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*Children Belong in Families* Mick

Pease 2018-11-07 For too long, the world's lonely and vulnerable

children have been forgotten and ignored. Millions of children are abandoned for a life on the streets or live with unsafe families or in soulless institutions. Now the tide is turning. Pioneers like Mick Pease and his remarkable charity SFAC lead a global movement for change. This insightful and uplifting book takes us on a journey that spans three decades and five continents. We meet judges and social workers, missionaries and aid workers, the children and families themselves. Mick asks tough questions, such as: Would you want your children in a safe family or in an institution? Would you want them to belong to something or to someone? He offers proven solutions for children separated from their families in widely different societies, from the

hills of Myanmar to the sprawling cities of Brazil. SFAC supports measures to keep children in their families and communities or to find safe alternatives where this is not possible. The key is always the best interests of the child. It is an extraordinary journey from the Yorkshire coalfields to advocacy and influence in the corridors of power. It offers practical wisdom and a hope for the future.

*To Save the Children of Korea* Arissa H. Oh 2015-06-17 *To Save the Children of Korea* is the first book about the origins and history of international adoption. Although it has become a commonplace practice in the United States, we know very little about how or why it began, or how or why it developed into the practice that we see today. Arissa Oh argues that

international adoption began in the aftermath of the Korean War. First established as an emergency measure through which to evacuate mixed-race "GI babies," it became a mechanism through which the Korean government exported its unwanted children: the poor, the disabled, or those lacking Korean fathers. Focusing on the legal, social, and political systems at work, this book shows how the growth of Korean adoption from the 1950s to the 1980s occurred within the context of the neocolonial U.S.-Korea relationship, and was facilitated by crucial congruencies in American and Korean racial thought, government policies, and nationalisms. It also argues that the international adoption industry played an important but unappreciated part in the so-called Korean

"economic miracle." Korean adoption served as a kind of template as international adoption began, in the late 1960s, to expand to new sending and receiving countries. Ultimately, Oh demonstrates that although Korea was not the first place that Americans adopted from internationally, it was the place where organized, systematic international adoption was born. **The SAGE Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood Studies** Daniel Thomas Cook 2020-04-20 The SAGE Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood Studies navigates our understanding of the historical, political, social and cultural dimensions of childhood. Transdisciplinary and transnational in content and scope, the Encyclopedia both reflects and enables the wide range of approaches,

fields and understandings that have been brought to bear on the ever-transforming problem of the “child” over the last four decades This four-volume encyclopedia covers a wide range of themes and topics, including: Social Constructions of Childhood Children’s Rights Politics/Representations/Geographies Child-specific Research Methods Histories of Childhood/Transnational Childhoods Sociology/Anthropology of Childhood Theories and Theorists Key Concepts This interdisciplinary encyclopedia will be of interest to students and researchers in:

- Childhood Studies
- Sociology/Anthropology
- Psychology/Education Social Welfare
- Cultural Studies/Gender
- Studies/Disability Studies
- Philanthropic Discourse in Anglo-*

*American Literature, 1850–1920* Frank Q. Christianson 2017-10-19 “Offers . . . a clearer insight into the scope and function of philanthropy in political and private life and the impacts that women writers and activists had.” –Edith Wharton Review From the mid-nineteenth century until the rise of the modern welfare state in the early twentieth century, Anglo-American philanthropic giving gained an unprecedented measure of cultural authority as it changed in kind and degree. Civil society took on the responsibility for confronting the adverse effects of industrialism, and transnational discussions of poverty, urbanization, and women’s work, and sympathy provided a means of understanding and debating social reform. While philanthropic institutions left a transactional

record of money and materials, philanthropic discourse yielded a rich corpus of writing that represented, rationalized, and shaped these rapidly industrializing societies, drawing on and informing other modernizing discourses including religion, economics, and social science. Showing the fundamentally transatlantic nature of this discourse from 1850 to 1920, the authors gather a wide variety of literary sources that crossed national and colonial borders within the Anglo-American range of influence. Through manifestos, fundraising tracts, novels, letters, and pamphlets, they piece together the intellectual world where philanthropists reasoned through their efforts and redefined the public sector.

**From Intercountry Adoption to Global Surrogacy** Karen Smith Rotabi  
2016-12-12 Intercountry adoption has undergone a radical decline since 2004 when it reached a peak of approximately 45,000 children adopted globally. Its practice had been linked to conflict, poverty, gender inequality, and claims of human trafficking, ultimately leading to the establishment of the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption (HCIA). This international private law along with the Convention on the Rights of the Child affirm the best interests of the child as paramount in making decisions on behalf of children and families with obligations specifically oriented to safeguards in adoption practices. In 2004, as intercountry adoption peaked and then began a dramatic decline,

commercial global surrogacy contracts began to take off in India. Global surrogacy gained in popularity owing, in part, to improved assisted reproductive technology methods, the ease with which people can make global surrogacy arrangements, and same-sex couples seeking the option to have their own genetically-related children. Yet regulation remains an issue, so much so that the Hague Conference on Private International Law has undertaken research and assessed the many dilemmas as an expert group considers drafting a new law, with some similarities to the HCIA and a strong emphasis on parentage. This ground-breaking book presents a detailed history and applies policy and human rights issues with an emphasis on the best interests of the child within

intercountry adoption and the new conceptions of protection necessary in global surrogacy. To meet this end, voices of surrogate mothers in the US and India ground discourse as authors consider the human rights concerns and policy implications. For both intercountry adoption and global surrogacy, the complexity of the social context anchors the discourse inclusive of the intersections of poverty and privilege. This examination of the inevitable problems is presented at a time in which the pathways to global surrogacy appear to be shifting as the Supreme Court of India weighs in on the future of the industry there while Thailand, Cambodia and other countries have banned the practice all together. There is speculation that countries in Africa and possibly

Central America appear poised to pick up the multi-million dollar industry as the demand for healthy infants continues on.

**T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Ethics** Tobias Winright 2020-12-10 The T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Ethics provides an ecumenical introduction to Christian ethics, its sources, methods, and applications. With contributions by theological ethicists known for their excellence in scholarship and teaching, the essays in this volume offer fresh purchase on, and an agenda for, the discipline of Christian ethics in the 21st century. The essays are organized in three sections, following an introduction that presents the four-font approach and elucidates why it is critically employed through these subsequent

sections. The first section explores the sources of Christian ethics, including each of the four fonts: scripture, tradition, experience, and reason. The second section examines fundamental or basic elements of Christian ethics and covers different methods, approaches, and voices in doing Christian ethics, such as natural law, virtue ethics, conscience, responsibility, narrative, worship, and engagement with other religions. The third section addresses current moral issues in politics, medicine, economics, ecology, criminal justice and other related spheres from the perspective of Christian ethics, including war, genetics, neuroethics, end-of-life decisions, marriage, family, work, sexuality, nonhuman animals, migration, aging, policing,

incarceration, capital punishment, and more.

**Adoption and Multiculturalism** Jenny H Wills 2020-09-04 Adoption and Multiculturalism features the voices of international scholars reflecting transnational and transracial adoption and its relationship to notions of multiculturalism. The essays trouble common understandings about who is being adopted, who is adopting, and where these acts are taking place, challenging in fascinating ways the tidy master narrative of saviorhood and the concept of a monolithic Western receiving nation. Too often the presumption is that the adoptive and receiving country is one that celebrates racial and ethnic diversity, thus making it superior to the conservative and insular places

from which adoptees arrive. The volume's contributors subvert the often simplistic ways that multiculturalism is linked to transnational and transracial adoption and reveal how troubling multiculturalism in fact can be. The contributors represent a wide range of disciplines, cultures, and connections in relation to the adoption constellation, bringing perspectives from Europe (including Scandinavia), Canada, the United States, and Australia. The book brings together the various methodologies of literary criticism, history, anthropology, sociology, and cultural theory to demonstrate the multifarious and robust ways that adoption and multiculturalism might be studied and considered. Edited by three transnational and transracial

adoptees, Adoption and Multiculturalism: Europe, the Americas, and the Pacific offers bold new scholarship that revises popular notions of transracial and transnational adoption as practice and phenomenon.

Five Paths Sid Gardner 2016-05-26  
Five Paths is a companion novel to a nonfiction book published in March 2016: *The Future of the Fifth Child*. Both books are about international child abuse and trafficking. In *Five Paths*, five college students graduate in 2000, inspired by a professor to work in the field of child protection. They adopt different paths in their work, choosing careers in politics, religious agencies, cyberfinance, music therapy, and armed defense of women and children. They bond through their work on

behalf of children and agree to meet every five years and compare notes, becoming closer over the years as the challenges mount in their chosen fields. Some are threatened with violence, while others struggle against political and bureaucratic obstacles. All five work to make a difference for the millions of children who are harmed by abuse, neglect, and international trafficking.

*A Legal History of Adoption in Ontario. 1921-2015* Lori Chambers 2016  
Lori Chambers' fascinating study explores the legal history of adoption in Ontario since the passage of the first statute in 1921. This volume explores a wide range of themes and issues in the history of adoption including: the reasons for the creation of statutory adoption,

the increasing voice of unmarried fathers in newborn adoption, the reasons for movement away from secrecy in adoption, the evolution of step-parent adoption, the adoption of Indigenous children, and the growth of international adoption. Unlike other works on adoption, Chambers focuses explicitly on statutes, statutory debates and the interpretation of statutes in court. In doing so, she concludes that adoption is an inadequate response to child welfare and on its own cannot solve problems regarding child neglect and abuse. Rather, Chambers argues that in order to reform the area of adoption we must first acknowledge that it is built upon social inequalities within and between nations.

Child Migration and Human Rights in a

Global Age Jacqueline Bhabha  
2016-05-17 Why, despite massive public concern, is child trafficking on the rise? Why are unaccompanied migrant children living on the streets and routinely threatened with deportation to their countries of origin? Why do so many young refugees of war-ravaged and failed states end up warehoused in camps, victimized by the sex trade, or enlisted as child soldiers? This book provides the first comprehensive account of the widespread but neglected global phenomenon of child migration, exploring the complex challenges facing children and adolescents who move to join their families, those who are moved to be exploited, and those who move simply to survive. Spanning several continents and drawing on the stories of young

migrants, *Child Migration and Human Rights in a Global Age* provides a comprehensive account of the widespread and growing but neglected global phenomenon of child migration and child trafficking. It looks at the often-insurmountable obstacles we place in the paths of adolescents fleeing war, exploitation, or destitution; the contradictory elements in our approach to international adoption; and the limited support we give to young people brutalized as child soldiers. Part history, part in-depth legal and political analysis, this powerful book challenges the prevailing wisdom that widespread protection failures are caused by our lack of awareness of the problems these children face, arguing instead that our societies have a deep-seated ambivalence to

migrant children—one we need to address head-on. *Child Migration and Human Rights in a Global Age* offers a road map for doing just that, and makes a compelling and courageous case for an international ethics of children's human rights.

**Evangelical News** Anja-Maria Bassimir 2022 Presents, through a thoroughly researched lens, a better understanding of evangelicalism in the late twentieth century and provides a nuanced picture of a religious subculture that is too often reduced to caricature.

**International Adoption** Rebecca Felix 2015 This title examines how international adoption affects individuals and society, investigates how people are working to improve international adoption policies and regulations, and analyzes the

controversies and conflicting viewpoints surrounding the issue. Features include a glossary, selected bibliography, websites, source notes, and an index, plus a timeline and essential facts. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABD0.

**Giving Up Baby** Laury Oaks 2015-06-05  
"Baby safe haven" laws, which allow a parent to relinquish a newborn baby legally and anonymously at a specified institutional location-- such as a hospital or fire station-- were established in every state between 1999 and 2009. Promoted during a time of heated public debate over policies on abortion, sex education, teen pregnancy, adoption, welfare, immigrant reproduction, and

child abuse, safe haven laws were passed by the majority of states with little contest. These laws were thought to offer a solution to the consequences of unwanted pregnancies: mothers would no longer be burdened with children they could not care for, and newborn babies would no longer be abandoned in dumpsters. Yet while these laws are well meaning, they inadequately address the social injustices that compel abandonment for the very small number of girls and women who abandon their newborns. Advocates of safe haven laws target teenagers, women of color and poor women in particular with safe haven information under the assumption that they cannot offer good homes for their children. Laury Oaks argues that the labeling of certain kinds of women as potential "bad" mothers who

should consider anonymously giving up their newborns for adoption into a "loving" home should best be understood as an issue of reproductive justice. Safe haven discourses promote narrow images of who deserves to be a mother and reflect restrictive views on how we should treat women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

**The Philosophical Parent** Jean Kazez 2017-06-01 Becoming parents draws us into philosophical quandaries before our children have even been born. Why do most of us want to have children? Should we make new people, despite life's travails and our crowded world? Is adoptive parenthood just the same as biological parenthood? Once children arrive, the questions start to be a mix of the profound and the practical. Should we share our

lifestyle with our children, no matter how unusual? Should we vaccinate and may we circumcise? Should we encourage gender differences? Tracing the arc of parenthood from the earliest days to the college years and beyond, Jean Kazez explores 18 questions for philosophical parents, applying the tools of philosophy and drawing on personal experience. The Philosophical Parent offers a novel account of the parent-child relationship and uses it to tackle a variety of parenting puzzles, but more than that, Kazez celebrates both having children and philosophical reflection. Her book provides a challenging but cheerful companion for thoughtful parents and parents-to-be.

**Parenting From Afar and the**

## **Reconfiguration of Family Across Distance**

2018-04-09 An increasing number of families around the world are now living apart from one another, subsequently causing the defining and redefining of their relationships, roles within the family unit, and how to effectively maintain a sense of familial cohesion through distance. Edited by Maria Rosario T. de Guzman, Jill Brown, and Carolyn Pope Edwards, *Parenting From Afar and the Reconfiguration of Family Across Distance* uniquely highlights how families--both in times of crisis and within normative cultural practices--organize and configure themselves and their parenting through physical separation. In this volume, readers are given a unique look into the lives of families around the world

that are affected by separation due to a wide range of circumstances including economic migration, fosterage, divorce, military deployment, education, and orphanhood. Contributing authors from the fields of psychology, anthropology, sociology, education, and geography all delve deep into the daily realities of these families and share insight on why they live apart from one another, how families are redefined across long distances, and the impact absence has on various members within the unit. An especially timely volume, *Parenting From Afar and the Reconfiguration of Family Across Distance* offers readers an important understanding and examination of family life in response to social change and shifts in the caregiving context.

**The Child Catchers** Kathryn Joyce  
2013-04-16 When Jessie Hawkins' adopted daughter told her she had another mom back in Ethiopia, Jessie didn't, at first, know what to think. She'd wanted her adoption to be great story about a child who needed a home and got one, and a family led by God to adopt. Instead, she felt like she'd done something wrong. Adoption has long been enmeshed in the politics of reproductive rights, pitched as a "win-win" compromise in the never-ending abortion debate. But as Kathryn Joyce makes clear in *The Child Catchers*, adoption has lately become even more entangled in the conservative Christian agenda. To tens of millions of evangelicals, adoption is a new front in the culture wars: a test of "pro-life" bona fides, a way for born again

Christians to reinvent compassionate conservatism on the global stage, and a means to fulfill the "Great Commission" mandate to evangelize the nations. Influential leaders fervently promote a new "orphan theology," urging followers to adopt en masse, with little thought for the families these "orphans" may already have. Conservative evangelicals control much of that industry through an infrastructure of adoption agencies, ministries, political lobbying groups, and publicly-supported "crisis pregnancy centers," which convince women not just to "choose life," but to choose adoption. Overseas, conservative Christians preside over a spiraling boom-bust adoption market in countries where people are poor and regulations weak, and where hefty

adoption fees provide lots of incentive to increase the "supply" of adoptable children, recruiting "orphans" from intact but vulnerable families. The Child Catchers is a shocking exposé of what the adoption industry has become and how it got there, told through deep investigative reporting and the heartbreaking stories of individuals who became collateral damage in a market driven by profit and, now, pulp command. Anyone who seeks to adopt -- of whatever faith or no faith, and however well-meaning -- is affected by the evangelical adoption movement, whether they know it or not. The movement has shaped the way we think about adoption, the language we use to discuss it, the places we seek to adopt from, and the policies and laws that govern the process. In

The Child Catchers, Kathryn Joyce reveals with great sensitivity and empathy why, if we truly care for children, we need to see more clearly.

*Dochter van de minnares* A M Homes  
2011-11-08 `Ik heb van kindsbeen af één ding over mezelf geweten: ik ben de dochter van de minnares. Mijn moeder was jong en alleenstaand, mijn vader ouder en getrouwd, en hij had kinderen. Toen ik in december 1961 werd geboren, belde een advocaat mijn adoptieouders op en zei: Uw pakje is gearriveerd en er zit een roze strik omheen. Wanneer A.M. Homes in 1992 naar haar ouderlijk huis gaat om met haar familie kerst te vieren, krijgt ze de schrik van haar leven: haar biologische moeder heeft gebeld. A.M. Homes was al voor haar geboorte geadopteerd en nu, na eenendertig

jaar stilte, zoekt de vrouw die haar het leven geschonken heeft contact. Na lang aarzelen spreekt A.M. Homes met haar af. In De dochter van de minnares vertelt ze met meedogenloze precisie over haar ontmoeting met haar biologische ouders en de moeizame, bizarre relatie die ontstaat. Langzaamast past ze de teruggevonden stukjes van haar verleden in elkaar en dat levert een confronterend en soms pijnlijk portret op. Met haar virtuoze talent weet Homes zelfs haar eigen leven te vertalen naar een geestig, markant en diep ontroerend literair meesterwerk.

**Adoption Beyond Borders** Rebecca J. Compton 2016-02-01 International adoptions have decreased dramatically in the last decade, despite robust evidence of the tremendous benefits that early placement in adoptive

families can confer upon children who are not able to remain with birth families. *Adoption Beyond Borders* integrates evidence from a range of disciplines in the social and biological sciences-- including psychology, neuroscience, evolutionary biology, sociology, anthropology, and social work -- to provide a ringing endorsement of international adoption as a viable child welfare option. The author interweaves narrative accounts of her own adoption journey, which involved visiting a Kazakhstani orphanage daily for nearly a year, to illustrate the complexities and implications of the research evidence. Topics include: the effects of institutionalization on children's developing brains, cognitive abilities, and socio-emotional

functioning; the challenges of navigating issues of identity when adopting across national, cultural, and racial lines; the strong emotional bonds that form even without genetic relatedness; and the methods in which adoptive families can address the special needs of children who experienced early neglect and deprivation, thereby providing a supportive environment in which those children can flourish. Striving to attain a balanced, evidence-based perspective on controversial issues, *Adoption Beyond Borders* argues that international adoption must be maintained and supported as a vital means of promoting international child welfare.

**Homeschooling** James G. Dwyer  
2019-04-15 In *Homeschooling: The*

*History and Philosophy of a Controversial Practice*, James G. Dwyer and Shawn F. Peters examine homeschooling's history, its methods, and the fundamental questions at the root of the heated debate over whether and how the state should oversee and regulate it. The authors trace the evolution of homeschooling and the law relating to it from before America's founding to the present day. In the process they analyze the many arguments made for and against it, and set them in the context of larger questions about school and education. They then tackle the question of regulation, and they do so within a rigorous moral framework, one that is constructed from a clear-eyed assessment of what rights and duties children, parents, and the state each

possess. Viewing the question through that lens allows Dwyer and Peters to even-handedly evaluate the competing arguments and ultimately generate policy prescriptions. Homeschooling is the definitive study of a vexed question, one that ultimately affects all citizens, regardless of their educational background.

*Disadvantaged Childhoods and Humanitarian Intervention* Kristen Cheney 2019-02-07 This book explores how humanitarian interventions for children in difficult circumstances engage in affective commodification of disadvantaged childhoods. The chapters consider how transnational charitable industries are created and mobilized around childhood need—highlighting children in situations of war and poverty, and with indeterminate access to health

and education—to redirect global resource flows and sentiments in order to address concerns of child suffering. The authors discuss examples from around the world to show how, as much as these processes can help achieve the goals of aid organizations, such practices can also perpetuate the conditions that organizations seek to alleviate and thereby endanger the very children they intend to help.

**Orphanage Trafficking in International Law** Kathryn E. van Doore 2022-01-06 Orphanage Trafficking in International Law explores the process of orphanage trafficking as a form of child trafficking in international law, examining the contexts in which it occurs and providing a comprehensive, holistic approach to addressing the

issue as a form of trafficking. In doing so, this book establishes the method and process of orphanage trafficking as an issue of international concern. It reconceptualises the activity of orphanage tourism as a demand driver for child trafficking and a form of exploitation, and makes recommendations for how countries where orphanage trafficking occurs, as well as countries that contribute to orphanage trafficking via funding and volunteers, should tackle the issue.

The Digital Child Daniel Dervin  
2017-10-18 Nothing is more synonymous with the twenty-first century than the image of a child on his or her smart phone, tablet, video game console, television, and/or laptop. But with all this external

stimulation, has childhood development been helped or hindered? Daniel Dervin is concerned that today's childhood has become unmoored from its Rousseauist-Wordsworthian anchors in nature. He considers children's development to be inextricably linked with inwardness, a psychological concept referring to the awareness of one's self as derived from the world and the internalization of such reflections. Inwardness is the enabling space that allows one's thoughts, experiences, and emotions to be processed. It is an important adaptive marker of human evolution. In The Digital Child, Dervin traces the evolution of how we have perceived childhood in the West, and thus what we have meant by inwardness, from pre-history to today. He identifies six

transformational stages: tribal, pedagogical, religious, humanist, rational, and citizen leading up to a new stage, the digital child. This stage has emerged from current unprecedented and pervasive technological culture. Dervin delves deeply into each stage that precedes today's, studying myths, literary texts, the visual arts, cultural histories, media reports, and the traditions of parenting, pediatrics, and pedagogy. Weaving together approaches from biology, culture, and psychology, Dervin revisits who we once were as a species in order to enable us to grasp who we are becoming, and where we might be heading, for better or worse.

**The Routledge Handbook of Global Child Welfare** Pat Dolan 2017-02-17 In the context of the increasing global

movement of people and a growing evidence base for differing outcomes in child welfare, Routledge Handbook of Global Child Welfare provides a compelling account of child welfare, grounded in the latest theory, policy and practice. Drawing on eminent international expertise, the book offers a coherent and comprehensive overview of the policies, systems and practices that can deliver the best outcomes for children. It considers the challenges faced by children globally, and the difference families, services and professionals can make. This ambitious and far-reaching handbook is essential reading for everyone working to make the world a better and safer place for children.

Crying for Our Elders Kristen E. Cheney 2017-03-05 The HIV/AIDS

epidemic in Africa has defined the childhoods of an entire generation. Over the past twenty years, international NGOs and charities have devoted immense attention to the millions of African children orphaned by the disease. But in *Crying for Our Elders*, anthropologist Kristen E. Cheney argues that these humanitarian groups have misread the 'orphan crisis'. She explains how the global humanitarian focus on orphanhood often elides the social and political circumstances that actually present the greatest adversity to vulnerable children—in effect deepening the crisis and thereby affecting children's lives as irrevocably as HIV/AIDS itself. Through ethnographic fieldwork and collaborative research with children in Uganda, Cheney traces how the "best interest"

principle that governs children's' rights can stigmatize orphans and leave children in the post-antiretroviral era even more vulnerable to exploitation. She details the dramatic effects this has on traditional family support and child protection and stresses child empowerment over pity. *Crying for Our Elders* advances current discussions on humanitarianism, children's studies, orphanhood, and kinship. By exploring the unique experience of AIDS orphanhood through the eyes of children, caregivers, and policymakers, Cheney shows that despite the extreme challenges of growing up in the era of HIV/AIDS, the post-ARV generation still holds out hope for the future. [Adoption: What You Should Know](#) Janine Myung Ja This book reveals the rare

and often silenced voices hidden inside the backstreets of international adoption. The research offers the data you need to know in order to make an informed decision before paying the non-refundable fees to adopt a child. The main movements of children are organized into four sections and referred to as Orphan Ships (Europe), Orphan Trains (America), Orphan Planes (Asia), and Orphan Trafficking (Africa). Learn how the child movement began, spread, and why some domestic and international adult-adoptees are against the practice today. Know more about the history and the industry than the professionals in the field. Adoption: What You Should Know might convince you to think twice before transferring funds to the adoption facilitator—and being cautious could

be a good thing! The information inside could save you up to \$75,000 in private hidden fees. This book is on its way to protect local, global, indigenous, and even the most wealthy families among us. Sometimes we need to scrutinize agencies—instead of immediately trusting them. It's when we do so that we can save ourselves a lot of the heartache of potentially adopting a child that has a living family or was even kidnapped by adoption traffickers. Some overseas adult adoptees, like the author, were unknowingly at risk of being deported to a birth nation they knew nothing about. Others have been deported as adults! The adoption industry is changing rapidly from country to country: Russia and Ethiopia, the two most popular countries to adopt from, closed their doors within the last

decade. Due to adoption scams, Europe has also made some decisions based on private findings. This book gives you a birdseye's view on the practice, beginning from Europe's mass child movements of the 1600s to today's child trafficking methods that have taken place in Africa and Asia. It's up to responsible considerate human beings (all of us) to decide if we want to listen and consider the voices of "the other side" in the effort to preserve families. Young adoptive parent applicants of today should be informed of all sides of the issue—not just exposed to agency advertising campaigns, which avoid some of the pitfalls of the practice. Because of social media, the culture of adoption is rapidly changing. According to a 2019 preliminary poll, 100% of all adult adoptee respondents

agreed with the statement that they should have a right to look for their birth family if they so wish. Permanently severing children from their family ties should be the last resort. Instead, processing children to foreign territories has become expedited and for a profit. Now that it's been around four hundred years since the movement was built on draconian attitudes and antiquated beliefs, isn't it time to take the magnifying glass and inspect the entities that have made the most money from the movement? The unconventional views revealed inside this book have been called mind-blowing by fellow adoptee-rights activists. A rare whistleblowing history book determined to protect United States citizens and vulnerable third-world nations against adoption

scams and the profitable business of falsely advertising children from living families as if "orphaned." The author invited a few guest adoptees and mothers-of-loss to contribute but had no say on what they wrote. Some guests are sad, devastated, and might sound negative, but their stories are worth being read to protect families and individuals from unnecessary separations. \*NOTE: The textbook version is titled: Adoption History 101: An Orphan's Research

**A Feminist Perspective on Human Trafficking of Women and Girls** Nancy M. Sidun 2019-04-30 Focusing on the trafficking of women and girls from a feminist perspective, this book examines how social structures and gender influence human trafficking. While women and girls are not the only victims of trafficking, they

tend to be disproportionately represented. Structural inequities – including poverty, gender-based violence, racism, class and caste-based discrimination and other forms of oppression and marginalization – place some individuals at substantially greater risk to be trafficked. The contributors explore topics including trauma-informed assessment of, and therapy with, survivors of human trafficking; issues facing children of trafficked women when they are reintegrated into their communities post-trafficking; the intersection of trafficking with racial and cultural oppression; critical aspects of international sex trafficking; and commercial sexual exploitation of children. The book concludes with a discussion of how human trafficking intersects with

both intracountry adoption and brokered marriages. This book was originally published as a special issue of *Women & Therapy*.

### **Adopting for God** Soojin Chung

2021-12-14 "Adopting for God is the first historical study to focus on the role of adoption evangelists in the transnational adoption movement between the United States and East Asia. It shows how both evangelical and ecumenical Christians challenged Americans to redefine traditional familial values and rethink race matters"--

### **The End of International Adoption?**

Estye Fenton 2019-06-28 Since 2004, the number of international adoptions in the United States has declined by more than seventy percent. In *The End of International Adoption?* Estye Fenton studies parents in the United

States who adopted internationally in the past decade during this shift. She investigates the experiences of a cohort of adoptive mothers who were forced to negotiate their desire to be parents in the context of a growing societal awareness of international adoption as a flawed reproductive marketplace. Many parents, activists, and scholars have questioned whether the inequality inherent in international adoption renders the entire system suspect. In the face of such concerns, international adoption has not only become more difficult, but also more politically and ethically fraught. The mothers interviewed for this book found themselves navigating contemporary American family life in an unexpected way, caught between the double-bind of work-family life and a

new paradigm of thinking about the method—international adoption—that they used to create those families. South of the Future Anindita Banerjee 2020-12-01 Unique interdisciplinary analysis of gendered and racialized economies of care in South Asia and the Americas. South Asia and Latin America represent two epicenters of migrant care work and the globalized reproductive market. Yet scholars and the media continue to examine them in geographical and conceptual isolation. South of the Future closes both these gaps. It investigates nannying, elder care, domestic work, and other forms of migrant labor in the Americas together with the emerging “Wild West” of biotechnology and surrogacy in the Indian subcontinent. The volume is profoundly interdisciplinary and

includes both prominent and emerging scholars from a wide variety of fields, including anthropology, law, literary and cultural studies, science and technology studies, and social policy. These contributors speak to the dynamic, continually changing facets of the nexus of care and value across these two key regions of the global south. By mobilizing specific locations and techno-economics and putting them into dialogue with one another, South of the Future rematerializes the gendered, racialized bodies that are far too often rendered invisible in structural analyses of the global south, or else are confined to particular geo- and biopolitical paradigms of emerging markets. Instead, these bodies occupy the center of a global, highly

financialized economy of creating and sustaining life. Anindita Banerjee is Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and chair of the humanities concentration in the Environment and Sustainability Program at Cornell University. Her most recent book is *Science Fiction Circuits of the South and East*. Debra A. Castillo is Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow, Emerson Hinchliff Professor of Hispanic Studies, Professor of Comparative Literature, and Director of the Latina/o Studies Program at Cornell University. She is the author or editor of several books, including *Redreaming America: Toward a Bilingual American Culture*, also published by SUNY Press. Critical Kinship Studies Charlotte Kroløkke, Professor in the Department

for the Study of Culture, University of Southern Denmark 2015-12-11 An interdisciplinary investigation into how kinship today is desired, pursued, produced, transformed, and regulated in a world characterized by increased (im)mobility and travel of people, bodies, reproductive substances, knowledge, and expertise. The Routledge Handbook of Adoption Gretchen Miller Wrobel 2020-03-09 Adoption is practiced globally yielding a multidimensional area of study that cannot be characterized by a single movement or discipline. This handbook provides a central source of contemporary scholarship from a variety of disciplines with an international perspective and uses a multifaceted and interdisciplinary approach to ground adoption practices and activities in scientific

research. Perspectives of birth/first parents, adoptive parents, and adopted persons are brought forth through a range of disciplinary and theoretical lenses. Beginning with background and context of adoption, including sociocultural and political contexts, the handbook then addresses the diversity of adoptive families in terms of family forms, attitudes about adoption, and characteristics of adopted children. Next, research examining the lived experience of adoption for birth parents, adoptive parents, and adopted individuals is presented. A variety of outcomes for internationally and domestically adopted children and adoptive families is then discussed and the handbook concludes by addressing the development, training, and implementation of adoption competent

clinical practice. With cutting-edge research from top international scholars in a diversity of fields, The Routledge Handbook of Adoption should be considered essential reading for students, researchers, and practitioners across the fields of social work, sociology, psychology, medicine, family science, education, and demography.

### **The Intercountry Adoption Debate**

Robert L. Ballard 2015-06-18

Meaningful discussion about intercountry adoption (the adoption of a child from one country by a family from another country) necessitates an understanding of a complex range of issues. These issues intersect at multiple levels and processes, span geographic and political boundaries, and emerge from radically different cultural beliefs

and systems. The result is a myriad of benefits and costs that are both global and deeply personal in scope. This edited volume introduces this complexity an ...

**Wat je nooit zult weten** Nicole Chung  
2019-09-03 Nicole Chung werd maanden te vroeg geboren en vervolgens voor adoptie afgestaan door haar Koreaanse ouders. Ze groeide op in een liefhebbende witte familie, ervan overtuigd dat haar biologische ouders het ultieme offer hadden gebracht om haar een beter leven te geven. Met de jaren leerde Nicole leven met de vooroordelen die haar gezinsleden niet zagen en met de nooit-aflatende vragen over haar identiteit, van zichzelf en van haar omgeving. Tot ze zelf een kind verwachtte en de twijfel de kop opstak: was het mooie sprookje dat haar al die jaren werd

verteld wel de hele waarheid? Teder en genuanceerd vertelt Nicole Chung over haar zoektocht naar de mensen die afstand van haar deden, over verrassende verbintenissen en over pijnlijke familiegeheimen. Wat je nooit zult weten is onmisbaar voor iedereen die zich ooit heeft afgevraagd: wat maakt je tot wie je bent?

The Rights of Unaccompanied Minors  
Yvonne Vissing 2021-07-22 This volume explores the various challenges faced by migrant unaccompanied children, using a clinical sociological approach and a global perspective. It applies a human rights and comparative framework to examine the reception of unaccompanied children in European, North American, South American, Asian and African countries. Some of the important

issues the volume discusses are: access of displaced unaccompanied children to justice across borders and juridical contexts; voluntary guardianship for unaccompanied children; the diverse but complementary needs of unaccompanied children in care, which if left unaddressed can have serious implications on their social integration in the host societies; and the detention of migrant children as analyzed against the most recent European and international human rights law standards. This is a one-of-a-kind volume bringing together perspectives from child rights policy chairs across the world on a global issue. The contributions reflect the authors' diverse cultural contexts and academic and professional backgrounds, and hence, this volume

synthesizes theory with practice through rich firsthand experiences, along with theoretical discussions. It is addressed not only to academics and professionals working on and with migrant children, but also to a wider, discerning public interested in a better understanding of the rights of unaccompanied children. **Queering Family Trees** Sandra Patton-Imani 2020-06-09 Argues that significant barriers to family-making exist for lesbian mothers of color in the United States One might be tempted, in the afterglow of Obergefell v. Hodges, to believe that the battle has been won, that gays and lesbians fought a tough fight and finally achieved equality in the United States through access to legal marriage. But that narrative tells only one version of a very complex

story about family and citizenship. *Queering Family Trees* explores the lived experience of queer mothers in the United States, drawing on over one hundred interviews with African American, Latina, Native American, white, and Asian American lesbian mothers living in a range of socioeconomic circumstances to show how they have navigated family-making. While the legalization of same-sex marriage and adoption in 2015 has provided avenues toward equality for some couples, structural and economic barriers have meant that others—especially queer women of color who often have fewer financial resources—have not been able to access seemingly available “choices” such as second-parent adoptions, powers of attorney, and wills. Sandra Patton-Imani here argues that the

virtual exclusion of lesbians of color from public narratives about LGBTQ families is crucial to maintaining the narrative that legal marriage for same-sex couples provides access to full equality as citizens. Through the lens of reproductive justice, Patton-Imani argues that the federal legalization of same-sex marriage reinforces existing structures of inequality grounded in race, gender, sexuality, and class. *Queering Family Trees* explores the lives of a critically erased segment of the queer population, demonstrating that the seemingly “color blind” solutions offered by marriage equality do not rectify such inequalities.

[Love's Promises](#) Martha M. Ertman  
2016-05-24 Blends memoir and legal cases to show how contracts can

create family relationships Most people think of love and contracts as strange bedfellows, or even opposites. In *Love's Promises*, however, law professor Martha Ertman shows that far from cold and calculating, contracts shape and sustain families. Blending memoir and law, Ertman delves into the legal cases, anecdotes, and history of family law to show that love comes in different packages, each shaped by different contracts and mini-contracts she calls "deals." Family law should and often does recognize that variety because legal rules, like relationships, aren't one size fits all. The most common form of family—which Ertman calls "Plan A"—come into being through different kinds of agreements than the more uncommon families that she dubs "Plan

B." Recognizing the contractual core of all families shows that Plan B is neither unnatural nor unworthy of legal recognition, just different. After telling her own moving and often irreverent story about becoming part of a Plan B family of two moms and a dad raising a child, Ertman shows that all kinds of people—straight and gay, married and single, related by adoption or by genetics—use contracts to shape their relationships. As couples navigate marriage, reproductive technologies, adoption, and cohabitation, they encounter contracts. Sometimes hidden and other times openly acknowledged, these contracts ensure that the people they think of as "family" are legally recognized as family in the eyes of the law. Family exchanges can be substantial, like vows of

fidelity, or small, like “I cook and you clean.” But regardless of scope, the agreements shape the emotional, social, and financial terrain of family relationships. Seeing the instrumental role contracts will help readers better understand how contracts and deals work in their own families as well as those around them. Both insightful and paradigm-shifting, Love’s Promises lets readers in on the power of contracts and deals to support love in its many forms and to honor the different ways that our nearest and dearest contribute to our daily lives.

**Growing God’s Family** Samuel Perry  
2017-06-13 Illustrates the hidden challenges embedded within the evangelical adoption movement. For over a decade, prominent leaders and organizations among American

Evangelicals have spent a substantial amount of time and money in an effort to address what they believe to be the “Orphan Crisis” of the United States. Yet, despite an expansive commitment of resources, there is no reliable evidence that these efforts have been successful. Adoptions are declining across the board, and both foster parenting and foster-adoptions remain steady. Why have evangelical mobilization efforts been so ineffective? To answer this question, Samuel L. Perry draws on interviews with over 220 movement leaders and grassroots families, as well as national data on adoption and fostering, to show that the problem goes beyond orphan care. Perry argues that evangelical social engagement is fundamentally self-limiting and difficult to sustain because their

subcultural commitments lock them into an approach that does not work on a practical level. Growing God's Family ultimately reveals this peculiar irony within American evangelicalism by exposing how certain aspects of the evangelical subculture may stimulate activism to address social problems, even while these same subcultural characteristics undermine their own strategic effectiveness. It provides the most recent analysis of dominant elements within the evangelical subculture and how that subculture shapes the engagement strategies of evangelicals as a group.

*Alternative Psychotherapies* Jean Mercer 2014-07-30 In this book, Jean Mercer evaluates a series of unconventional and potentially harmful psychological treatments that

are rarely mentioned in the profession's literature. Mercer guides readers to an understanding of alternative psychotherapies that will help them advise clients with respect to existing and newly-emerging unconventional treatments.

**The Politics of Adoption** Kerry O'Halloran 2015-04-29 This book explains, compares and evaluates the social and legal functions of adoption within a range of selected jurisdictions and on an international basis. It updates and extends the second edition published by Springer in 2009. From a standpoint of the development of adoption in England & Wales and the changes currently taking place there, it considers the process as it has evolved in other countries. It identifies themes of commonality and difference in the

experience of adoption in a common law context as compared and contrasted with that of other countries. It looks at adoption in France, Sweden and other civil law countries, as well as Japan and elsewhere in Asia, including a focus on Islamic adoption. It examines the experience of indigenous people in New Zealand and Australia, contrasting the highly regulated legal process of modern western society with the traditional practice of indigenous communities such as the Maori. A new chapter studies adoption in China. The book uses the international Conventions and associated ECtHR case law to benchmark developments in national law, policy and practice and to facilitate a cross-cultural comparative analysis.

**Ze noemden me duivelskind** Michaela DePrince 2014-09-16 Michaela DePrince werd in 1995 geboren in het door een bloedige burgeroorlog geteisterde Sierra Leone. Als haar vader door rebellen wordt vermoord en haar moeder aan ondervoeding sterft, wordt Michaela in een weeshuis geplaatst. Daar noemen ze haar duivelskind door de witte vlekken op haar huid. Ze wordt verwaarloosd en mishandeld, totdat een Amerikaans echtpaar haar op vierjarige leeftijd adopteert. Michaela blijkt maar één wens te hebben: ballerina worden. Haar adoptieouders stimuleren haar liefde voor ballet en laten haar les nemen. Michaela blijkt een natuurtalent en vecht zich in de harde en door vooroordelen gekenmerkte wereld van ballet een weg naar de top. Ze noemden me duivelskind vertelt op

indrukwekkende wijze hoe Michaela DePrince uitgroeit van oorlogsvwees tot beroemd ballerina. 'Een van de meest inspirerende boeken die ik las dit jaar.' Twan Huys 'Een bitterzoet verhaal, waar mijn hart van opleeft en tegelijkertijd van breekt.' Daphne

Deckers 'Wat een getalenteerde, gedreven en prachtige jonge vrouw. En wat een schitterend verhaal. Net een sprookje. Ongelooflijk!' Magali Messac, ballerina en Michaela's grote voorbeeld