

Books for Resource and Adoptive Families
Available from the Hawai'i State Public Library System

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This list shows some of the books available at public libraries within the state of Hawai'i. These books can be requested and sent to the library closest to you for pick-up. You can visit www.librarieshawaii.org or visit your local library for assistance.

For Resource Caregivers:

A Child's Journey Through Placement

By Vera Fahlberg, M.D.

Dr. Fahlberg provides the foundation, the resources, and the tools which will help professionals (therapists, social workers, pediatricians, juvenile justice workers, C.A.S.A. volunteers and child advocates), parents (birth, foster and adoptive), and others who care to support children for whom the journey through placement becomes a part of the road to adulthood.

-Adult Nonfiction – 362.73301 FA

Another Place at the Table

By Kathy Harrison

It's the story of life at social services' front lines, centered on three children who, when they come together in Harrison's home, nearly destroy it. It is the frank, first-person story of a woman whose compassionate best intentions for a child are sometimes all that stands between violence and redemption.

-Adult Nonfiction - 362.733 Harrison Ha

Do You Want to Be a Foster Parent?

By Sharon Davis

First person, actual experiences and recommendations by Sharon Davis, a foster mother for 10 years of children from infancy to teen years. Valuable insights offered to help foster parents and those contemplating foster parenting. This is not an governmental, agency type book. Rather it details actual experiences and insights into the care of children who need love and help.

-Social Science & Philosophy – 306.874 DA

Practical Tools for Foster Parents

Edited by Lana Temple-Plotz, Ted P. Stricklett, Christena B. Baker, Michael N. Sterba

Describes foster home care, the different circumstances which may make it necessary for a child to live with foster parents, and potential problems and their solutions.

-Adult Nonfiction - 649.145 Pr

Rebuilding children's lives : a blueprint for Treatment Foster Parents

By Ray V. Burke, Ron W. Herron, Mariam A. Mott, Christena B. Baker (Editor)

This book is used by Girls and Boys Town to train foster parents who care for children who have challenging behavioral problems, are learning disabled, have suffered abuse, or have been diagnosed with psychiatric problems. It's packed with information, step-by-step techniques, and suggestions helpful to anyone caring for foster children, especially those with troubled backgrounds.

-Adult Nonfiction - 362.733 Re

They're all my children : foster mothering in America

By Danielle F. Wozniak.

Written from foster mothers' perspectives, this book voices the often painful experiences of contemporary U.S. foster mothers as they struggle to mother and care-work in the face of exploitative social relations with the state.

-Social Science & Philosophy- 362.733 Wo

For Children/Youth About Foster Care:

Adam and Eve and Pinch-me

By Julie Johnston

Fifteen-year-old Sara Moone, abandoned at birth shunted from one foster home to another, finds that she cannot remain aloof from her latest family.

J -- Juvenile Fiction - J

Everything on a Waffle

by Polly Horvath

Eleven-year-old Primrose living in a small fishing village in British Columbia recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.

J - Juvenile Fiction – Horvath

Everything you need to know about living in a foster home

By Joe Falke

Gives examples of teenagers who have been sent to live with foster families, detailing some of the reasons for needing foster care, what to expect, and how to make the necessary adjustments.

YA – Nonfiction - 362.73 F

Finding Katie : the diary of Anonymous, a teenager in foster care

Edited by Beatrice Sparks

Katie is always surrounded by wealth, but feels terribly alone because of the secret horror of her angry, abusive father. When she's thrown out of her house and put into foster care, it seems like the end of the world. But as she moves through the foster care system, she begins to realize that she can help others. Can she, at last, find courage and strength of her own?

YA -- Nonfiction – 362.733 Fi

Foster families

By Jeanne Barmat

Describes foster home care, the different circumstances which may make it necessary for a child to live with foster parents, and potential problems and their solutions.

J -- Juvenile Closed Stacks – 362.73 B

Ginger goes on a diet

By S.P. Williams

As she tries to help a cat get used to new surroundings, a young girl begins to adjust to her new foster home.

J -- Juvenile Closed Stacks

Let's talk about foster homes

By Elizabeth Weitzman

Explains why one goes to a foster home, who foster parents are, what to do if things don't work out, and other matters regarding foster care.

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction 362.733 We

One True Friend

By Joyce Hansen

Fourteen-year-old orphan Amir, living in Syracuse, exchanges letters with his friend Doris, still living in their old Bronx neighborhood, in which they share their lives and give each other advice on friendship, family, foster care, and making decisions.

-YA -- Fiction – Hansen

Returnable girl

By Pamela Lowell

Friendship with an outcast classmate and memories of her mother's desertion interfere with the relationship thirteen-year-old Ronnie tries to establish with her new foster mother.

-YA – Fiction – Lowell

The Blue Girl

By Charles de Lint

While becoming sicker, Glory tries to do the things she and Katie had planned to do in Boston and tries to find her place in her foster home, at school, and with a new friend. (For Grade 9 & up)

-YA Fiction – Lynn

The revolving door stops here

By Wood, Phyllis Anderson.

Seventeen-year-old Eric moves from one foster home to another, always wishing for a family of his own.

-YA -- Fiction – W

Three little words: a memoir

By Ashley Rhodes-Courter

Ashley spent nine years in foster care after being taken away from her mother. She endured many caseworkers, moving from school to school and manipulative, humiliating and abusive treatment from one foster family. See how she survives and eventually thrives against the odds.

- YA -- Nonfiction 362.73309 Rhodes-Courter Rh

What am I doing in a foster home?

By Terri Hunsicker

A comprehensive guide for children in the foster care system to help them cope with the people and places they might encounter. At the end of the book is a section for a child to fill out with his or her own story of foster care memories.

-J - Juvenile Nonfiction - 362.733 Hu

What I call life

By Jill Wolfson.

Placed in a group foster home, eleven-year-old Cal Lavender learns how to cope with life from the four other girls who live there and from their storytelling guardian, the Knitting Lady.

-YA - Fiction – Wolfson

For Adoptive Parents:

A love like no other : stories from adoptive parents

Edited by Pamela Kruger and Jill Smolowe.

Features twenty leading writers, all of them adoptive parents, who share their personal experiences with humor, poignancy, and often searing candor. They include parents of children with special needs, parents who families blend races as well as biological and adopted children, single mothers and gay parents. These parents live in big cities and small towns, have adopted domestically and overseas and have children who range from compliant toddlers to balky teens. With elegant prose and refreshing honesty, these essays will introduce you to families you won't soon forget.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.2734 Lo

Adopting the hurt child: hope for families with special-needs kids: a guide for parents and professionals

By Gregory C. Keck and Regina M. Kupecky.

Learn to heal the trauma in an adopted or foster care child and enable him to love in a healthy way.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.73409 Ke

Adopting your child : options, answers, and actions

By Nancy Thalia Reynolds

This book focuses on the process of adoption; getting from here to there. it's logical organization, resource guide, and tips make it an easy to use tool. Special chapter included for Canadians who want to adopt through the US.

Social Science & Philosophy - 362.73 R

Adoption

By David M. Haugen and Matthew J. Box

Giving up a child for adoption – Choosing to adopt – Adoptee experiences – Searching for a reuniting with birth mothers – Organizations to contract.

YA -- Non-fiction 362.734 Ad

Adoption

By Mary E. Williams

Opposing Viewpoints.

YA -- Nonfiction – 362.734 Ad

Adoption : a handful of hope

By Suzanne Arms

In a series of case studies—closely observed, personal, and moving—we learn what adoption means to children, to adoptive parents, and especially to women giving up their babies for adoption.

Social Science & Philosophy - 362.73 A

Adoption : choosing it, living it, loving it

By Ray Guarendi

Ray Guarendi, psychologist, husband and father of ten adopted children, considers the most commonly asked adoption questions with insight, humor and a heart for the adoptive family. His aim? To dispel unsettling misperceptions about adoption, to encourage others to think about and act on adoption, and to guide adoptive parents to a more relaxed, rewarding family life for all involved.

Social Science & Philosophy – 362.734 Gu

Adoption : The essential guide to adopting quickly and safely

By Randall Hicks

Induction – Are you ready to adopt? – The fourteen, yes fourteen! Types of adoption – Selecting the right attorney – Independent adoption – Agency adoption – Selecting the right agency – International adoption – Strategies for finding a baby to adopt – A key factor: the power for three – Risky adoption red flags – Working with the doctor and hospital – Legal issues: step-by-step – Finalizing the adoption and post-birth issues – Surrogacy – State-by-state review.

Social Science & Philosophy – 362.73409 Hi

Adoption crisis: the truth behind adoption and foster care

By Carole A. McKelvey and JoEllen Stevens.

McKelvey and Dr. JoEllen Stevens program allows parents and children the greatest possibility of long-term success through post-adoption support systems and assures that the all-important issue of compatibility is addressed before an adoption takes place.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.73 M

Adoption for dummies

By Tracy Barr and Katrina Carlisle.

Get the facts on adoption fees and legal issues.

What to expect every step of the way when adopting a child.

Are you ready to adopt? This reassuring guide walks you through the process, from choosing the right form of adoption and finding an agency to filling out forms, meeting with birthparents, and getting through the waiting period. You get tips on surviving the home study, dealing with family members, and sharing the adoption story with your child.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 Ba

Adoption is a family affair!: what relatives and friends must know

By Patricia Irwin Johnston.

Adoption is a Family Affair! Offers you information about who can adopt, why they consider adopting, how they adopt, how kids understand adoption as they grow up, and more. As it's subtitle makes clear, this short book is crammed full of What Relatives and Friends Must Know in order to welcome a new member of the clan with enthusiasm.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 Jo

Adoptions today: questions and controversies

By Ann E. Weiss

Filled with facts about adoption, past and present, Ann E. Weiss's Adoptions Today weaves together personal testimonies and answer questions relating to present-day adoption. In an unbiased, matter-of-fact way, she examines the history of this very personal and emotional subject and, in the process, explains the laws and regulations that govern adoptions.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 We

Attaching in adoption: practical tools for today's parents

By Deborah D. Gray.

Parents find themselves in uncharted waters when parenting children who are at high-risk for attachment problems. This book is a parenting manual written specifically to describe such children and to offer their parents the best possible strategies for parenting. It is written primarily for parents, providing a one-stop source of practical information about why, when, and how to intervene.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 Gr

Be my baby: parents and children talk about adoption

By Gail Kinn

Told through the voices of adoptive parents, their children-young and grown up-and birth mothers, and accompanied by fifty stunning photographs, *Be My Baby* is a luminous window into the adoptive family. As people who have postponed childbearing, or who have been unable to have children, look for role models and real-life stories, the book shows them how well adoptive families work. Indeed, *Be My Baby* captures, with grace, insight, and emotion, the deeply felt bonds and life-affirming experiences that are at the heart of raising an adoptive family-or any family for that matter.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 Ki

Becoming a family: promoting healthy attachments with your adopted child

By Lark Eshleman.

When a child is permanently separated from his or her parents at a very young age, healthy attachment-that sense of trust in the steady, reliable care of a parent figure-may be disrupted. BECOMING A FAMILY will help adoptive parents recognize and respond to the signs of broken attachment.

Adult Nonfiction – 362.734 Es

Cross-cultural adoption: how to answer questions from family, friends, and community

By Amy Coughlin and Caryn Abramowitz

Written as a guidebook for adult relatives and friends of adoptive families, this book puts the power of information where kids seek it most--in the mouths of their parents and caregivers.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.73409 Co

Dim sum, bagels, and grits: a sourcebook for multicultural families

By Myra Alperson.

Guides adoptive parents (and parents-to-be) on the journey toward creating a family that represents more than one culture.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 Al

Hawaii adoption manual

Editor-in-chief, John Bryant, Jr.; co-editor, Laurie A. Loomis

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Ideal adoption: a comprehensive guide to forming an adoptive family

By Shirley C. Samuels.

A comprehensive guide to forming an adoptive family. Drawing on interviews, hands-on clinical experience, and writings in the field, the author brings a wealth of current information to prospective adoptive parents, adult adoptees, birth parents, attorneys, judges, and lawmakers.

Social Science & Philosophy - 362.73 S

Is adoption for you?: the information you need to make the right choice

By Christine Adamec

An essential resource for anyone considering adoption. Millions consider adoption each year, but the decision to adopt poses a host of complex questions for potential parents, particularly if spouses disagree. Are you sure you are ready to adopt? What are the issues concerning adopting a child of a different race? How is adoptive parenting unique? What are the implications of adopting an older child or a child with a disability? Christine Adamec, an adoptive mother and adoption expert, answers all of these questions and more, helping parents determine whether or not to adopt.

Social Science & Philosophy - 362.73409 AD

Issues in adoption

Book editor, William Dudley

Adoption as practiced in the United States raises profound personal questions for those involved as well as broader social issues. The needs and wants of biological parents, adoptive parents, and children can often clash. This anthology features both the views of social policy experts and people intimately involved in adoption.

Social Science & Philosophy - 362.734 Is

May the circle be unbroken: an intimate journey into the heart of adoption

By Lynn C. Franklin with Elizabeth Ferber

A full range of adoption issues is covered in this memoir by an advocate of open adoptions.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.73409 Fr

Parenting your adopted older child: how to overcome the unique challenges and raise a happy and healthy child

By Brenda McCreight.

This comprehensive guide by an adoption expert provides specific parenting strategies for the growing number of people who adopt children over two years old. Parents learn to identify their child's needs, meet such challenges as aggressive behavior and attention deficit disorder, and create a sense of belonging.

Adult Nonfiction - 649.145 Mc

The adoption option: a practical handbook for prospective adoptive parents

By Kalynn George

Adoption.

Adult Nonfiction – 362.73

The adoption option complete handbook, 2000-2001

By Christine Adamec.

Adopting a child is a complicated, often difficult, process. But the end result makes it all worthwhile. *The Adoption Option Complete Handbook* gives you everything you need to know to adopt—and answers questions you might be afraid to ask. This comprehensive guide, enhanced with articles from well-known adoption professionals, details a myriad of adoption resources available in the U.S., Canada, and abroad. Whether you've already adopted or are considering adopting for the first time.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 Ad

The adoption resource book

By Lois Gilman

This practical, wise, and encouraging book contains all the information a couple or an individual needs to investigate adoption alternatives, arrange for and complete a successful adoption, and raise an adoptive family. Beginning with a broad overview of options for both domestic and foreign adoption, the author provides details about agencies, home studies, paperwork, and legal issues. Also covered are procedures for agency and independent adoptions as well as concerns about inter-country adoption, special-needs children, preparing for child's arrival, and longer term questions about the impact of adoption on your family over the years.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 Gi

The adoption reunion survival guide: preparing yourself for the search, reunion, and beyond

By Julie Jarrell Bailey & Lynn N. Giddens

For the adopted person or birth mother, times of reflection can lead to something other than moving on. Sometimes, we end up being stuck in the past, replaying scenarios over and over again with no conclusion or hope of closure. Some of us become prisoners of our past, serving life sentences with little hope for parole, waiting for a pardon to be issued by someone we've never met.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 Ba

The adoption sourcebook: a complete guide to the complex legal, financial, and emotional maze of adoption

By Cheryl Jones

Adopting a child should be a joyous and rewarding experience, but the road to a successful adoption can be riddled with obstacles. The Adoption Sourcebook provides the answers to the legal, financial, and emotional issues families must address to ensure a smooth adoption.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.73409 Jo

The complete adoption book: everything you need to know to adopt a child

By Laura Beauvais-Godwin and Raymond Godwin.

Whether you choose to pursue independent, agency, or international adoption, The Complete Adoption Book is the most comprehensive and authoritative adoption book you can use to guide you through the process – from deciding if adoption is right for you to budgeting your expenses and interviewing birth mothers.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.73409 Be

The complete idiot's guide to adoption

By Christine Adamec

The complete idiot's guide to adoption makes the adoption process easy. In sensitive, straightforward language, adoption expert Chris Adamec shows you how to prepare for adoption, survive the adoption process, and raise a happy, healthy adopted child.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 Ad

The encyclopedia of adoption

By Christine Adamec, William L. Pierce.

Provides information on the social, legal, economic, psychological, and political aspects of adoption.

R -- Social Science & Phil. - 362.734 Ad

The family of adoption

By Joyce Maguire Pavao.

Demonstrates that there are predictable and understandable developmental stages and challenges for all adopted people.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.734 Pa

The open adoption experience: a complete guide for adoptive and birth families--from making the decision through the child's growing years

By Lois Ruskai Melina and Sharon Kaplan Roszia

Two leading experts provide an authoritative and reassuring guide to the issues and concerns of adoptive and birth families through all stages of the open adoption relationship.

Social Science & Philosophy - 362.73 M

The Penguin adoption handbook: a guide to creating your new family

By Edmund Blair Bolles

Over the past twenty-five years, adoption in America has evolved significantly. An enormous bureaucracy of regulations and procedures has arisen, many traditional restrictions have been eliminated, and a confusing - but welcome - range of options for prospective parents has opened up.

Social Science & Philosophy - 362.73 B

The post-adoption blues: overcoming the unforeseen challenges of adoption

By Karen J. Foli, John R. Thompson.

Over 150,000 people adopt children each year, and more than 2 million parents are now raising adopted children and grandchildren. While the path to parenting through adoption is rich with rewards and fulfillment, it's not without its bumps. This compassionate, illuminating, and ultimately uplifting book is the first to openly recognize the very normal feelings of stress that adoptive families encounter as they cope with the challenges and expectations of their new families.

Adult Nonfiction - 362.73401 Fo

Twenty things adopted kids wish their adoptive parents knew

By Sherrie Eldridge

Filled with powerful insights from children, parents, and experts in the field, plus practical strategies and case histories that will ring true for every adoptive family. Twenty things adopted kids wish their adoptive parents knew is an invaluable guide to the complex emotions that take up residence within the heart of the adopted child-and within the adoptive home.

Adult Nonfiction – 362.734 El

For Children/Youth About Adoption:

A forever family

By Roslyn Banish with Jennifer Jordan-Wong.

Eight-year-old Jennifer Jordan-Wong describes her adoption by a family after four years of living as a foster child with many different families.

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction - 362.73 B

A mother for Choco

By Keiko Kasza

A lonely little bird named Choco goes in search of a mother.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – Ka

A new Barker in the house

By Tomie dePaola

Twins Moffie and Morgie are excited when they hear that their family is adopting a three-year-old Hispanic boy.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – De

Adopted

By Judith E. Greenberg and Helen H. Carey

As both she and her new little brother are adopted, Sarah's mother, father, and grandfather explain what adoption and being part of a family are all about.

J – Juvenile - 362.73 G

Adoption

By Fred Rogers

Discusses what it means to be part of a family and examines some feelings that adopted children may have.

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction - 362.7 R

Adoption

By Gail B. Stewart

Discusses the processes by which people can adopt, who adopts, sources for adoptive children, and other aspects of adoption as seen from both children's and parents' sides

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction - 362.73 S

Adoption: the facts, feelings, and issues of a double heritage

By Jeanne Du Prau.

Discusses the legal and emotional aspects of the adoption process and examines the current movement for giving the adoptee free access to the records concerning his or her origin. Lists sources to consult if searching for one's birth parents

YA – Nonfiction - 362.73 D

Adoption and foster care

By Kathlyn Gay.

Describes how these placement systems work and reveals the feelings of young people who find homes through adoption and foster care.

YA – Nonfiction - 362.7 G

Adoption is for always

By Linda Walvoord Girard

Although Celia reacts to having been adopted with anger and insecurity, her parents help her accept her feelings and celebrate their love for her by making her adoption day a family holiday. Includes factual information about the adoption process

E -- Easy/Picture Books – G

Adoption stories for young children

By Randall B. Hicks

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction - 362.734 Hi

All about adoption: how families are made & how kids feel about it

By Marc Nemiroff and Jane Annunziata

Using simple language, this book describes the stages of the adoption process and discusses complex feelings commonly felt by adopted children.

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction - 362.734 Ne

All about adoption: how to deal with the questions of your past

By Anne Lanchon

Adopted or not, you're a teen like everyone else...

Being an adolescent is jam-packed with challenges-friendships, love, peer pressure, dating, and family issues-but when you're adopted, your family issues might seem a bit more complicated.

Using personal testimonials and a hip, reassuring advice-style, All About Adoption helps kids understand the questions and concerns they might have about their birth history...All About Adoption reassures adopted kids that they are not alone.

YA – Nonfiction - 649.145 La

Beginnings : how families come to be

By Virginia L. Kroll

Parents and children discuss how their families came to be, covering birth families, adoptive families, two-parent families, and single-parent families.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – K

Being adopted

By Maxine B. Rosenberg

Several young children recount their experiences as adopted members of their families.

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction - 362.7 R

Everything you need to know about being adopted

By Laura Kaminker

YA – Nonfiction - 362.734 Ka

God found us you

By Lisa Tawn Bergren

When Little Fox asks his mother to tell his favorite story, Mama Fox recounts the day he arrived in her life, from God to her arms.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – Be

Growing up adopted

By Maxine B. Rosenberg

Fourteen adoptees of various ages describe their experiences and feelings about being adopted and their relationships with their adopted and, in some cases, their birth families.

YA – Nonfiction - 362.73 R

Happy Adoption Day!

Lyrics by John McCutcheon

Parents celebrate the day on which they adopted their child and continue to reassure the new addition to their family that it is wanted, loved, and very special

E -- Easy/Picture Books - MC

Heart of mine: a story of adoption

By Dan Hojer and Lotta Hojer.

A couple excitedly makes the trip to meet their newly adopted daughter, Tu Thi. Color illustrations accompany the text.

E -- Easy/Picture Books - Ho

Horace

By Holly Keller.

Horace, an adopted child, realizes that being part of a family depends on how you feel and not how you look.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – K

How I was adopted : Samantha's story

By Joanna Cole

A young girl tells the story of how she came to be her parents' child through adoption.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – C

Look who's adopted!

By Michael S. Taheri and James F. Orr

Using the theme of a turtle being adopted by a family of rabbits, this book's intent is to help explain to an adopted child that being adopted does not either limit his or her potential or lessen his or her responsibilities as a person.

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction - 362.734 Ta

Lucy's family tree

By Karen Halvorsen Schreck

Lucy, an adopted child from Mexico, is convinced that her family background is too complicated for her to make the family tree she is supposed to create for a homework assignment.

J -- Juvenile Fiction – Sc

Megan's birthday tree: a story about open adoption

By Laurie Lears

Every year on Megan's birthday, her birth mother, Kendra, sends a picture of the tree she planted the day Megan was born, so when Kendra decides to get married and move to a new house, Megan worries that she will be forgotten.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – Le

Motherbridge of Love

By Josee Masse

A poem to explain birth parents and adoptive parents to an adopted child.

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction – 811.6 Ma

My family is forever

By Nancy Carlson

A young girl recounts how she came to be part of an adoptive family.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – Carlson

My new family: a first look at adoption

By Pat Thomas

Explains adoption, the feelings of insecurity that such a situation may cause, and the nature of biological parents, adoptive parents, and foster parents.

J -- Juvenile, Parent Shelf 362.734 Th

Our Twitchy

By Kes Gray and Mary McQuillan

A little bunny named Twitchy discovers that there's something special about his family: he was adopted by a cow and a horse.

E -- Easy/Picture Books - E Gr

Real for sure sister

By Ann Angel

A racially mixed family of adopted siblings prepares for the arrival of a biracial baby named Stevi.

J -- Juvenile Fiction – A

Sam's sister

By Juliet C. Bond

Five-year-old Rosa becomes a big sister to a baby boy for whom their mother plans an open adoption because she cannot properly care for another child.

J -- Juvenile Fiction – Bond

So you're adopted

By Fred Powledge

Examines the personal concerns and questions that sometimes trouble adopted youngsters and their families. Also discusses the social and legal aspects of adoption.

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction - 362.73 P

Tell me again about the night I was born

By Jamie Lee Curtis

A young girl asks her parents to tell her again the cherished family story of her birth and adoption.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – Cu

The boy who wanted a family

By Shirley Gordon

Explores the hopes, fears, and experiences of a young boy and his new mom during the one-year waiting period before he can be legally adopted

J -- Juvenile Fiction – G

The day we met you

By Phoebe Koehler

Mom and Dad recount the exciting day when they adopted their baby.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – K

The handle and the key

By John Neufeld

When Dan, a foster child who has lived in many homes in his short life, is adopted, he has a hard time believing that his new family is really permanent.

J -- Juvenile Fiction – Neufeld

The lamb-a-roo

By Diana Kimpton

When motherless Lamb and childless Kangaroo find and adopt each other, they come to realize that their awkward differences are not nearly as important as their love for each other.

E -- Easy New Books - Kimpton

The little green goose

By Adele Sansone

Mr. Goose finds an abandoned egg, hatches it, and raises a peculiar green-skinned long-tailed chick, who worries about his identity but comes to recognize that he has a loving parent.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – Sa

Tides

By V.M. Caldwell

While spending the summer with her new siblings and cousins at their grandmother's house by the ocean, Elizabeth begins to feel that she belongs to her adoptive family.

J – Juvenile Fiction - Caldwell

We wanted you

By Liz Rosenberg

Parents tell how they waited and prepared for the child that they wanted so much.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – Ro

You're not my real mother

By Molly Friedrich

After an adoptive mother tells her daughter all the reasons that she is her “real mother,” the young girl realizes that her mother is right, even though they do not look alike.

E -- Easy/Picture Books – Fr

Other Related Books**A Child Called “it”; and, The lost boy: one child's courage to survive**

By Dave Pelzer

The story of Dave Pelzer, whose mother no longer considered him a son, but a slave; and no longer a boy but an “it.” Dave had nothing and no one to turn to, but his dreams kept him alive – dreams of someone taking care of him, loving him and calling him their son. This compelling story will awaken you to the truth about child abuse – and the ability we all have to make a difference.

Adult Nonfiction – 362.76092 Pe

A man named Dave: A story of triumph and forgiveness

By David Pelzer

A follow-up to *A Child Called "It"* and *The Lost Boy*, which detailed the abuse Pelzer endured as a child, he explains how he grew beyond it. After Dave is rescued, his life remains haunted by memories of his years as the bruised and cowering "It." Desperately trying to make something of his life, Dave was determined to weather every setback and gain strength from adversity.

Adult Nonfiction – 362.76092 Pelzer Pe

Family wanted: stories of adoption

Edited by Sara Holloway

A powerful collection of pieces by writers on adoption, from all three sides of the issue: writers who are adopted, those who have given up children for adoption, and those who have adopted. There are very modern stories of international adoption: from China, Chile, Thailand, Russia and Mali. And also stories about the outdated morality of 1950s and 1960s, when many young women were forced to give up their children.

Adult Nonfiction – 362.73409 Fa

Fostering and adoption

By Sarah Leveté

Examines the challenges that go along with being fostered or adopted.

J -- Juvenile Nonfiction – 362.73 Le

Invisible Threads

By Annie Dalton and Maria Dalton

At the age of sixteen, shy introverted Naomi makes a harrowing adult decision about the future of her baby daughter. Sixteen years later, Carrie faces painful challenges of her own. These two very different girls from two different generations are linked only by the invisible threads of DNA, but as their stories unfold, moving parallels as well as differences between their experiences emerge, lending unusual honesty and force to this compelling novel.

YA -- Fiction - Dalton

It happened to me: a teen's guide to overcoming sexual abuse

By Wm. Lee Carter.

At least one in four girls and one in seven boys endure some form of sexual abuse. Written by a psychologist who works with sexually abused teens, this resource helps young adults reflect on what happened, examine its impact on their lives, and begin to develop healthy relationships.

YA – Nonfiction – 616.85836 Ca

The boy who was raised as a dog : and other stories from a child psychiatrist's notebook : what traumatized children can teach us about loss, love, and healing

By Bruce D. Perry and Maia Szalavitz

A world-renowned child psychiatrist takes us inside his pioneering work with trauma victims to offer a groundbreaking new perspective on how stress and violence affect children's brains-and how they can be helped to heal.

Adult Nonfiction – 618.9289 Pe

The Lost Boy: A foster child's search for the love of a family

By David Pelzer

As a child, Dave Pelzer was brutally beaten and starved by his mother. The world knew nothing of his living nightmare and he had nothing and no one to turn to. But his dreams kept him alive – dreams of someone taking care of him, loving him and calling him their son. Finally, his horrific plight could no longer be hidden from the outside world and Dave's life radically changed. The Lost Boy is the harrowing – but ultimately uplifting – true story of a boy's journey through the foster-care system in search of a family to love. The continuation of Dave Pelzer's story is a moving sequel and inspirational read for all.

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The Privilege of Youth: A Teenager's Story of Longing for Acceptance and Friendship

By Dave Pelzer

From *A Child Called "It"* to *The Lost Boy*, from *A Man Named Dave* to *Help Yourself*, Dave Pelzer's inspirational books have helped countless others triumph over hardship and misfortune. In *The Privilege of Youth*, he supplies the missing chapter of his life: as a boy on the threshold of adulthood. With his usual sensitivity and insight, he recounts the relentless taunting he endured from bullies; but he also describes the joys of learning and the thrill of making his first real friends-some of whom he still shares close relationships with today. He writes about the simple pleasures of exploring a neighborhood he was just beginning to get to know while trying to forget the hell waiting for him at home.

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When your child has been molested: a parents' guide to healing and recovery

By Kathryn Brohl with Joyce Case Potter

This is the thoroughly revised and updated edition of the best-selling guide for families of children who have been molested. First published in 1988, this new edition includes current research and information on the nature and effects of molestation on boys and girls, as well as proven techniques for therapy, healing, and recovery. Using everyday language, the authors provide information, comfort, and advice on how to put the pieces back together again after a child has been sexually molested.

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