birkdale, Southport, PR8 2HH

Tel: 0151 471 4313

www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/adoptions/

In England and Wales, adopted people aged 18 and over are entitled to a copy of their original birth certificate. The Registrar General operates the government Adoption Contact Register for adoptees aged 18 and over and birth relatives.

The General Register Office (Scotland)

New Register House, 3 West Register Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3YT

Tel: 0131 334 0380

Email: records@gro-scotland.gov.uk

www.gro-scotland.gov.uk

In Scotland, adopted people aged 16 and over are entitled to a copy of their original birth certificate.

The Registrar General (Northern Ireland)

Oxford House, 49-55 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4HL

Tel: 02890 252000

www.groni.gov.uk

In Northern Ireland, adopted people aged 18 and over are entitled to a copy of their original birth certificate.

The Registrar General

Joyce House, 8/11 Lombard Street East, Dublin 2, Ireland

Tel: 35 31 6711 863

Records of births, marriages and deaths: England and Wales

Family Records Centre

1 Myddleton Street, London EC1R 1UW

Tel: 0845 603 7788

Certificate enquiries: certificate.services@ons.gov.uk

www.familyrecords.gov.uk/frc

National and Regional Organisations: England and Wales

Adoption UK (providing support for adoptive families)

46 The Green, South Bar Street, Banbury, OX16 9AB

Tel: 01295 752240

Fax: 01295 752241

Helpline: 0870 7700 450

Helpdesk email: helpdesk@adoptionuk.org.uk

www.adoptionuk.com

Barnardo's

Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex IG6 1QG

Tel: 0208 550 8822

Barnardo's Cymru

11–15 Columbus Walk, Brigantine Place, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff CF10 4BZ

Tel: 0292 049 3387

The Children's Society (formerly the Church of England Waifs and Strays)

Post Adoption and Care: Counselling Research Project, 91 Queen's Road, Peckham,

London SE15 2EZ

Tel: 0207 732 9089

Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)

(formerly the Catholic Crusade of Rescue Society)

73 St Charles Square, London W10 6EJ

Tel: 0208 969 5305

International Social Service (UK)

Cranmer House (3rd Floor), 39 Brixton Road, London SW9 6DD

Tel: 020 7735 8941

Email: help@issuk.org.uk

www.issuk.org.uk

NCH (formerly National Children's Homes)

NCH Family Placement Adviser, NCH Central Office, Operations Department, 85

Highbury Park, London N5 1UD

Advice line: 0845 3555533

www.nchafc.org.uk

**National Organisation for the Counselling of Adoptees and their Parents
(NORCAP)**

112 Church Road, Wheatley, Oxfordshire OX33 1LU

Tel: 01865 875000

Fax: 01865 875686

www.norcap.org.uk

Supports adults affected by adoption.

National and Regional Organisations: Scotland

Barnardo's Scottish Adoption Advice Service (West Scotland only)

16 Sandyford Place, Glasgow G3 7NB

Advice line: 0141 339 0772

Birth Link

Family Care, 21 Castle Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3DN

Tel: 0131 225 6441

Fax: 0131 225 6478

Email: acrform@birthlink.org.uk

www.birthlink.org.uk

Operates the Adoption Contact Register for adoptees aged 16 and over and birth relatives.

Scottish Adoption Association (East Scotland only)

2 Commercial Street, Edinburgh EH6 6JA

Tel: 0131 553 5060

Post Adoption Central Support (PACS)

Rena Phillips, PACS Co-ordinator

Tel: 01259 781 545

Email: renaphillips@hotmail.com

www.postadoptioncentralsupport.org

Group for Adopted People (GAP) (Central Scotland)

Jan Morris, GAP Co-ordinator

Rock Community Project, The Rock Centre, 1st Floor, 61-63 Murray Place, Stirling, FK8 1AP

Tel: 01786 850733

Email: gapscotland@yahoo.co.uk

A group run by and for adopted people that is funded by Stirling, Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Councils.

National and Regional Organisations: Northern Ireland and Ireland

ADOPT – Northern Ireland

VSB, The Peskett Centre, 2/2a Windsor Road, Belfast BT9 FFQ

Tel: 0289 038 2353

Adopted People's Association

27 Templeview Green, Clare Hill, Dublin 13, Ireland

Tel: (01) 867 4033

Email: info@adoptionireland.com

www.adoptionireland.com

The Adoption Board

Shelbourne House, Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland

Tel: 00353 1 669 1392

The Adoption Board holds records of all adoptions in Eire.

Barnardo's Adoption Advice Service

Chirstchurch Square, Dublin 8

Tel: 00353 1 453 0355

Confidential advice line: 00353 1454 6388

Church of England Adoption Society

Church of England House, 61–67 Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2QH

Tel: 0289 023 3885

Email: admin@cofiadopt.org.uk

www.cofiadopt.org.uk

Other**Nafsiyat Intercultural Therapy Centre**

262 Holloway Road, Holloway, London N7 6NE.

Tel: 0207 686 8668

www.nafsiyat.org.uk