



Tapestry Reading & Resource List

Books for Adults

A Love Like No Other: Stories from Adoptive Parents, edited by Pamela Kruger and Jill Smolowe (Comment: A diverse collection of stories that cover many different facets and perspectives of adoption)

A Treasury of Adoption Miracles, Karen Kingsbury

Adoption is a Family Affair! – What Friends and Family Must Know, Patricia Irwin Johnston (Comment: Excellent adoption resource for educating and preparing and family and friends)

Attaching in Adoption, Deborah D. Gray

Before You Were Mine: Discovering Your Adopted Child's Lifestory, Susan TeBos and Carissa Woodwyk

Cross-Cultural Adoption: How to Answer Questions from Family, Friends and Community, Amy Coughlin & Caryn Abramowitz

Dear Birthmother, Kathleen Silber & Phylis Speedlin

Fields of the Fatherless, C. Thomas Davis (Comment: An insightful and challenging book that reminds us of God's heart for the least among us)

Free of Charge, Miroslav Volf (Comment: Not an "adoption book," although an excellent book about grace and giving. Volf is an adoptive father and writes poignantly about his adoption experience in the opening chapter. An excellent read.)

I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla, Marguerite Wright (Comment: Excellent book about race and how (and when) kids understand various concepts about race. A must-read for all transracial families.)

In Their Own Voices: Transracial Adoptees Tell Their Stories, Rita J. Simon & Rhonda M. Roorda

Inside Transracial Adoption, Gail Steinberg & Beth Hall (Comment: Terrific overview of the issues facing families who have adopted transracially)

Life Givers, James Gritter (Comment: An excellent book that looks at adoption from the birth parent's experience.)

The Power of a Positive Mom, Karol Ladd (Comment: While not an "adoption book," this book contains valuable insights for all moms (and moms-to-be).)

Raising Adopted Children, Lois Ruskai Melina (Comment: Practical advice on a wide range of adoption topics)

Real Parents, Real Children: Parenting the Adopted Child, Holly van Gulden and Lisa M. Bartels-Rabb (Comment: Detailed information regarding the various developmental stages of adopted children)

Secret Thoughts of An Adoptive Mother, Jana Wolff (Comment: A very honest account by one adoptive mother, but may be off-putting to some readers)

Secure in God's Embrace, Ken Fong (Comment: A wonderful little book that looks at God's love through the lens of the biblical theme of adoption)

Talking with Young Children About Adoption, Mary Watkins and Susan Fisher

The Adoption Option Complete Handbook, Christine Adamec

The Complete Adoption Book, Laura Beauvais-Godwin & Raymond Godwin

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Adoption, Christine Adamec (Comment: Great book for people just beginning to consider adoption)

The Connected Child, Karyn B. Purvis, David R. Cross and Wendy Lyons Sunshine (Comment: Written by a research team (Purvis and Cross, who lead the Institute of Child Development at TCU), this book is a must read for every adoptive parent)

The Essential Adoption Handbook, Colleen Alexander-Roberts

The Open Adoption Experience, Lois Ruskai Melina & Sharon Kaplan Roszia

The Spirit of Adoption, Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner (Comment: Written by an academic theologian, this book is filled with inspiring personal stories and unique insights into the theological implications and parallels of adoption; somewhat academic in its overall approach)

The Ultimate Gift, Mike & Annie Sheaffer

There is No Me Without You, Melissa Fay Greene

Toddler Adoption: The Weaver's Craft, Mary Hopkins-Best (Comment: Widely regarded as one of the best books available that deals specifically with toddler adoption)

Books for Children

A is for Adopted, Eileen Tucker Cosby

Adoption Stories for Young Children, Randall B. Hicks

All Kinds of Children, Norma Simon

Child of Destiny: Matthew Was Adopted, Phoebe Dawson

Come Along Daisy, Jane Simmons

Daisy and the Egg, Jane Simmons

Families are Forever, Craig Shemin

I Don't Have Your Eyes, Carrie A. Kitze

It's OK to Be Different, Todd Parr

Little Miss Spider, David Kirk

Love You Forever, Robert Munsch

My Adopted Child, There's No One Like You, Kevin Leman

My Special Family: A Children's Book About Open Adoption, Kathleen Silber and Debra Marks Parelskin

Over the Moon, Karen Katz

Rosie's Family, Lori Rosove

Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born, Jamie Lee Curtis

The Day We Met You, Phoebe Koehler

The Skin You Live In, Michael Tyler

The Whole Me, Ellen K. Baron

Twice Upon A Time, Eleanora Patterson

Shaoey and Dot: Bug Meets Bundle, Mary Beth and Stephen Curtis Chapman

We Wanted You, Liz Rosenberg and Peter Catalanotto

We're Different, We're the Same, Bobbi Jane Kates

When You Were Born in Korea, Brian Boyd

W.I.S.E. Up Powerbook (For Children Who Were Adopted), The Center for Adoption Support and Education (www.adoptionsupport.org) (Comment: An excellent resource to help empower your kids to know and be able to answer (or not answer) questions about their family and their adoption. Highly recommended for all adoptive families with school aged children.)

W.I.S.E. Up Powerbook (For Children in Foster Care), The Center for Adoption Support and Education (www.adoptionsupport.org) (Comment: Similar to the original W.I.S.E. Up Powerbook for children who were adopted, this resource (due out in November 2008) will be a great way to help talk with and empower children in foster care to better understand, accept and handle their story.)

See generally Tapestry Books (www.tapestrybooks.com) for adoption-related books for all ages.

Magazines

Adoptive Families Magazine (www.adoptivefamilies.com) (Comment: The leading adoption magazine; excellent magazine and website for articles and information on a wide range of adoption-related topics)

Adoption Today (www.adoptinfo.net)

Fostering Families Today (www.fosteringfamielstoday.com)

Internet Sites

www.adopting.com – general adoption website

www.adoption.com – general adoption website

www.adoptionsupport.org – The Center for Adoption Support and Education (CASE)

www.adoptivedads.org – adoption and foster care website specifically for dads and dads-to-be

www.adoptivefamilies.com/foster – a wide variety of articles and stories about foster care and families adopting from foster care

www.child.tcu.edu/index.htm – (TCU's Institute of Child Development) a research institute led by Drs. Karyn Purvis and David Cross (authors of *The Connected Child*) that focuses on the needs of adopted and at-risk children and successful parenting techniques to help children heal and thrive

www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/index.cfm - (formerly known as the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse) a U.S. government website that provides a variety of general information on all aspects of domestic and intercountry adoption, including adoption from foster care

www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.org – adoption information and resources provided by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, focusing specifically on adoptions of children in America's foster care system

www.howtoadopt.org – an adoption education site sponsored by Shaohannah's Hope (an adoption organization begun by Mary Beth and Stephen Curtis Chapman)

www.pactadopt.org – deals exclusively with transracial and transethnic adoption issues; PACT's adoption book guide, however, is a great resource for virtually every adoption book ever published (including children's adoption books)

[www.dfps.state.tx.us/Adoption and Foster Care/About Adoption and Foster Care/default.asp](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Adoption%20and%20Foster%20Care/About%20Adoption%20and%20Foster%20Care/default.asp) – information about foster care and adoption opportunities for children under the care of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services; this site also contains information about hundreds of Texas children who are currently waiting to be adopted

Tapestry Resources

You can find a variety of adoption and foster care related resources on the Tapestry website at www.irvingbible.org/index.php?id=1583. You can also find many stories from Tapestry families at www.irvingbible.org/index.php?id=1521.

***Disclaimer:** We trust that these resources will be helpful to you, but obviously neither we nor Irving Bible Church necessarily agree with or endorse every idea and opinion contained in them. We trust that you will use your judgment and discernment as you read and consider these and any other adoption and foster care resources. In addition, we are always available to discuss any questions that you might have, so please do not hesitate to contact Amy or Michael Monroe at tapestry@irvingbible.org or (972) 315-9628.*