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## **JORDAN GILL**

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*Summer at Squee* Simon and Schuster  
Confronting trauma behind the transnational adoption system—now back in print Many adoptees are required to become people that they were never meant to be.

While transracial adoption tends to be considered benevolent, it often exacts a heavy emotional, cultural, and economic toll on those who directly experience it. *Outsiders Within* is a landmark publication that carefully explores this most intimate aspect of globalization through essays, fiction, poetry, and art. Moving beyond personal narrative,

transracially adopted writers from around the world tackle difficult questions about how to survive the racist and ethnocentric worlds they inhabit, what connects the countries relinquishing their children to the countries importing them, why poor families of color have their children removed rather than supported—about who, ultimately, they are. In

their inquiry, the contributors unseat conventional understandings of adoption politics, reframing the controversy as a debate that encompasses human rights, peace, and reproductive justice.

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Kekek Jason Todd Stark; Sunny Jo; Sandra White Hawk; Indigo Williams Willing; Bryan Thao Worra; Jeni C. Wright. Native American Transracial Adoptees Tell Their Stories Penguin From Newbery Honor-winning author Andrea Wang, a new middle grade novel about a Chinese American tween who attends a Boston-based Chinese cultural overnight camp—and the many ways it transforms her. Phoenny Fang plans to have the best summer

ever. She's returning to Summertime Chinese Culture, Wellness, and Enrichment Experience (SCWEE for short and "Squee" to campers in the know), and this year she's a senior camper. That means she; her best friend, Lyrica Chu; and her whole Squad will have the most influence. It almost doesn't matter that her brother is a CIT (counselor-in-training) and that her mom and auntie are the camp directors. Time spent at Squee is sacred, glorious, and free. On the day Phoenny

arrives, though, she learns that the Squad has been split up, and there's an influx of new campers this year. Phoenny is determined to be welcoming and to share all the things she loves about camp—who doesn't love spending hours talking about and engaging in cultural activities? But she quickly learns how out of touch she is with others' experiences, particularly of the campers who are adoptees. The same things that make her feel connected to her culture

and community make some of the other campers feel excluded. Summer at Squee turns out to be even more transformative than Phoenny could've imagined, with new friendships, her first crush, an epic show, and a bigger love for and understanding of her community.

### **Parable of the Sower and Parable of the Talents**

Simon and Schuster Julie is adopted. She is also a twin. Because their adoption was closed, she

and her sister lack both a health history and their adoption papers—which becomes an issue for Julie when, at forty-eight years old, she finds herself facing several serious health issues. To launch the probe into her closed adoption, Julie first needs the support of her sister. The twins talk things over, and make a pact: Julie will approach their adoptive parents for the adoption paperwork and investigate search options, and the sisters will split the costs involved in locating their

birth relatives. But their adoptive parents aren't happy that their daughters want to locate their birth parents—and that is only the first of many obstacles Julie will come up against as she digs into her background. Julie's search for her birth relatives spans eight years and involves a search agency, a PI, a confidential intermediary, a judge, an adoption agency, a social worker, and a genealogist. By journey's end, what began as a simple desire for a family medical history has

evolved into a complicated quest—one that unearths secrets, lies, and family members that are literally right next door.

### We Belong Together

Sentient Publications

This book covers common open adoption situations and how real families have navigated typical issues successfully. Like all useful parenting books, it provides parents with the tools to come to answers on their own, and answers questions that might not yet have come up.

**Transnational Mobility and Identity in and out of Korea**

British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAF) 2019 High Plains Book Award Winner for the Creative Nonfiction and Indigenous Writer categories In *Bitterroot* Susan Devan Harness traces her journey to understand the complexities and struggles of being an American Indian child adopted by a white couple and living in the rural American West. When Harness was fifteen years

old, she questioned her adoptive father about her “real” parents. He replied that they had died in a car accident not long after she was born—except they hadn’t, as Harness would learn in a conversation with a social worker a few years later. Harness’s search for answers revolved around her need to ascertain why she was the target of racist remarks and why she seemed always to be on the outside looking in. New questions followed her through college and into her twenties when

she started her own family. Meeting her biological family in her early thirties generated even more questions. In her forties Harness decided to get serious about finding answers when, conducting oral histories, she talked with other transracial adoptees. In her fifties she realized that the concept of “home” she had attributed to the reservation existed only in her imagination. Making sense of her family, the American Indian history of assimilation, and the very

real—but culturally constructed—concept of race helped Harness answer the often puzzling questions of stereotypes, a sense of nonbelonging, the meaning of family, and the importance of forgiveness and self-acceptance. In the process *Bitterroot* also provides a deep and rich context in which to experience life.

### **The Adoptee's Journey**

Basic Books

A passionate love affair between high school sweethearts creates an accidental pregnancy

during a sultry night on the shore of Lake Michigan. Rebecca's unforgiving parents banish her to an unwed mother's home where she secretly gives birth to a baby girl. Her daughter Judy is placed in the loving care of foster parents before being callously given to Mario and Rosella Romano for adoption on her first birthday. Reoccurring visions and fantasies of her birthmother plague Judy's consciousness for three decades until a life-changing passage into

adulthood causes her to question why she was abandoned. What begins as a simple investigation into her medical and ancestral history slowly evolves into a passionate quest to discover her roots. Through good timing, perseverance, and a few small miracles, Judy eventually solves the mystery of her origins. But will the woman she has been seeking welcome Judy back into her life? About the Authors Judith and Martin Land live in Colorado and Arizona. They told the



entire story of Judith Land's adoption, from her birth through adulthood, to provide the reader with unique insights into the mind of an adoptee at various stages of her life.

**The Leavers (National Book Award Finalist)**

Catapult

Adopted by two ex-sharecroppers Willie Moore Jr. shares seven stories of his adoption experience that will make you laugh, cry and erase any negative stigma about adoption. This remarkable adoption story inspires adoptees, foster

children, (and parents) to love and respect their new families and adjust with a winning attitude.

**A Mother for Choco**

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

In a kid-friendly, accessible way, this book explores the ways that people can choose to come together to make a family by showing one perspective on the adoption experience. We Belong Together is about sharing your home and sharing your heart to make a family that belongs together. With an

understanding of how personal and unique each adoption is, and that not everyone comes to it in the same way, Todd Parr's colorful art explores the meaning of family.

**Mamalita** NYU Press

Adoption is often framed by happy narratives, but many adoptees struggle with unaddressed trauma. Narrating his own and other adoptees' complex stories, counselor Cameron Lee Small unpacks the history of adoption and the church's influence, helping adoptees regain their

agency and identity on a journey of integration and healing.

**YOU BELONG HERE** Mad Creek Books

In a world overcrowded with labels, don't allow your identity to be defined by other people. Learn how to take back your power, choose to feed the aspects of your identity that serve you, and let go of those that don't.

Everyone feels like an outsider at some point in their life-when we walk into a room and think to ourselves, I don't belong here. To avoid these

feelings of exclusion, many of us hide our authentic selves and allow others to define our identity. You Belong Here offers a new framework that allows each of us to define how we want to be seen, heard, and valued on our own terms so we feel a sense of belonging in any situation. Further, it serves as a launchpad for organizational leaders and culture builders to create safe spaces for individuals to show up as their authentic selves. Readers will explore our four identities: Our Lived

Identity is made up of the aspects of our identity we inherit when we are born into the world. Our Learned Identity includes the parts of our identity that we've chosen or claimed as we make our way through the world. Our Lingering Identity is the identity we default to when we feel like an outsider and fall back into as a survival mechanism. Our Loved Identity is where we find our authentic selves and see ourselves through a lens of empowerment. In the journey to understand our

past experiences and how society has established barriers to entry, we can design our own future, rooted in our Loved Identity. We learn to rewrite the stories that aren't serving us and embrace the ones that do. Rather than look for a seat at someone else's table, we find the tools to build our own. When we fully leverage this and live with authenticity and purpose, we can be seen, heard, and valued in a way that gives us a sense of belonging at home, at work, and in society.

Belonging is realized when we understand everyone is an outsider and it's the power to create space for those differences that unite us all.

Adoption Detective Little, Brown Books for Young Readers  
Open-Eyed Adoption presents a compassionate look at uncovering the mysteries of the adoptive parent/adoptee relationship Open-Eyed Adoption is written for the purpose of supplying a resource for those who have adopted children as

well as those who are considering the possibility of doing so. Often adoptive parents are ill-prepared and uninformed as to the unique challenges that raising adopted children presents. For instance, the earlier a parent knows that an adoptee has trauma from the beginning, the better equipped they can be to adapting their parenting style vs what may have been the style of their own parents. Being unaware of this, they can be confused and

discouraged as to what they are seeing and why their adopted child responds the way they do. They may even be bewildered, due to the amount of love they give, to see a different response than they expect. This book gives resource and tools to the parent for better understanding of what may be happening in the heart of their child. The information contained in Open-Eyed Adoption can also be used when parents are communicating with their

adult adopted children. It encourages parents to look at parenting from different angles when it comes to the adoptee. Furthermore, Open- Eyed Adoption dispels the myth that they are all alone, takes a look at the importance of self-kindness and shows the way to get the support they need. Constructing Transnational and Transracial Identity Seal Press  
Turn dreams into goals and goals into reality with this dictionary! With this

valuable guide you'll learn to channel the power of the Law of Attraction as you sleep. You'll identify your own symbolic dream language, and access the secrets of your subconscious. Once you realize your true desires, you can apply Law of Attraction principles and dream your way to:  
Create healthy relationships  
Attract success in your career  
Manifest an abundance of wealth  
Find--and keep--the perfect partner  
Eliminate stress and improve your health  
With

more than 800 dream symbols and themes, this comprehensive resource is all you need to make your dreams come true! *You Don't Look Adopted* Algonquin Books

Can't travel yet? Let's go to Korea! In this contemporary tale detailing a two-week trip that explores intercountry adoption from South Korea, twin sisters naively travel to their birth city of Seoul in search of their Korean family. Little incidents along the way serve as a catalyst, leading them into a

worldwide modern-day adoptee-rights movement seeking truth and transparency. The intent of this book is to inspire and uplift anyone who has been removed from their birth family to know that there is a community of like-minded individuals who've experienced the same circumstances. *American Baby* Jessica Kingsley Publishers

Originally published in 1993, this classic piece of literature on adoption has revolutionised the way people think about adopted children. Nancy

Verrier examines the life-long consequences of the 'primal wound' - the wound that is caused when a child is separated from its mother - for adopted people. Her argument is supported by thorough research in pre- and perinatal psychology, attachment, bonding and the effects of loss.

*Journey Of The Adopted Self* Springer

Get your family talking about adoption with the ultimate collection of films to help the whole family to explore their feelings in a fun and safe way. With a

film for each week of the year, Addison Cooper has compiled the best movies, new and old, for family-friendly viewing. Among those featured are Finding Dory, Frozen, Paddington, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Kung Fu Panda, Star Wars, Divergent, The Blind Side and I am Sam. Carefully selected, the movies included will help families to comfortably talk about important adoption-related topics. They are accompanied by descriptions of the themes and ideas to get the conversations started.

Helping all members of the family to explore both the pain and joy of adoption, they cover a range of issues which can arise such as culture, identity, control, and reunification. With something for everyone - from kids, to teens, to grown-ups - this is a must-have for all adoptive families.

Lexington Books  
A New York Times Notable Book The shocking truth about postwar adoption in America, told through the bittersweet story of one teenager, the son she was

forced to relinquish, and their search to find each other. “[T]his book about the past might foreshadow a coming shift in the future... ‘I don’t think any legislators in those states who are anti-abortion are actually thinking, “Oh, great, these single women are gonna raise more children.” No, their hope is that those children will be placed for adoption. But is that the reality? I doubt it.’” [says Glaser]” -Mother Jones  
During the Baby Boom in 1960s America, women were encouraged to stay

home and raise large families, but sex and childbirth were taboo subjects. Premarital sex was common, but birth control was hard to get and abortion was illegal. In 1961, sixteen-year-old Margaret Erle fell in love and became pregnant. Her enraged family sent her to a maternity home, where social workers threatened her with jail until she signed away her parental rights. Her son vanished, his whereabouts and new identity known only to an adoption agency that

would never share the slightest detail about his fate. The adoption business was founded on secrecy and lies. American Baby lays out how a lucrative and exploitative industry removed children from their birth mothers and placed them with hopeful families, fabricating stories about infants' origins and destinations, then closing the door firmly between the parties forever. Adoption agencies and other organizations that purported to help

pregnant women struck unethical deals with doctors and researchers for pseudoscientific "assessments," and shamed millions of women into surrendering their children. The identities of many who were adopted or who surrendered a child in the postwar decades are still locked in sealed files. Gabrielle Glaser dramatically illustrates in Margaret and David's tale--one they share with millions of Americans—a story of loss, love, and the search for identity.

## **The Search for Mother Missing**

Wheatmark, Inc. A stirring and powerful memoir from black cultural critic Rebecca Carroll recounting her painful struggle to overcome a completely white childhood in order to forge her identity as a black woman in America. Rebecca Carroll grew up the only black person in her rural New Hampshire town. Adopted at birth by artistic parents who believed in peace, love, and zero population growth, her early childhood was loving and

idyllic—and yet she couldn't articulate the deep sense of isolation she increasingly felt as she grew older. Everything changed when she met her birth mother, a young white woman, who consistently undermined Carroll's sense of her blackness and self-esteem. Carroll's childhood became harrowing, and her memoir explores the tension between the aching desire for her birth mother's acceptance, the loyalty she feels toward her adoptive parents, and

the search for her racial identity. As an adult, Carroll forged a path from city to city, struggling along the way with difficult boyfriends, depression, eating disorders, and excessive drinking. Ultimately, through the support of her chosen black family, she was able to heal. Intimate and illuminating, *Surviving the White Gaze* is a timely examination of racism and racial identity in America today, and an extraordinarily moving portrait of resilience. [The Open-Hearted Way to](#)



Open Adoption Simon & Schuster

Family is about love no matter how different parents and children may be, adopted or not. Choco wishes he had a mother, but who could she be? He sets off to find her, asking all kinds of animals, but he doesn't meet anyone who looks just like him. He doesn't even think of asking Mrs. Bear if she's his mother-but then she starts to do just the things a mommy might do. And when she brings him home, he meets her other children-a piglet, a hippo,

and an alligator-and learns that families can come in all shapes and sizes and still fit together. Keiko Kasza's twist on the "Are you my mother?" theme has become one of the most highly recommended stories about adoption for children.

**The Guild of the Infant Saviour** Penguin  
Betty Jean Lifton, whose *Lost and Found* has become a bible to adoptees and to those who would understand the adoption experience, explores further the inner

world of the adopted person. She breaks new ground as she traces the adopted child's lifelong struggle to form an authentic sense of self. And she shows how both the symbolic and the literal search for roots becomes a crucial part of the journey toward wholeness.

Twice a Daughter Morgan James Publishing  
There are great rewards that come along with being a foster parent, yet there are also great challenges that can leave you feeling depleted,

alone, and discouraged. The many burdens of a foster parent's day--hurting children, struggling biological parents, and a broken system--are only compounded by the many burdens of a foster parent's heart--confusion,

anxiety, heartache, anger, and fear. With the compassion and insight of a fellow foster parent, Jamie C. Finn helps you see your struggles through the lens of the gospel, bringing biblical truths to bear on your

unique everyday realities. In these short, easy-to-read chapters, you'll find honest, personal stories and practical lessons that provide encouragement and direction from God's Word as you walk the journey of foster parenting.

Best Sellers - Books :

- [Little Blue Truck's Valentine By Alice Schertle](#)
- [The 48 Laws Of Power By Robert Greene](#)
- [Feel-good Productivity: How To Do More Of What Matters To You](#)
- [The Mountain Is You: Transforming Self-sabotage Into Self-mastery](#)
- [My First Learn-to-write Workbook: Practice For Kids With Pen Control, Line Tracing, Letters, And More! By Crystal Radke](#)
- [Tucker](#)
- [Demon Copperhead: A Pulitzer Prize Winner By Barbara Kingsolver](#)

- [Tomorrow, And Tomorrow, And Tomorrow: A Novel By Gabrielle Zevin](#)
- [The Woman In Me By Britney Spears](#)
- [The 5 Love Languages: The Secret To Love That Lasts](#)