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ADOPTIVE FAMILY SUCCESS: ANXIETY



What We Lost: Undoing the Fairytale Narrative of Adoption

January 3 is my Special Day. It is the anniversary of the day I was adopted. The day my parents bundled me up and brought me home to live in our red brick ranch house on West Chicago St. in a sprawling suburb just outside Detroit. As I grew up, I would hear the tale of this auspicious day time and time again. Sometimes even now, in my thirties, my parents like to retell it. Their eyes still shine with something expectant, something new. [Continue Reading Here](#)

Blackstone Buys Ancestry.com: Ramifications for Adoptees?

DNA testing companies have marketed mightily to adoptees, in the U.S. and internationally. Because U.S. and international adoptees are often prevented legally from obtaining their original birth certificates (aka the basic human and civil right that we non-adoptees take for granted) and often have limited medical histories, they are wooed by the DNA companies to get around laws and thus access their own information. For some adoptees, it's been wonderful; for some, it's been complicated. [Continue Reading Here](#)





Adopting Older Children

Whatever the motivation, the decision to adopt older children must come after careful consideration (KNOW THYSELF!) and education as to both the many rewards as well as the challenges involved. Older children come with histories – whether having lived in foster care, orphanages, or with birth family. Their pre-adoptive experiences may leave them with unresolved emotional issues. Such issues include significant loss – of birth family, possibly including siblings, previous caregivers, and sometimes - culture, religion, etc. In addition, some children may have experienced trauma – physical, emotional, sexual abuse; neglect, witnessing violence, substance abuse, parental psychiatric disturbance, etc. [Continue Reading Here](#)

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ALL ABOUT ADOPTING AN OLDER KID (PART 1)

FOSTERING AND ADOPTING TEENS WITH KRISTIN BERRY

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FINDING AN ADOPTIVE FAMILY ON THE EVE OF ADULTHOOD

"...I no longer knew anything for sure except that parents should not look to their children to meet their needs. You don't adopt a child because you need more love in your life. You had better have the love part figured out already." - Joyce Maynard