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# The "Unknown" Culture Club: Korean Adoptees, Then And Now



## Synopsis

Want to know why so many adoptees no longer tolerate the business of adoption? Wonder why so many adoptees disapprove of the practice, and have banded together to fight for their rights to blood-family and adoption documents? The truth of adoption is finally unveiled here and presented with private and personal accounts. At last, after sixties years of adoption profiteering, these narratives paint a true portrait of adoption--from the back door--by those most affected.

This collection, compiled by Korean adoptees, serves as a tribute to transracially adopted people sent all over the world. It has been hailed to be the first book to give Korean adoptees the opportunity to speak freely since the pioneering of intercountry adoption after the Korean War.

If you were adopted, you are not alone. These stories validate the experiences of everyone who have been ridiculed or outright abused, but have found the will to survive, thrive and share their tale. Adopted people all over the world are reclaiming the right to truth and access to birth documents. This book is meant to educate the public on human rights violations. It is also a living testament on why previous "orphans" do not endorse the Evangelical Orphan Movement. Those who work in the human rights field, whistleblowers, or adopted, will see the value of this book. Caution: Those who insist on adoring the industry and want to continue to profit from the child market will not comprehend the full value of this book. They would do better to read an adoption fiction or fantasy book written for children by an adoptive parent.

The adoptee-rights community refuses to advertise for adoption facilitators. We also refuse to promote the commercialization of children, nor do we profit from the industry. The insistence that adopted people ignore their human rights and stay "positive" dismisses the crimes against families and children, and has resulted in the continuation of profits over people. Because few have heard the voices of adoptees from Asia, Africa is now targeted and hailed as the next best harvesting grounds. After years of forced "positivity" led by the profiteers, it is time to be real. These are real stories from real adopted people--no longer serving the adoption pioneers'; fanciful wishes and advertising campaigns. Read this book before you pay adoption agency fees. These courageous narratives could save you tens of thousands of dollars or prevent you from obtaining a child unethically. Be the first to read these narratives and join the ever-expanding Adoption Truth and Transparency Worldwide Network. It's never too late to walk in awareness!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Great works of literary art from the Korean Adopted Community that form a collage of life experiences and perceptions, in the form of stories, micro biographies and poetry. Very well written and upholstered entries from all participants. This is a great compendium to which the reader can dip in and out of. Good for long and short journeys by bus, car, train, plane. Take as little or as much as you want. Highly recommended.

Great read! It was hard for me growing up half Korean in Iowa but after reading the book it has opened my eyes to what happens with adoption. Heartbreaking stories raw and real LOVE the book!

A hard look at adoption stories from Korean adoptees. Nearly all of these stories are ones of pain, detailing the negative side of adoption that I imagine the general public only has a vague understanding about. This should be required reading for any prospective adoptive parents. I wish there had been a few more positive stories, but I think this collection is a good one that shows a variety of experiences and outlooks.

I got my copy of the book yesterday and I will be finished today. Even though I knew there were many of us Korean adoptees out there, this is the first time I have been able to read their stories. So many of the authors capture ever so poignantly the feelings I felt while I was growing up and the feelings that I still have today. I wish I had been able to connect with other Korean adopters when I was growing up. But I know that I would have avoided every opportunity to do so since I wanted to

be able to keep my "white face" on and I didn't want to be Korean or an adoptee. I just wanted to be like my friends - white. I hope that I can connect with other Korean adoptee s. (Darn auto correct wants to change adoptee(s) to adopters). Reading this book makes me want to re-invigorate my search for my birth mother. What I tell myself though is that it's probably too late, she's probably dead. I always wondered why it cost so much to adopt a child from Korea (approx.. \$30K in the US). A friend of mine was stationed in Korea - he and his wife were able to adopt a baby girl then and it only cost them about \$6K. So where is the delta going to? Are Koreans in Korea profiting from the sale of "orphans?"

This is a powerful and important read for all. The adoptee voice is all too often silenced, and it can literally be life or death for some to be heard and seen.

Great book which gives an insight into the KAD community.

What's it like to grow up in the wrong movie? You are not allowed to know what happened in the beginning. not allowed to know the plot. You have to ad-lib amidst a barrage of racism and lack of understanding all of which is traumatic beyond belief. The Vance Twins tell you the unvarnished truth in their exploration of life in the wrong movie.

Powerful voices and experiences of Korean adoptees world wide. This is an important work not only for adoptees on their journey toward empowerment but also for anyone wishing to glimpse into the diverse and often painful experiences of Korean Adoptees.

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