

# Transcultural and Transracial Adoption Resources

## Books

[\*40 Ways to Raise a Nonracist Child\*](#), by Barbara Mathias and Mary Ann French. New York: Harper Perennial, 1996.

[\*Are Those Kids Yours: American Families with Children Adopted from Other Countries\*](#), Cheri Register. New York: Free Press, 1990.

[\*Beyond Good Intentions: A Mother Reflects on Raising Internationally Adopted Children\*](#), by Cheri Register. St. Paul: Yeong and Yeong Book Company, 2005.

[\*Black Baby, White Hands: A View from the Crib\*](#), by John Jaiya. Silver Spring: Soul Water Rising, 2005.

[\*Cross Cultural Adoption: How to Answer Questions from Family, Friends, and Community\*](#), by Amy Coughlin and Caryn Abramowitz. Washington: Lifeline Press, 2004.

[\*Dim Sum, Bagels, and Grits: A Sourcebook for Multicultural Families\*](#), by Myra Alperson. New York: Farrar, Strauss, Giroux, 2001.

[\*Does Anybody Else Look Like Me?: A Parent's Guide to Raising Multiracial Children\*](#), by Donna Jackson Nakazawa. Cambridge: Da Capo Lifelong, 2003.

[\*I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla: Raising Healthy Black and Biracial Children in a Race-Conscious World\*](#), Marguerite Wright. New York: Jossey-Bass, 1998.

[\*In Their Own Voices: Transracial Adoptees Tell Their Stories\*](#), by Rita Simon and Rhonda Rooda. New York: Columbia University Press, 2000.

[\*Inside Transracial Adoption\*](#), by Gail Steinberg and Beth Hall. London: Jessica-Kingsley Publishers, 2012.

[\*Outsiders Within: Writing on Transracial Adoption\*](#), by Jane Tranka, Julia Jeong, Oparah Chinyere and Sun Yung Shin. Cambridge: South End Press, 2006.

[\*Transracial Adoption and Foster Care: Practice Issues for Professionals\*](#), by Joseph Crumbley. Washington: Child Welfare League of America, 1999.

[Voices from Another Place: A Collection of Works from a Generation Born in Korea and Adopted to Other Countries](#), Susan Soon Keum Cox, editor. St. Paul: Yeong and Yeong Book Company, 1999.

[Wanting a Daughter, Needing a Son: Abandonment, Adoption and Orphanage Care in China](#), by Kay Ann Johnson and Amy Klatzking. St. Paul: Yeong and Yeong Book Company, 2004.

[Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?](#), by Beverly Daniel Tatum. New York: Basic Books, 1997.

[Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White](#), Frank Wu. New York: Basic Books, 2003.

## Websites

### **Dr. Joseph Crumbley**

[www.drcrumbley.com](http://www.drcrumbley.com)

Author of *Transracial Adoption and Foster Care: Practice Issues for Professionals* (see above) and *Kinship Care: Relatives Raising Children*, Dr. Crumbley has also produced a series of videos:

- Special Needs of Minority Children Adopted Transracially
- The Impact of Transracial Adoption on the Adopted Child and Adoptive Family
- Parenting Tasks in Transracial Adoptions
- Assessing a Family's Ability to Adopt Transracially.

Dr. Crumbley provides training and consultation in the areas of transracial adoption and kinship care.

### **North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)**

[www.nacac.org](http://www.nacac.org)

NACAC promotes and supports permanent families for children and youth in the U.S. and Canada who have been in care—especially those in foster care and those with special needs. NACAC offers a quarterly newsletter—*Adoptalk*—replete with cutting edge articles pertaining to all aspects of adoption. Their annual conference is always exciting and informative. Child care is available at this parent-friendly conference. Tapes of conference workshop sessions may be purchased at [www.adoptiontapes.com](http://www.adoptiontapes.com). The NACAC website contains articles covering all facets of transcultural adoption. Subsidy information and a nationwide listing of adoptive parent support groups can also be found at NACAC.

### **Pact—An Adoption Alliance**

[www.pactadopt.org](http://www.pactadopt.org)

Pact is a non-profit organization with a primary mission to serve children of color in need of adoption or who are growing up in adoptive families. In every case, the child is their primary client. They believe that to serve the child we must support and serve his or her adoptive parents by offering the very best resources to help them cope with a world whose attitudes too often reflect “adoptism” and racism. If you are looking for information related to any transcultural adoption issue, you are sure to find it on the Pact website! Pact makes available *Below the Surface*, a self-assessment guide for parents considering transcultural or transracial adoptions. Pact also has an online book store—all books are reviewed by Pact prior to selection for this store.

## Rainbow Kids

[www.rainbowkids.com](http://www.rainbowkids.com)

This online magazine is a great source of adoption-related information. You can search their database for articles written on any topic related to adoption. RainbowKids makes obtaining information quick and easy!

## Videos

*“I Wonder ...” Teenagers Talk about Adoption.* A diverse group of adolescent adoptees share their thoughts on various aspects of adoption. This video is available at [www.fairfamilies.org](http://www.fairfamilies.org)—Families Adopting in Response.

*First Person Plural.* The blurb states, “In 1966, Deann Borshay Liem was adopted by an American family and was sent from Korea to her new home. Growing up in California, the memory of her birthfamily was nearly obliterated until recurring dreams lead Borshay Liem to discover the truth: her Korean mother was very much alive. Bravely uniting her biological and adoptive families, Borshay Liem's heartfelt journey makes *First Person Plural* a poignant essay on family, loss, and the reconciling of two identities.” The video is available through PBS—[www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org).

*Struggle for Identity: Issues in Transracial Adoption.* Transracial adoptees and their families discuss the difficult issues of racism, identity and sense of place. This video is available at [www.nysccc.org](http://www.nysccc.org)—New York State Citizen's Coalition for Children.

*Wo Ai Ni (I love you) Mommy!* From Donna Sadowsky's departure from her Long Island home, through 10 hectic days in China arranging the adoption of 8-year-old Fang Sui Yong and on through the girl's first year and a half in the United States, *Wo Ai Ni (I Love You) Mommy* is an intimate account of a global phenomenon — transnational and transracial adoption. Learn more about this video at PBS [http://www.pbs.org/pov/woainimommy/film\\_description.php](http://www.pbs.org/pov/woainimommy/film_description.php).