

PACT (pre/post adoption consulting and training) Reading List

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Author	Title	Description	Publisher	Year	Topic
Adamec, C	<u>Encyclopedia of adoption</u>	In more than 300 entries ranging in length from a few sentences to several thousand words, the authors address the complex legal, social, emotional, and medical aspects of adoption in the U.S.A.	Facts on File	2006	Adoption-General
Adoff, A.	<u>black is brown is tan</u>	This collection of poems about biracial identity, presented in an accessible, conversational voice, have stood the test of time and serve as a good springboard for discussing racial heritage with children. <i>Pact says: This poetry about biracial identity has been a favorite for more than 30 years.</i>	Amistad	1973	Age: Preschool
Akhtar, S. (Ed.).	<u>Thicker than blood: Bonds of fantasy and reality in adoption</u>	Addresses, in depth, the impact of adoption on biological parents, adoptive parents, adopted children, and siblings.	Jason Aronson	2000	Adoption-General
Alexander-Roberts, C.	<u>ADHD Parenting Handbook</u>	This well-written book provides guidelines, suggestions, and advice to help parents interact with their children who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).			Special Needs
Aliki	<u>Feelings</u>	Happy, sad, shy, excited--how do you feel? Sometimes it's hard to explain you feelings. Share this book with a friend and you'll both feel terrific!			Age: 3-7 years
Alperson, M.	<u>Dim sum, bagels, and grits: A sourcebook for multicultural families</u>	Importance of balancing birth culture and adoptive culture within the family	FSG	2001	Cultural Issues
Alvarez, J.	<u>Finding miracles</u>	Millie is adopted from a war-torn country. Her life in Vermont is changed when a new boy arrives from her native country.	Random House	2004	Cultural Issues
Angel, A.	<u>Real for sure sister</u>	Teaching your child to deal with racism.	Perspectives Press	1988	Racial Issues
Arms, S.	<u>Adoption: A handful of hope</u>	Personal accounts of adoption and what it means to those individuals touched by adoption today.	Celestial Arts	1990	Adoption-General
Asim, J.	<u>Whose Knees Are These?</u>	Playful rhymes answer the title question. The text refers to knees so brown and so strong and toes so brown and sweet. <i>Pact says: These titles add welcome diversity to board-book collections.</i>	LB Kids	2006	Babies and Toddlers
Author Unknown	<u>This Is Me! Memories To Gather and Keep</u>	A memory book with a padded binder and 37 removable pages to tailor the book to your child's unique history.			Adoption Younger Children
Babb, L.A.	<u>Adopting and advocating for the special needs child</u>	Brings professional and personal experience to the task of demystifying special needs adoption	Bergin & Garvey	1997	Special Needs
Bang, M.	<u>In My Heart</u>	Bang's book is a beautifully-illustrated work: the vibrant colors, the style of artwork and the fun integration of alphabet lettering into the storylines give the book a warm and fun feel. <i>Pact says: It is so nice to see a book that reflects racial diversity for our children among adults, not just other children.</i>	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2006	Age: Preschool
Banks, K.	<u>Dillon Dillon</u>	During the summer that he turns ten-years-old, Dillon Dillon learns the surprising story behind his name; he develops a relationship with three loons that live on the lake near his family's New Hampshire cabin.	FSG	2002	Adoption-General
Baran, A., Pannor, R.	<u>Lethal Secrets: The Psychology of Donor Insemination</u>	Offers sound advice for couples on why and how to tell their children about their origins, while proposing greater openness and honesty in the donor insemination process.			Infertility



Baron, E.	The Whole Me	A story in verse about the experience of kids being adopted from the foster care system. It is presented in a picture-book format that older children might feel makes it a "baby" book; nevertheless, it presents authentic feelings that children often have about the move from foster care to adoption. <i>Pact says: Though this book is not everything we might have wished, it fulfills a unique purpose.</i>	Xlibris Corporation	2005	Age: Preschool
Bashista, A.E.	Mishka: An adoption tale	In this reassuring new storybook, a stuffed bear and a little boy in Russia wait for the day they'll go home with a family.	DRT Press	2007	Age: 3-7 years
Bergquist, K.J.S. (Ed.)	International Korean adoption: A fifty-year history of policy and practice	Probes beneath the surface of the lives of Korean adoptees to discern the historical, political, and social forces that caused the dispersal of tens of thousands of Korean children across the globe and the impact this 'social experiment' has had on the lives of adoptees and their families.	Routledge	2007	Cultural Issues
Bernstein, A.	Flight of the Stork	<i>Pact says:</i> The best book we've found about how children understand sex and family creation (including adoption).	Perspectives Press	1994	Parenting
Best, M.H.	Toddler adoption: The weaver's craft	Increasingly, adoptive children are entering their forever families past the age of infancy but not yet as older children; covers aspects of adopting and parenting these young children, making an informed decision whether or not to adopt; preparation and education; forming attachments; behavior management.	Perspectives Press	1998	Adoption-Toddlers
Betts, D.J.	Creative arts therapies approaches in adoption and foster care: Contemporary strategies for working with individuals and families	Creative arts therapists will find this collection to be of particular relevance, but the intention is to also introduce this subject to a wide range of clinicians, including those in the associated professions of social work, counseling, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, teaching, and related fields; explores a variety of psychological constructs, such as trust, attachment, abandonment, rejection, self-esteem, identity integration, grief, and loss.	Charles C. Thomas	2003	Art Therapy
Birdseye, D.H. and Birdseye, T.	Under Our Skin: Kids Talk about Race	This book explores issues of race through the eyes and words of six teenagers of different ethnic backgrounds, who candidly discuss their daily lives, views on race and experiences with prejudices. <i>Pact says: A great example of how to talk about race for younger children who will look up to these older children as mentors.</i>	Holiday House	1997	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Bloc Jones, M.	Birthmothers: Women Who Have Relinquished Babies For Adoption Tell Their Stories	Seventy women share experiences of giving birth to a baby and placing that child for adoption. Each chapter presents a different issue such as discovery of pregnancy, the birth, relinquishment, raising other children.			Birthparents
Blomquist, B.T.	Insight into adoption: What adoptive parents need to know ...	Examines differences between parenting adopted and biological children; provides workable solutions and counseling handouts; helps adoptive parents to understand some potentially challenging factors so they can deal with them positively.	Charles C. Thomas	2001	Parenting
Blomquist, G., Blomquist, P.	Zachary's New Home: A Story for Foster and Adopted Children	Focuses on a little kitten who doesn't understand why he has to move from his first family to a foster family and then to an adoptive family.			Adoption-Younger Children



Bond, J.C.	<u>Sam's Sister</u>	Rosa's mother explains to her that she is pregnant with a child for whom she can't provide. Instead, she knows of a couple who will "help us take care of the baby." After the adoptive parents take the newborn home from the hospital, they stay in touch with his birth family, who eventually visit the baby. The text is straightforward and sensitively written. <i>Pact says: We hope this book makes it into every adoptive and birth family home, and becomes a staple for agency personnel to use with their prospective clients. Four stars.</i>	Perspectives Press	2004	Age: Preschool
Brodzinsky, A.B.	<u>The mulberry bird: An adoption story</u>	Story of birthmother who made difficult decisions to put child up for adoption; designed to answer children's questions about why they were adopted; for ages 5-10.	Perspectives Press	1996	Age: 5-10 years
Brodzinsky, D.M.	<u>The psychology of adoption</u>	Theoretical, empirical, clinical, and social policy issues offer new insights into the problems facing parents of adopted children and especially the children themselves. The book is a comprehensive study and will be of interest to child psychiatrists, developmental and clinical psychologists, social workers, and social service providers.	Oxford	1990	Adoption-General
Brodzinsky, D.M.	<u>Being adopted: The lifelong search for self</u>	Explores impact of adoption on adoptees' sense of loss and search for identity, using Erikson's life cycle as a framework.	Doubleday	1992	Adult Adoptees
Brodzinsky, D.M.	<u>Children's adjustment to adoption: Developmental and clinical issues</u>	Major issues that affect both process and outcome of adoption for children and their parents; begins with both historical and contemporary perspectives on adoption; theories that address issue of psychological risks associated with adoption	Sage	1998	Adoption-General
Brodzinsky, D.M. (Ed.).	<u>Psychological issues in adoption: Research and practice</u>	Leading researchers spotlight how dramatically the practice of adoption has changed both in North America and Europe in recent decades due to, among other factors, a falling rate of domestically born infants being placed for adoption. This has resulted in a rise in international adoption, children of color being placed with Caucasian parents, increased foster care and special needs adoptions including children exposed to prenatal alcohol and drug use as well as maltreatment by birth parents.	Praeger	2005	Adoption-General
Brooks, T.	<u>A wealth of family: An adopted son's international quest for heritage, reunion, and enrichment</u>	Inspiring account of adoption, reunion, and heritage; provides provocative perspective on multicultural families and powerful insights on overcoming racism and poverty	Alpha Multimedia	2006	Transracial Adoption
Brown, M.W.	<u>Runaway Bunny</u>	A little bunny keeps running away from his mother in an imaginative and imaginary game of verbal hide-and-seek; children will be profoundly comforted by this lovingly steadfast mother who finds her child every time. This is an enchanting book of adventure and storytelling. Noah and his mother Go-Ma weave a tale of a boy in search of excitement and a dragon who doesn't want to be fierce anymore. The author knows exactly how parents and young children tell stories, with input from the child driving the narration. The fact that Noah has two moms is incidental to the main story; the book is inclusive without being preachy. <i>Pact says: Books that are creative and validating are important to children who live a "different" experience every day.</i>	Two Lives Publishing	2006	Age: Preschool



Bunin, C. & Bunin, S.	<u>Is that your sister? A true story of adoption</u>	"We share the story of our family in the hope that it will help more people understand adoption as a chosen way of life that is positive, compassionate and civilized." About a racially mixed family. Ages 5-10.	Our Child Press	1992	Age: 5-10 years
Bunting, E.	<u>Jim Woo</u>	David is feeling unsure about the new brother his parents adopt from Korea.	Clarion	2001	Age: 5-10 years
Burton, N.	<u>Swimming up the sun: A memoir of adoption</u>	As an adoptive child in Britain, playwright Nicole J. Burton always wanted to find her birth parents. After immigrating with her adoptive family to the United States, she pursued the elusive characters haunting her imagination. With an appointment with one of Her Majesty's social workers and her birth mother's name in hand, she returned home to Britain. There she began a search that led to more drama than any play she could possibly conceive.	Apippa Publishing	2008	Adoption-General
Busic, V.	<u>Billy's New Home: For Foster Children Everywhere</u>	Although eight-year old Billy's mom could no longer take care of him, he knows that his mom is glad that he's living with a nice family until she can take care of him.			Foster Care
Byars, B.	<u>The Pinballs</u>	Three kids in foster care - Pinballs, as wisecracking Carly dubs them - collide in a warm and caring home and learn to pin their hopes on each other. <i>Pact says: A hopeful story that will give all adopted and foster children a vehicle by which to explore their feelings, whether they were placed at older ages or as infants. It's nice for children to have stories they can measure their own feelings against.</i>	HarperCollins	1992	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Cain, B. S.	<u>Double-Dip Feelings: Stories to Help Children Understand Emotions</u>	This book identifies contradictory emotions and delivers the message that it is natural to have them. That makes the book really useful with children who are happy to be adopted but also sometimes feel sad. <i>Pact says: This book doesn't give a lot of hints for resolving problems, but in the hands of a good therapist and/or creative parent it offers reassurance about having conflicted feelings.</i>	Magination Press	2001	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Calanes, V.	<u>The Tequila Worm</u>	This story of family and community is an affectionate picture of the life of a Mexican American family. Sofia celebrates festivals and rituals with her family throughout the year as she grows into a young woman, and faces a decision about how to leave home to attend a private boarding school that will open the world to her but take her away from her family. <i>Pact says: The novel describes not only how these celebrations are celebrated, but also their role in tying together the Mexican American family and community. Sofia's struggle with how to hold on to the values of her heritage and family while becoming her own person is sure to resonate with teens exploring identity.</i>	Wendy Lamb Books	2007	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Caldwell, V.M.	<u>The Ocean Within</u>	Elizabeth, 11, views her adoption by the Sheridans as just another temporary situation to be endured without getting emotionally entangled. It is four-year-old Petey who begins to reach Elizabeth; too young to be deceived, he recognizes her loneliness and fear. <i>Pact says: A beautifully-written and engaging story about learning to trust and becoming part of a family. Great appeal to adopted girls.</i>	Milkweed Editions	1999	Age: 3rd-5th Grade



Caldwell, V.M.	Tides	Elizabeth Sheridan (<u>The Ocean Within</u>) returns as she and her adoptive family head back to Grandma's beach house for some summer fun. But Adam, the oldest cousin, is distraught after losing two close friends in a drunk-driving accident, and his abrupt withdrawal has thrown the family into new territory. <i>Pact says: Both books address the reality that loss, fear and change can bring up core issue of adoption.</i>	Milkweed Editions	2001	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Cannon, J.	Stellaluna	Baby Bat Stellaluna becomes separated from her mother. She is lucky enough to land in the nest of baby birds. Her adoptive mom accepts her into the nest, but only on the condition that she will act like a bird, not a bat.	Harcourt Brace	1993	Age: 3-7 years
Carlini, H.	Birthmother Trauma	A counseling guide for birthmothers. This book offers a 7-stage recovery program to help birthmothers lessen the emotional pain that can last for years following the relinquishment of a child of adoption.			Birthparents
Carlson, L.	<u>American Eyes: New Asian-American Short Stories for Young Adults</u>	Short stories that burn with conflicts and choices that occur when two cultures come together. <i>Pact says: This book acknowledges racism for Asian youth and gives adopted Asians a context for seeing their own struggles toward identity in a larger context - opening the door to commonalities with non-adopted kids.</i>	Fawcett	1995	Age: Teens-High School
Carlson, L.	<u>Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing up Latino in the United States</u>	Growing up Latino in the U.S. sometimes means speaking two languages and learning the rules of two cultures. These poems celebrate the trials and triumphs that come with the experience. Contains selections by Sandra Cisneros, Martin Espada, Gary Soto, and Ed Vega. Bilingual in Spanish and English. <i>Pact says: These selections reinforce the bicultural experience of Latinos in general and give adopted Latinos insight into the cultural normalcy of their own experiences.</i>	Fawcett	1995	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Caron, A.	<u>When Sophie Gets Angry - Really, Really Angry...</u>	When Sophie's little sister grabs her toy, Sophie looks to her mother for help but mom says Sophie needs to share. This makes Sophie feel like "a volcano ready to explode." Overcome, she runs outside, finds solitude, is able to cry and think about what she's done, and manages to calm down. Ends with loving hugs. <i>Pact says: A supportive book for any child who has ever lost her temper - or might ever lose her temper.</i>	Scholastic Press	2007	Age: Preschool
Carp, E.W.	<u>Family matters: Secrecy and disclosure in the history of adoption</u>	Reviews controversies surrounding the management of adoption records in the U.S.; identifies concerns of adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents and surveys changing social attitudes toward the importance of family history, governmentally dictated secrecy, and the recognition of often conflicting rights of everyone involved in the adoption triad.	Harvard University Press	2000	Adoption-General
Christianson, L.	<u>The adoption decision: 15 things you want to know before adopting</u>	Written by an adoption educator; this resource will help prospective parents consider key emotional and spiritual issues up front, before they plunge into overwhelming details and even dead ends.	Harvest House	2007	Adoption-General



Christopher, M.	Double Play at Short	Danny Walker thinks he's a shoo-in for the all-star team until he meets Tammy Aiken, the shortstop for the opposition. They're both great players, but other similarities make Danny uneasy. When he learns that they're both adopted and have the same birthday, he becomes convinced that they're twins separated at birth. <i>Pact says: This unlikely plot gives kids a chance to explore adoption fantasies and what-ifs in the context of the sports team experience. The inclusion of many great girl players is a bonus.</i>	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1997	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Clements, A.	The Jacket	A story of a young white boy who begins to realize that he has prejudice toward African Americans. As the story progresses, he begins to realize that his mother, father and friends do too, as they live in an all-white neighborhood and don't interact with Black people except superficially. He comes to the realization that Black people aren't really any different from him. <i>Pact says: This is a direct and simple story about race-based assumptions that white people unknowingly carry.</i>	Aladdin	2003	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Cline, F.W.	Can this child be saved? Solutions for adoptive and foster families	Some children have been severely and permanently damaged by their pasts, resulting in behavioral, psychiatric, emotional, and neurological disorders. This book validates parents' feelings and offers struggling families clearly detailed parenting techniques and therapeutic approaches that succeed with disturbed children.	World Enterprises	1999	Parenting
Coerr, E.	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Based on a true story. Sadako Sasaki was two years old when the atom bomb was dropped on her home city of Hiroshima. When she was 12, she developed leukemia. Facing long days in bed, Sadako spent the time folding paper cranes because a legend held that if a sick person folded 1,000 cranes, the gods would make them well. <i>Pact says: An inspiring story of one child's courage in the face of adversity and the tremendous outpouring of support she received from the people around her. A Pact bestseller.</i>	Yearling		Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Cole, J.	How I was adopted	Recommended for ages 3-7; follows "Sam" as she explains her adoption and shows how the bonds of love are what make a family	Wm. Morrow	1999	Age: 3-7 years
Collison, M.N.	It's All Good Hair: The Guide to Styling and Grooming Black Children's Hair	<i>Pact says: Nice reminders for readers about the importance of telling their children that they are beautiful and smart as they spend time together combing and styling.</i>	Harper Paperbacks	2002	Racial Issues
Cooke, T.	So Much!	Mom and baby are home alone when Auntie and the Uncle and Nannie and Gran-Gran and the cousins come to visit. And they all want to hug and kiss and squeeze and eat the baby right up because everybody loves the baby so much! <i>Pact says: A wonderful evocation of a moment in a Black family's life. A Pact bestseller.</i>	Candlewick	2008	Babies and Toddlers



Cooper, S.	<u>Sticks and Stones: 7 Ways Your Child Can Deal with Teasing, Conflict and Other Hard Times</u>	Pact says: The difficulty with the book is that these very simple communication techniques are presented through a confusing metaphor as the author labels the techniques using habits of particular birds - thus, assertive self-expression is taught as 'The Way of the Blue Jay'. Unless a child is familiar with birds or drawn to learning about them, this presentation will probably get in the way of lesson being taught. Nonetheless, this book does a good job of letting parents know what will be helpful to kids.	Three Rivers Press	2000	Parenting
Corey, D.	<u>Will There Be a Lap for Me?</u>	Kyle loves to sit on his mom's lap but now that she is expecting a baby, her lap is getting smaller and smaller. <i>Pact says: This reassuring story about a black family answers universal big-sibling questions.</i>	Albert Whitman & Co.	1995	Babies and Toddlers
Coughlin, A.	<u>Cross cultural adoption: How to answer questions from family, friends & community</u>	Written as a guidebook for adult relatives and friends of adoptive families, this book puts the power of information where kids seek it most--in the mouths of their parents and caregivers.	Lifeline Press	2004	Parenting
Cox, S.S.K.	<u>Voices from another place</u>	The emotions and experiences of those who began life in Korea.	Yeong & Yeong	1999	Cultural Issues
Creech, S.	<u>The Wanderer</u>	Much to the concern of her adoptive parents, Sophie joins her grandfather, uncles and male cousins on a voyage across the Atlantic to England on a 45-foot sailboat. She keeps a journal as her past reveals itself. This is a deep, wrenching, suspenseful novel that you will think about long after you finish reading it. <i>Pact says: Because Sophie is adopted, this feeds into the secret wonderings of every adoptee.</i>	HarperCollins	2002	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Creech, S.	<u>Walk Two Moons</u>	Sal, trying to deal with the fact that her mother left her, tells the story of her friend Phoebe whose own mother is gone. While dealing with the painfully realistic reactions children have to such departures, it also gives us glimpses into families that are rock solid in their love and devotion. A Newbury Award winner that incorporates the author's Native roots. <i>Pact says: This great read gets straight to the heart of how children find resolution to the loss of connections.</i>	HarperCollins Children's Books	1996	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Crook, M.	<u>The face in the mirror: Teenagers and adoption</u>	Being a teenager in today's complex world is a difficult enough task, but adopted teens have an additional struggle: to discover their identity and a sense of belonging and place in the world. This book brings attention to the growing and often controversial phenomenon of teenagers wanting to know where they came from.	Arsenal Pulp Press	2000	Adoption- Teen
Crumbly, J.	<u>Transracial adoption and foster care: Practice issues for professionals</u>	Provides professionals, agencies, and organizations with the information they need to better serve the needs of transracial families.	Child Welfare League of America	1999	Transracial Adoption
Crutcher, C.	<u>Whale Talk</u>	This gripping tale of small-town prejudice delivers a frank, powerful message about social issues and ills, offering an unusual yet resonant mixture of black comedy and tragedy. <i>Pact says: A readable story that rings true with genuine feeling and is propelled by exhilarating swimming action to an ending that is both cataclysmic and triumphant.</i>	Greenwillow Books	2009	Age: Teens-High School



Cummings, M.	Three Names of Me	A book that has a touching overall tone in the context of inviting acknowledgment of the adopted girl's history and connections before she became the girl she is now in her adoptive home. In this book, the main character, Ada, is a Chinese adoptee who is telling the story of her journey to her adoptive family. <i>Pact says: The story takes her to America but as she grows up she remembers her "China mother" and her homeland with love and affection clearly sanctioned by her adoptive parents: what a beautiful model of integration and wholeness.</i>	Albert Whitman & Co.	2006	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Curtis, C.P.	Bud, Not Buddy	An orphaned runaway, Bud copes with the adult world with his numbered 'Rules and Things'. Among his few treasures from his former life with 'Momma' is a flyer advertising a musical group, which leads him on a fantasy journey to an amazing reality. <i>Pact says: This book explores children's sense of need for family and the 'who' notion of search and reunion. A great read.</i>	Random House Children's Books	1999	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Curtis, C.P.	<u>The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963</u>	10-year-old Kenny and his family, 'The Weird Watsons', go to Birmingham, AL during one of the darkest moments in America's civil rights history. In the midst of the warmth and hilarity of the family they encounter unexpected violence and some painful racist history. <i>Pact says: Being familiar with 'isms' is strengthening for all kids. This award-winning account of racism in the South has plenty of spice and no sugar-coating. It grabs the reader and doesn't let go.</i>	Holt McDougal	2004	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Curtis, J.L.	<u>Tell me again about the night I was born</u>	A young girl asks her parents to tell her again the cherished family story of her birth and adoption.	HarperCollins	1996	Age: 3-7 years
D'Antonio, N.	<u>Our baby from China</u>	An American couple goes to Chian to adopt a baby.	Whitman	1997	Age: 3-7 years
Dalmage, H.	<u>Tripping on the Color Line: Black-White Multiracial Families in a Racially Divided World</u>	<i>Pact says: This is an accessible and stimulating read, useful for anyone interested in racial identity issues.</i>	Rutgers University Press	2000	Racial Issues
Davis, L. and Kayser, J.	<u>Becoming the Parent You Want to Be: A Sourcebook of Strategies for the First Five Years</u>	<i>Pact says: Thought-provoking, challenging and enriching; a great resource for every new and not-so-new parent's shelf.</i>	Broadway	1997	Parenting
Delaney, R.J.	<u>Troubled transplants: Unconventional strategies for helping disturbed foster and adopted children</u>	Presents practical, if unconventional, treatment strategies to address the puzzling and exhausting problems sometimes seen in foster and adopted children. These unique approaches can breathe life into children, soften their defenses, sidestep endless power struggles, and alter their distorted views. Provides strategies and insights for the adoptive family dealing with children who are exhibiting behavioral difficulties.	Wood 'N Barnes	2000	Behavioral Issues
DelBalzo, J.	<u>Unlearning adoption: A guide to family preservation and protection</u>	Introduces readers to the many problems inherent in adoption and the alternatives that both preserve families and protect children.; inspires readers to get involved in family preservation; includes tips for social workers, doctors, and other professionals who counsel expectant mothers and at-risk families.	BookSurge	2007	Adoption-General



Dellinger, A.E.	<u>Adopted and loved forever</u>	A young child describes what it means to be adopted ,emphasizing that parents of adopted children chose them, love them, and will never leave them.	Concordia Publishing	1987	Age: 3-7 years
Dischler, P.	<u>Because I Loved You: A Birthmother's View of Open Adoption</u>	For the first time, a birthmother shares a story where regrets are replaced with respect, pain is replaced with love, and secrecy is replaced with honesty. Dischler provides a poignant and moving narrative, notable for its honesty. She chose an open adoption arrangement for her son Joe in 1985. He is now an adult and their story has come full circle. <i>Pact says: The combination of personal and professional is refreshing and helpful. An engaging read.</i>	Goblin Fern Press	2006	Adoption-Birthparent
Dodds, P.	<u>Outer Search, Inner Journey</u>	An orphan & adoptee's quest. The author, Peter Dodds, was adopted abroad. This book is a search for roots and the parallel inner journey toward healing. It is about the loss of family & heritage, rejection & abandonment, shame, guilt, rage & betrayal.			Adoption-Search/Reunion
Dorner, P.	<u>How to Open An Adoption: A Guide for Parents and Birthparents of Minors</u>	Covers the benefits of opening adoptions while the children are still minors, issues surrounding open adoption requests, getting professional assistance, etc.			Open Adoption
Dorow, S.	<u>I Wish For You A Beautiful Life: Letters From the Korean Birth Mothers of Ae Ron Won to their Children</u>	A collection of letters written with the birth mothers were staying at a maternity home, they express the mothers' sorrow, guilt, and regret, but also their best wishes for their children and the adoptive parents.			International Adoption Parenting
Dorow, S.	<u>Transnational Adoption: A cultural economu of race, gender, and kinship (Nation of newcomers)</u>	Dorow provides an honest and intriguing look at hard topics in language that's sometimes painfully direct. She addresses institutional racism, gender and class issues in the specific context of U.S.-Chinese adoptions, but her analysis has much broader applicability. <i>Pact says: There's no denying that this is a challenging read, both intellectually and emotionally. Dorow brings her sociologist's sensibility to this academic text, and her conclusions may make the reader uncomfortable. She insists that we look at the whole truth, including who benefits and who is served when aoptions happen.</i>	NYU Press	2006	Adoption-Transnational
Dorros, A.	<u>Abuela</u>	Flying around Manhattan, somersaulting in midair, and resting in the sky on a chair-shaped cloud, Rosalba and her grandmother - her abuela - are having a grand adventure. <i>Pact says: A beautiful book, with fabulous illustrations, that is filled with fantasy and love.</i>	Puffin	1997	Age: Preschool
Dukovich, A.J.	<u>Star named little one, A</u>	Introduces the concept of adoption to pre-school age children. The story begins with a Star in heaven and ends with a little one in the arms of his/her parents. The brevity allows children to ask questions as they begin to understand and parents to answer with age appropriate detail.	Lifestest Publishing	2006	Age: 3-7 years
Duxbury, M.	<u>Making Room in Our Hearts: Keeping Family Ties through Open Adoption</u>	Duxbury, a therapist and adoptive parent, interviewed hundreds of triad members about their life stories and experiences with adoption. Her book helps both adoptive and birth parents address their fears and concerns while offering them support to put the child's needs at the center of adoption. <i>Pact says: There is no other book that offers a compilation of first-hand stories of families living with open adoption. Kudos!</i>	Routledge	2006	Open Adoption



Dyson, M.E.	<u>Debating Race with Michael Eric Dyson</u>	Pact says: Dyson is controversial and provocative, offering real insight into the state of race in America.	Basic Civitas Books	2007	Racial Issues
Edelman, M.W.	<u>The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours</u>	Pact says: Edelman is a powerful role model. In this inspiring book, written for her own children, she details the lessons for life she hopes to pass along to the next generation. Beautifully written and highly recommended.	Beacon Press	1994	Racial Issues
Eldridge, S.	<u>Forever fingerprints: An amazing discovery for adopted children</u>	Guides children to two essential concepts: sadness over missing birthparents is normal, and adoptive parents can be sensitive supporters for their children's grief	EMK Press	2007	Age: 3-7 years
Eldridge, S.	<u>Twenty things adopted kids wish their adoptive parents knew</u>	The author, adopted herself, writes eloquently about loss, fear, and hope that all adopted children experience as they struggle to understand the strong emotions related to their adoptions. She helps parents understand the complexity and enormity of the loss that adopted children feel, and educates us with respect to their grief, their fear of rejection, their anger and their special needs	Dell	1999	Adoption-General
Evans, K.	<u>The Lost Daughters of China</u>	Part memoir, part travelogue, part East-West cultural commentary, and part adoption how-to, Karin Evans's book is greater than the sum of its parts.			Racial Issues
Faber, A., Mazlish, E.	<u>How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and How to Listen So Kids Will Talk</u>	This best selling book will give you the know-how you need to be more effective with your children and more supportive of yourself.			Parenting
Fahlberg, V.	<u>A Child's Journey Through Placement</u>	Provides the foundation, resources, and tools to help professionals and parents support these children, victims of broken attachments, on their way to adulthood.			Adoption-Younger Children
Feelings, T.	<u>Soul Looks Back in Wonder</u>	Included in this anthology are poems by Margaret Walker, Maya Angelou, Lucille Clifton, Eugene B. Redmond, and Langston Hughes. This is a unique and moving collaboration that celebrates the sustaining spirit of African creativity. <i>Pact says: A beautiful book filled with compelling words and pictures that inspire.</i>	Puffin	1999	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Ferrell, P.	<u>Kids Talk Hair: Instruction Book for Grown-ups and Kids</u>	This instruction book for hair care is designed with both children and adults in mind. It provides advice and displays techniques for braiding and styling.			Racial Issues
Fisher, A.	<u>Finding Fish</u>	Fisher was born in prison to a teenaged mother, became a ward of the state of Ohio and placed in foster care immediately. He suffered twelve years of abuse at the hands of a cruel foster family and the brutalities of homelessness. He set on a course of healing after joining the Navy and serving for 11 years. <i>Pact says: An inspirational story that has deep reverberations for all who have lost their first families before finding their own peace.</i>	Serpent's Tail	2003	Age: Teens-High School



Flake, S.	The Skin I'm in	Maleeka Madison feels like a freak in her inner-city middle school. The kids pick on her because she is "the darkest, worst-dressed thing in school" and because she gets good grades. Flake is honest about how mean people are; the gum-smacking, wisecracking dialogue in the hallways, the girls' bathroom and the classroom will pull readers into a world too rarely represented in middle-school fiction. <i>Pact says: Fitting in racially, even within your own racial group, is complicated, and peer pressure and the desire to be "like" everyone else makes this a great read for middle schoolers.</i>	Hyperion Book CH	2007	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Foge, L. and Mosconi, G.	The Third Choice: A woman's guide to placing a child for adoption	This is the first book to accurately detail the predictable emotional steps in the journey of placement. Written in a warm, conversational tone and filled with personal experiences, this book is engaging, respectful and realistic. <i>Pact says: Finally! An intelligent guide for adults facing the complexities of placing a child for adoption.</i>	Third Choice Books	2004	Adoption-Birthparent
Foggo, C.	One Thing That's True	<i>Pact says: Set in Canada, this novel is told in a fresh, funny, contemporary voice that blends the suspenseful plot with Roxanne's coming-of-age struggles. Race and class are part of the story. For the sake of all adopted children of color, we are so glad to have this book, which affirms cultural pride and individual value.</i>	Kids Can Press	2002	Age: Teens-High School
Foli, K.J. & Thompson, J.R.	Post-adoption blues: Overcoming the unseen challenges of adoption	Dealing with school officials, language difficulties, and grade placement.	Rodale	2004	Adoption-General
Fong-O'Neill, L.	Daddy, why?	Seven-year-old Billy questions his biological father about why he wants to adopt a child. Transracial adoption is discussed as Billy inquires about the people who adopted "a different looking kid." Daddy uses adoption to tell Billy that love happens regardless of age, appearance, or racial makeup, and that the more love one gives, the more love one receives.	Ben-Lin Associates	2006	Age: 3-7 years
Fowler, M.	Maybe You Know My Kid	A parent's guide to identifying, understanding and helping a child with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.			Special Needs
Fowler, S.G.	When Joel comes home	A little girl describes all the things she and her parents are planning for their friends who are adopting a baby boy.	Greenwillow	1993	Age: 3-7 years
Fox, M. and Staub, L.	Whoever You Are	This book urges readers to accept differences among people, to recognize differences, and most importantly to rejoice in both. An essential book that acknowledges our common humanity in the simplest of terms. <i>Pact says: Vivid colors underscore a vibrant and essential message.</i>	Sandpiper	2006	Age: Preschool
Franklin, L., Ferber, E.	May the Circle Be Unbroken	An intimate journey into the heart of adoption. Through this Birthmom's journey the triad of members will feel and bring all of us into a sense of community with each other.			Birthparents
Frasier, D.	On the Day You Were Born	This beautifully illustrated picture book provides a wonderful springboard to talking about the day your child entered the world. Packets for pictures are included for each page, so the book becomes a personalized reflection of your child's entry into the world. <i>Pact says: Sometimes children who have been adopted think they have not been born. Designed for children who come to their families as babies, this is a great antidote for that thinking. A bestseller.</i>	Harcourt Children's Books	2005	Babies and Toddlers



Freudberg, J.	<u>Susan and Gordon adopt a baby</u>	Aimed at pre-schoolers, uses Sesame Street characters to talk about the arrival of an adopted child.	Random House	1986	Age: 3-7 years
Freundlich, M.	<u>Adoption and ethics: The role of race, culture, and national origin in adoption</u>	Synthesis of current research & legislation about transracial adoptions, adoptions of American Indian children, and international adoptions.	Child Welfare League of America	2000	Transracial Adoption
Friedrich, M.	<u>You're not my real mother!</u>	Preschool-K; an adoptive mother tells her daughter all of the reasons why she is a "real mother," even though they do not look alike.	Little, Brown Young	2004	Age: 3-7 years
Fry, Y.	<u>Kids Like Me in China</u>	Ying Ying was adopted from an orphanage in China when she was a baby. She tells the story of her adoption and her return trip to China and the orphanage where she was born. <i>Pact says: This book is very touching and inspirational for kids of older ages who can begin to imagine writing their own stories.</i>	Yeong & Yeong	2001	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Fuller, D.L.	<u>Who are my real parents?</u>	Polly and Enchilada are best friends. They enjoy planning hide and seek and tag together. One day Enchilada notices something different about Polly. She is a panda bear, but her parents are brown bears. Enchilada asks the question that every adopted child will hear at some point: "who are your real parents?"	CreateSpace	2007	Age: 3-7 years
Gabbin, J.V.	<u>I Bet She Called Me Sugar Plum</u>	A soft and beautiful story of an African American family that honors an adopted child's birth mother and the precious relationship of love that exists through the generations in her adoptive family. A paper doll of the main character to cut out, with clothes, is included. <i>Pact says: The pictures reflect natural materials and go along with the simple text that talks about adoptions and birth parents in terms of feelings instead of role definitions.</i>	Franklin Street Gallery Productions	2004	Age: Preschool
Gabel, S.	<u>Filling in the blanks: A guided look at growing up adopted</u>	A lifebook/workbook designed for use by 10-14 year olds with an adult helper. Helps parents prepare for issues that are a part of the pre- and early-adolescence "search for self" in adopted kids.	Perspectives Press	1988	Age: 10-14 years
Garden, N.	<u>Molly's Family</u>	A kindergartener with two moms has to handle a classmate's insistence that a two-mom family isn't a "real" one. When she gets home and tells her moms what happened at school, they reassure her that her family is real and that there are all kinds of families. But Molly isn't completely reassured until her teacher offers her support. <i>Pact says: A validating book for kids who have to deal with teasing about "different" that underscores the need for parents and teachers to be proactive in helping children cope.</i>	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2004	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Garner, A.	<u>Families Like Mine: Children of Gay Parents Tell It Like It Is</u>	<i>Pact says: This book is a must-read for LGBT parents. Garner refreshingly acknowledges the challenges as well as the joys faced by kids and gives their parents and others who work with them some invaluable information.</i>	Harper Paperbacks	2005	Parenting
Gaskins, P.Y.	<u>What Are You?: Voices of Mixed-Race Young People</u>	Through the lively voices of 45 young people aged 14-26, this books helps us begin to understand how it feels to grow up outside traditional racial boundaries. Includes extensive resource lists. <i>Pact says: This collection of authentic writing conveys the emotional impact of being mixed race in a time of identity politics</i>	Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)	1999	Age: Teens-High School



Gediman, J., Brown, L.	<u>Birth Bond: Reunions Between Birthparents & Adoptees- What are the Long-term Outcomes?</u>	In this informative and moving account, the reader discovers the impact of reunions on the lives of all members of the adoption triangle.			Birthparents
Gillespie, N.N.	<u>Successful adoption: A guide for Christian families</u>	Brings a practical and spiritual view of adoption.	Thomas Nelson	2006	Adoption- Spiritual
Gillespie, P.	<u>Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families</u>	Tells the stories of thirty-nine families who have bridged the racial divide through adoption or interracial marriage. Parents and children speak candidly about their lives, their relationships, and the ways in which they have dealt with issues of race.			Transracial Adoption
Gillespie, P.	<u>Once Upon a Quinceañera: Coming of Age in the USA</u>	Pact says: By intercutting the party narrative with stories from her own youth, Alvarez reminds herself - and readers - of both the value and the complexity of the ritual in the Latino community.	Plume	2008	Racial Issues
Girard, L.W.	<u>Adoption is for always</u>	For ages 4-8; a 5-year-old knows she is adopted but is confused and angry.	Albert Whitman & Co.	1991	Age: 3-7 years
Glenn, S., Nelson, J.	<u>Raising Self Reliant Children in a Self Indulgent World</u>	Offers inspiring and workable ideas for developing a trusting relationship with children, as well as the skills to implement the necessary discipline to help the child become a responsible adult.			Parenting
Golenbock, P.	<u>Teammates</u>	This book offers an account of Jackie Robinson's difficulties in becoming the first Black player in Major League Baseball and relates the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate, Pee Wee Reese. This single moment in baseball history is a great way to talk about racism, courage and true brotherhood with young children. <i>Pact says: A great example to demonstrate how white allies can support people of color.</i>	Sandpiper	1992	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Gomi, T.	<u>Everyone Poops</u>	Here we learn that birds do it, bees do it, kids with bended knees do it. We are told about big poop and little poop, animals that poop while moving and animals that poop from a stationary position, why and where people poop--in short, we get the scoop on poop.			Age: 3-7 years
Gorbett, D.	<u>Adopted teens only: A survival guide to adolescence</u>	Tackles issues that parents may reluctant to discuss with their teenager.	iUniverse Star	2007	Adoption- Teen
Gordon, E.	<u>Mommy, did I grow in your tummy?: Where some babies come from</u>	For ages 9-12; sensitively written to help parents explain to young children about the different ways babies may be conceived, including IVF, egg and sperm donation, and surrogacy.	Greenberg Press	1992	Age: 10-14 years
Gordon, S.	<u>The boy who wanted a family</u>	Seven year-old Michael has been bounced from foster home to foster home. Now he's going to live with Ms. Graham, but who wants to adopt a boy who can't even tie his shoelaces? This is a compassionate story of a year of discovering what a family can be, based on the author's personal experience.	Yearling	1982	Age: 5-10 years



Gottman, J.	<u>The Heart of Parenting: Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child</u>	Pact says: In adoptive families, being able to express and deal with difficult emotions is extremely important, for both parents and kids. The book's guide to empathizing with your kids and how to talk to them about hard feelings like fear, sadness and anger is a tremendously helpful tool. Be aware that the chapter titled 'The Father's Crucial Role' is dated, but the book's value far outweighs this weakness.	Simon & Schuster	1997	Parenting
Gravelle, K.	<u>The Period Book, Updated Edition: Everything You Don't Want to Ask</u>	<u>The Period Book</u> is a reassuring must-read for every girl about to have her period, and every parent wishing to prepare a daughter for this important milestone. <u>The Period Book</u> specifically addresses younger girls, and with eleven now the average age at which girls get their period, this supportive and practical approach, providing clear and sensitive answers to common questions, is even more welcome today. The revised edition includes a new introduction for parents and an additional chapter about body image.	Walker Books for Young Readers	2006	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Gravelle, K.	<u>What's Going on Down There?: Answers to Questions Boys Find Hard to Ask</u>	<i>Pact says: Part manual, part trusted friend, this book takes a straightforward approach to sexual development for boys. A particularly sensitive issue of being raised by adoptive or foster parents is that your body type and physical development are likely to be quite different from your dad's. When it comes to body changes, his experience may be totally different from yours. This down-to-earth, practical and positive book provides comprehensive information in a friendly and supportive way and will provide a broad overview inclusive of both father and son's questions and experiences. Extremely useful!</i>	Walker Books for Young Readers	1998	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Gravelle, K. and Fischer, S.	<u>Where Are My Birth Parents?: A Guide for Teenage Adoptees</u>	Keep this on your shelf even if your kids aren't asking yet, so it will be available when they do. <i>Pact says: A sensitive guide to help adopted teens make informed decisions about if and how to search for their birth parents.</i>	Walker Books for Young Readers	1995	Age: Teens-High School
Gray, D.	<u>Attaching in adoption: Practical tools for today's parents</u>	Proper attachment is the most fundamental issue in a successful adoption, but what exactly does the term mean? <u>Attaching in Adoption</u> answers that question thoroughly, and it provides solutions to a variety of specific	Perspectives Press	2002	Attachment
Gray, D.D.	<u>Nurturing adoption: Creating resilience after negelect and trauma</u>	Addresses primary issues that parents and professionals confront when they become involved with hurt children.	Perspectives Press	2007	Special Needs
Green, T.	<u>Birthright, A Man and His Mother</u>	This is Tim Green's story of his faithful reunion with his birthmother and how this meeting engendered both thie lives.			Adoption-Search/Reunion
Gritter, J.	<u>The Spirit of Open Adoption</u>	A candid, intensely personal, highly readable account of the experiences of one agency that switched from closed to open adoptions.			Open Adoption
Grossnickle, Mary	<u>A Place in My Heart</u>	Charlie the chipmunk was adopted into a family of grey squirrels. He wonders about his birth parents. His mother gives him permission to be curious and to care about his birth parents, and shows him there is always room in our hearts for all of the people we care about. <i>Pact says: The book offers parents an excellent opportunity to talk with their child about the core issues that come with being adopted. We love this book!</i>	The Guest Cottage	2004	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade



Grotevant, H.D.	<u>Openness in adoption: Exploring family connections</u>	Provides recent longitudinal research findings about the practice of open adoption and impact on participants.	Sage	1998	Open Adoption
Groza, V.	<u>Clinical and practice issues in adoption: Bridging the gap between adoptees placed as infants and as older children (rev. ed.).</u>	The book, developed as a resource text for practitioners, researchers, students, and adoptive triad members, promotes better integration of theory, practice, policy, and research in working with clients who are members of the adoption triad. The authors provide a bridge for the separate practice areas, pointing out the significant overlap between the two populations and the similar interventions that can be used when working with adoptees regardless of their age at placement.	Bergin & Garvey	2001	Adoption-General
Hamilton, V.	<u>The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales</u>	By turn droll, grisley and spine-tingling, these 24 stories celebrate the indomitable human spirit, surviving under the most crushing circumstances of slavery. <i>Pact says: An excellent collection of stories rooted in the African-American experience.</i>	Knopf Books for Young Readers	2009	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Hannah, D.L.	<u>An unlit path</u>	The author describes her family's painful journey through fostering and adopting "hard-to-place" children and how her faith helped her through the turmoil of living with children who were damaged by abuse.	Xulon Press	2006	Special Needs
Harrar, G.	<u>Parents Wanted</u>	After being rejected by his birth parents, then several foster families, 12-year-old Andy (who has ADD) is anxious to be adopted by a "normal" couple and the Sizeracys appear to fit the bill. However, his good intentions are often overshadowed by disruptive behavior. His antics - escalating from vandalizing mailboxes to stealing to making false accusations of child molestation - nearly threaten his chance for a permanent placement with the Sizeracys. Readers will sympathize with both Andy and his adoptive parents as they seek and eventually find mutual trust and love. <i>Pact says: What is wonderful about this book is that it is written from a 12-year-old's voice, giving kids and parents alike a window into how a kid who has been through several placements and group homes views the world and the actions of the adults who are supposed to be caring for him. Really insightful.</i>	Milkweed Editions	2001	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Harris, P.	<u>In Search of Belonging: Reflections by transracially adopted people</u>	This is a collection of works by transracially adopted people who were raised in the U.K. The contributors explore the theme of transracial adoption in all its complexity. <i>Pact says: This is a valuable contribution to the adoption world, and should be read by adoptees, adoptive parents and adoption professionals.</i>	British Assn. for Adoption & Fostering	2006	Adoption-Transracial
Harris, P.	<u>The Colours in Me: Writing and poetry by adopted children and young people</u>	This book is a beautiful collection of poetry, personal stories, interviews and artwork by children and young adults aged 5-20. <i>Pact says: This book is a wonderful gift. Reading what these children have to say is moving, challenging and thought-provoking. We recommend it highly.</i>	British Assn. for Adoption & Fostering	2008	Adoption-General



Harris, R.	<u>It's Perfectly Normal</u>	A book about changing bodies, growing up, sex, and sexual health. This is an informative, well-crafted guide. Best of all, it includes multicultural models and promotes an acceptance of difference beyond the norm by including wheelchair-bound people, aged people, Gay and Lesbian people, skinny people, fat people, people of all races, all of whom are treated with respect. Both physiological and psychological aspects of issues are covered. <i>Pact says: Truly excellent on all counts.</i>	Candlewick	2009	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Hart, A.	<u>Developing adoption support and therapy: New approaches for practice</u>	Pulls together adoptive parents' experience, professional practice, and empirical research to provide an integrated account of adoption support services; brings anthropological and sociological perspectives to bear on current developmental psychology models of trauma and attachment	Jessica Kingsley Publishers	2004	Adoption-General
Heegaard, M.E.	<u>Adopted and wondering: Drawing out feelings</u>	Art therapy book that helps children cope with the emotional impact of adoption; includes interactive exercises for children	Fairview Press	2007	Art Therapy
Henderson, P.	<u>A blessing from above</u>	Kindergarten-Grade 2-This sentimental picture book, which begins and ends with New Testament Scripture, is about a mother kangaroo that prays for a baby.	Golden Book	2004	Age: 3-7 years
Henkes, K.	<u>Chrysanthemum</u>	Chrysanthemum's parents always told her that her name was perfect, and she thought so too until her first day of school when the kids teased her. An old classic that helps children explore their fears about being teased and desire to fit in. <i>Pact says: For every child who struggles when other kids make fun of them. Inspirational and funny.</i>	Greenwillow Books	1994	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Herlem, F.C.	<u>Great answers to difficult questions about adoption: What children need to know</u>	Children who find out they are adopted have many questions that are difficult for a parent to answer. This book explores children's thoughts and feelings and provides parents with guidance on how to respond to difficult questions.	Jessica Kingsley Publishers	2008	Adoption-General
Herron, C.	<u>Always an Olivia: A Remarkable Family History</u>	Tracing the history of Carol Olivia's African American heritage and Jewish ancestry, this book gives children and parents a template for honoring both heritages while acknowledging the special struggles and pride inherent to each. <i>Pact says: A book that recognizes the historical connections between the Jewish and African American communities can be a source of support and inspiration for children who are growing up as both.</i>	Kar-Ben Publishing	2007	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Herron, C.	<u>Nappy Hair</u>	In a unique and vibrant picture book that uses the African American call-and-response tradition, a family talks back and forth about Brenda's hair. The family delights in poking gentle fun with their hilarious descriptions, all while valuing the beauty of Brenda's hair. <i>Pact says: Nappy Hair celebrates the glory of Black beauty. While children of Black heritage may delight to see this story, it is equally important for children of all backgrounds to see positive reflections of children of African American heritage.</i>	Dragonfly Books	1998	Age: Preschool
Hoffman, M.	<u>Amazing Grace</u>	When told she cannot be Peter Pan in the school play because she's a girl and she's Black, Grace challenges the racist, sexist attitudes at her school (with the help of her family) and prevails. Grace's mother and grandmother teach her to fight bias by preparing her, not by trying to protect her - a lesson useful for all parents. <i>Pact says: An inspiring favorite that should be in every child's library! A Pact bestseller.</i>	Frances Lincoln Children's Books	2007	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade



hooks, bell	<u>Skin Again</u>	In the patchworked poetry of hooks and artwork of illustrator Chris Raschka, children can find ways of talking and thinking about skin color differences that reflect what they see in the world and and acknowledges the humanity we all share. <i>Pact says: Another great addition to a library books that gives children a way to process racial differences.</i>	Hyperion Book CH	2004	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Hoppenhauer, D.	<u>Adopting a daughter from China</u>	Written for first time parents, the practical advice combines the challenging aspects of parenthood, with personal experience and the unique needs of adoptive families.	iUniverse	2006	Transracial Adoption
Hoppenhauer, D.	<u>Adopting a toddler: What size shoes does she wear?</u>	The author describes her journey to adopt a toddler; for those who have had no experience with children.	iUniverse Star	2004	Adoption- Toddlers
Hopson, D.P., Hopson, D.S.	<u>Different and Wonderful</u>	Provides tools for African-American parents to raise their children in an American society that is still race conscience. The most important message to recognize is the fact that black culture is different and affirmingly wonderful.			Racial Issues
Howell, S.	<u>The kinning of foreigners: Transnational adoption in a global perspective</u>	The author, herself an adoptive parent, provides insights into the psychological, experiential, cultural, and legal complexities of transnational adoption.	Berghahn Books	2007	Cultural Issues
Hughes, D.	<u>Building the bonds of attachment</u>	Focuses on the journey of a child from birth home through adoption; explores reactions of the child, child welfare system, foster parents/foster siblings, and eventually the adoption decision. It is a very real look at a child that is hurt and damaged because “professionals” do not understand or support children and the people that care for them through that same journey.	Rowman & Littlefield	2004	Attachment
Hughes, D.A.	<u>Facilitating developmental attachment: The road to emotional recovery and behavioral change in foster and adoptive children</u>	Describes therapeutic techniques, both for use in the therapist's office and in the home, and explains why and how they work; emphasizes the hard work of treating and parenting the child with attachment problems and offers hope.	Holiday House	1991	Attachment
Hughes, L.	<u>The Dream Keeper</u>	Langston Hughes's poems range from the romantic to the poignant, from the spiritual to the challenging. <i>Pact says: Langston Hughes represents the essence of the African-American experience.</i>	Knopf Books for Young Readers	2007	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Hushion, K. (Ed.).	<u>Understanding adoption: Clinical work with adults, children, and parents</u>	Addresses the multiple levels of complexity faced by clinicians working with adopted children and their families.	Jason Aronson	2006	Adoption- General
Irwin, H.	<u>Kim/Kimi</u>	Kim (16) lives with her white mother, stepfather and half-brother, but they can't give her the answers she needs as she searches for her Japanese-American identity as Kimi Yogushi, daughter of her father, Kenji, who died before she was born. <i>Pact says: Well-written for both tweens and teens, Kimi searches and finds her Japanese family. Although she doesn't receive the reception she might have dreamed of, she finds a connection that matters. This book is a good way to introduce the complexity of search to kids.</i>	Puffin	1988	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Ito, S., Cervin, T.	<u>A Ghost at the Heart's Edge</u>	A literary anthology of adoption containing over 50 stories and poems from all points of view of the adoption triad; the works are universal in their depiction of human longing for identity and family.			Adoption- General



James, A.	<u>Brothers and Sisters in Adoption: Helping children navigate relationships when new kids join the family</u>	Aimed at parents as well as adoption and health professionals, this <i>tour de force</i> book covers an unprecedented range of issues. Despite the title's emphasis on siblings, the book is a great resource for all adoptive parents. It addresses all the "tough" issues with compassion and treats the whole family, a rarity in adoption literature. <i>Pact says: A fat book that contains much to ponder and re-read at different ages and stages of parenting. If pediatricians, therapists, adoption professionals and parents were going to read only one non-clinical book on adoptive parenting issues, this would be a good choice.</i>	Perspectives Press	2009	Adoptive Parenting
James, B.	<u>Handbook for Treatment of Attachment-Trauma Problems in Children</u>	An honest and practical guide to the problems faced by traumatized kids who may never have had a stable, caring relationship in their lives. Contributors include not only therapists and other professionals, but also adoptive parents and kids with attachment-trauma problems themselves.			Special Needs
Javier, R.A.	<u>Handbook of adoption: Implications for researchers, practitioners, and families</u>	The first book to specifically address the many dimensions of adoption-related issues which can and do affect adoption triad members, specifically in the United States.	Sage	2006	Adoption-General
Jensen, R.	<u>The Heart of Whiteness: Confronting Race, Racism and Privilege</u>	<i>Pact says: It is time for white people to acknowledge that they are at the heart of the race problems in America. This book is a call to arms.</i>	City Lights Publishers	2005	Racial Issues
Jewett-Jarrett, C.L.	<u>Adopting the Older Child</u>	Practical, caring advice, describing a child's transition from the honeymoon period through the testing phase and on to the full integration into a family.			Adoption- Older Children
Jewett-Jarrett, C.L.	<u>Helping children cope with separation and loss</u>	Guide to understanding and dealing with the special issues and grief reactions to loss for older adoptees.	Harvard Common Press	1994	Adoption-General
John, J.	<u>Black baby, white hands: A view from the crib (rev. 2d ed.)</u>	This autobiographical account by the first African American baby adopted by a white family in New Mexico provides a roadmap for families undertaking the same journey.	Soul Water Rising	2005	Transracial Adoption
Johnson, A.	<u>First Part Last</u>	<i>Pact says: An opportunity for teens to concretely think about what it means to be a parent. 'I think that the book was good. It talks about how a teenager's life would be if they have unsafe sex and have a child. You can't go out and have fun all the time. You would have to stay in the house and take care of your child.'</i>	Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing	2010	Age: Teens-High School
Johnson, A.	<u>Heaven</u>	At 14, Marley is shocked to find out that she was adopted. The truth seems to change everything. How could her parents have lied? Is her brother really her brother? Does she belong? As she processes the disclosure, Marley comes to understand that they belong to each other as they always have and that it is important to know about her birth family and her birth heritage. <i>Pact says: A compelling book that expresses some of the fears and uncertainty that adopted kids can feel at this age with a positive resolution for all.</i>	Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing	1998	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Johnson, D.	<u>Hair Dance!</u>	Hair comes in all colors, textures and styles. Whether it is worn long or short, in braids or cornrows, or left natural in an Afro, hair plays a big part in who we are and how we feel about ourselves. <i>Pact says: Celebrating African American beauty and diversity is always important.</i>	Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)	2007	Age: Preschool



Johnson, K.A.	<u>Wanting a Daughter, Needing a Son: Abandonment, adoption, and orphanage care in China</u>	A well-researched study of child abandonment and adoption in China. The author offers a historical explanation of China's "one-child policy", as well as an explanation of the pressures that lead families to decide to parent boys, not girls. <i>Pact says: This book is ESSENTIAL reading for any family adopting from China.</i>	Yeong & Yeong Book Company	2004	Adoption-Transnational
Johnston, P.I.	<u>Adopting: Sound Choices, Strong Families</u>	This book explores the process of adopting as an emotional journey that takes the reader through the decision-making, preparation and experience of adoption. If you are not infertile, don't be put off by the focus on couples' communication and the grief of infertility in the first section: the other sections are well-worth the read. <i>Pact says: Pat is a good writer and well-organized as she addresses the issues faced by adopting families. No one speaks more clearly to and for this group.</i>	Perspectives Press	2008	Adoption-General
Johnston, P.I.	<u>Adoption is a family affair: What relatives and friends must know</u>	Explain hows and whys of adoption to other family members, esp. those of an older generation.	Perspectives Press	2001	Adoption-General
Johnston, P.I.	<u>Launching a baby's adoption: Practical strategies for parents and professionals</u>	Fills the need for practical information that can assist parents bringing a baby into their families and into their lives; incorporates anecdotal material solicited from adoptive parents and professionals.	Perspectives Press	1997	Adoption-General
Jones, M. B.	<u>Birth Mothers: Women Who Have Relinquished Babies for Adoption Tell Their Stories</u>	70 women tell their stories of placing a baby into adoption. These include discovery of the pregnancy; birth and separation from the baby; relinquishment; later impact; raising other children; search; reunion; and more. <i>Pact says: Great reading for anyone interested in the birth parent experience.</i>	iUniverse.com	2000	Adoption-Birthparent
Josse, B.	<u>Mama, Do You Love Me?</u>	This exceptional board-book tells a beautiful and timeless story about a daughter's attempt to find the limit of her mother's love.	Chronicle Books	1998	Babies and Toddlers
Kasza, K.	<u>A Mother For Choco</u>	Mrs. Bear doesn't look like Choco, but she does hug, kiss, sing, and dance with him. Together they realize that she is a perfect Mother For Choco.			Adoption-Younger Children
Kates, B.	<u>We're Different, We're the Same</u>	The colorful characters from Sesame Street teach young children about racial harmony. Muppets, monsters, and humans compare noses, hair, and skin and realize how different we all are. But as they look further, they also discover how much we are alike.			Age: 3-7 years
Katz, K.	<u>Over the moon: An adoption tale</u>	Evaluating whether you have what it takes to adopt a child who's no longer a baby.	Holt	1997	Adoption- Older Children
Kearney, M.	<u>The secret of me</u>	This novel in verse follows 14-year-old Lizzie who desperately wants to find out the story of her adoption. The author includes supplemental material on discussing adoption.	Persea	2005	Adoption- Novel
Keats, E.J.	<u>Peter's Chair</u>	Peter's new baby sister is home and his world has really changed. Peter runs away until his parents welcome him home with his own grown-up chair. Peter realizes that his status as big brother is very special. <i>Pact says: Sibling rivalry and a happy ending. This book has stood the test of time and remains both charming and reassuring.</i>	Viking Juvenile	1998	Age: Preschool



Keck, G.	<u>Adopting the hurt child: Hope for families with special needs kids (rev. ed.)</u>	For parents and professionals with practical, reality-based information and an in-depth examination of the impact of attachment-strained children.	Navpress Publishing	1998	Attachment
Keck, G.C.	<u>Parenting Adopted Adolescents: Understanding and appreciating their journeys</u>	Written in a casual, accessible style, Keck's underlying point is that all children who are adopted into families must deal with the developmental issues of adolescence as well as adoption-related issues, either simultaneously or alternately. Keck mines his experience as a clinician and includes stories from his many years of practice.	NavPress	2009	Adoption- Older Children
Keck, G.C.	<u>Parenting the hurt child: Helping adoptive families heal and grow</u>	Sequel to <i>Adopting the hurt child</i>	Pinon Press	2002	Attachment
Keefer, B.	<u>Telling the truth to your adopted or foster child: Making sense of the past</u>	Guide for parents and others who work with adopted children; includes info about gathering info about birth family and presenting that info to a child in age-appropriate increments.	Bergin & Garvey	2000	Adoption-General
Keller, H.	<u>Horace</u>	Horace, a spotted cat in a family of striped cats, realizes that being a family has nothing to do with the pattern (or color, for humans) of your skin.			Adoption- Younger Children
Kennedy, P.	<u>Sister for Matthew: A story about adoption</u>	Sensitively teaches adopted children adoption; provides practical tips to how parents about introducing an adopted child to siblings.	Ideals Publications	2007	Age: 3-7 years
Kent, R.	<u>Kimchi & calamari</u>	Grades 4-7; Joseph Calderaro is facing many woes typical of a 14-year-old boy. However, trouble with girls, school, his younger twin sisters, and his parents is complicated by his growing awareness of the gulf between his Korean ethnicity and the Italian heritage of his adoptive family, especially his father.	HarperCollins	2007	Age: 10-14 years
Kim, E.	<u>Ten Thousand Sorrows</u>	The child of an illicit union between a Korean mother and an American father, Kim grows up the object of disgust and contempt in rural Korea. As a honhyol, or mixed-race child, she isn't considered a person at all. This book is her story.			Racial Issues
Kinard, T.	<u>No Lye: The African-American Women's Guide to Natural Hair Care</u>	Pact says: Don't think that hair isn't an adoption issue. Feeling beautiful and handsome is part of feeling good about oneself.	St. Martin's Griffin	1997	Racial Issues
Kirk, H.D.	<u>Shared fate: A theory and method of adoptive relationships</u>	Revised edition of the 1964 classic treatment of adoptive family life, emphasizing that adoptive families are different, and that acknowledgement of this is an asset for families.	Ben-Simon Publishers	1984	Adoption-General
Kirschner, D.	<u>Adoption: Uncharted waters: A psychologist's case studies. . . clinical and forensic Issues, wWith practical advice for adoptees, parents and therapists</u>	Using extreme examples, the author forces readers to face up to issues that potentially affect all adoptees. These are riveting tales, about murderers and parricides and awful deeds, but ultimately they're about the pain of rejection, abandonment, and exclusion, and what they can do to a child already in distress.	Juneau Press	2006	Adoption-Clinical



Kissinger, K.	<u>All the Colors We Are</u>	Preschoolers are curious and construct their own "theories" about the differences in skin colors. All the Colors We Are wonderfully takes up the challenge to provide scientifically accurate explanations that are meaningful at their developmental stage.			Age: 3-7 years
Kitze, C.	<u>I Don't Have Your Eyes</u>	"I don't have your eyes... but I have your way of looking at things..." begins this beautifully illustrated and uplifting book that helps to create the intimate parent/caregiver and child bond that is so important within a family. While others may notice the physical differences, there are so many ways we can celebrate the commonality that makes us truly family. <i>Pact says: This is a great beginning and perfect for young children who are noticing differences.</i>	EMK Press	2003	Age: Preschool
Kitze, C.	<u>We See the Moon</u>	<i>Pact says: We love this book! It is simple, hopeful, focused, refined and beautiful. Delivering the message that all beings are connected, it succeeds in transforming the sadness of separation into a healing experience, inspiring readers toward finding their own meanings. Every adopted child (and adult) needs a copy of this book.</i>	EMK Press	2003	Age: Preschool
Klein, A.F.	<u>Max and the adoption day party</u>	For ages 4-8; when his friend Jose has his adoption day party, Max brings him a special present.	Picture Window Books	2007	Age: 3-7 years
Koch, J.	<u>Our baby: A birth and adoption story (rev. ed.).</u>	An accurate yet simple book for 3 to 7 year olds which help parents deal with the difficult issue of sex education for children who joined their family by adoption.	Perspectives Press	1985	Age: 3-7 years
Koehler, P.	<u>The day we met you</u>	Affectionate and personal story about first homecoming of adopted baby; includes warm, textured full-color crayon-like drawings and simple text--perfect first adoption book to read to a very young child.	Bradbury Press	1997	Age: 3-7 years
Koh, F.M.	<u>A China adoption story: Mommy why do we look different?</u>	Four-year-old Laura Shu-Mei wonders why she and her parents don't look the same.	East West Pr	2000	Age: 3-7 years
Koja, K.	<u>Buddha Boy</u>	This story of handling loss and transition explores the reasons that teens sometimes get angry when they are hurting inside. It also explores loyalties to friends and family, teens' inner lives, and peer pressure. <i>Pact says: This is a good book that teen boys in particular will find engrossing and relevant to their own process of trying to fit into the peer structure of high school.</i>	Speak	2004	Age: Teens-High School
Kremetz, J.	<u>How it feels to be adopted</u>	From an adolescent perspective, 19 young people describe the good and bad points of being adopted.	Knopf	1982	Age: 10-14 years
Kroll, V. L.	<u>Beginnings: How families come to be</u>	Six stories of families, one international adoption, one relative adoption, one birth family, one private infant adoption, one special needs adoption with a child in a wheelchair, both same race and transracial placements.	Albert Whitman	1994	Adoption-General
Kulp, J.	<u>Families at risk: A guide to understanding and protecting children and care providers involved in out-of-home or adoptive care</u>	Overview of issues children have to deal with, including developmental issues. Discusses allegations and false allegations and how families have to cope with the impact. Examines conditions of children in out of home placement with sensitive and realistic comments on discipline and maltreatment. Beneficial for working on issues of significant death, illness, divorce, and other major life losses.	Better Endings New Beginnings	1993	Adoption-General



Kurcinka, M.S.	<u>Kids, Parents, and Power Struggles: Winning for a Lifetime</u>	Pact says: Kurcinka's book gives a concise, practical and often humorous account of how to achieve family harmony. Kurcinka doesn't promise miracle cures or overnight success, but offers creative techniques for using power struggles as pathways to better understanding within any family.	Harper Paperbacks	2001	Parenting
Kurcinka, M.S.	<u>Raising Your Spirited Child: A Guide for Parents Whose Child Is More Intense, Sensitive, Perceptive, Persistent, and Energetic</u>	Pact says: The engaging writing clearly presents practical skills for parenting. Highly recommended to parents of adopted children, many of whom act out their feelings about their core experiences by having difficulty with transitions, testing authority, fighting bedtime, and a range of behaviors discussed by the author. A Pact bestseller.	Harper Paperbacks	2006 (Rev.)	Parenting
Larkin, A.	<u>The English American</u>	Never overly-negative, Larkin shares great insights into some of the ways that adoption effects our experience in the world and the way we look at things. With an authentic adopted heroine at its center, this compulsively readable first novel unearths universal truths about love, identity, and family with wit, warmth and heart. <i>Pact says: A laugh-out-loud, cry-because-you-care read. Really worthwhile.</i>	Simon & Schuster	2008	Adult Adoptees
Laws, R., O'Hanlon, T.	<u>Adoption and Financial Assistance: Tools for Navigating the Bureaucracy</u>	Shows how to navigate the adoption assistance process, negotiate a contract, and plan effective administrative hearings and subsidy appeals.			Adoption-Financial
Lazarre, J.	<u>Beyond the Whiteness of Whiteness</u>	A memoir of a white mother of black sons.			Transracial Adoption
Lears, L.	<u>Megan's birthday tree: A story about open adoption</u>	Every year on Megan's birthday, her birth mother sends a picture of the tree she planted the day Megan was born. When her birth mother moves to a new house, Megan worries that she will be forgotten.	Albert Whitman	2005	Age: 5-10 years
Lee, E., Lammert, M., and Hess, M.A.	<u>Once They Hear My Name: Korean adoptees and their journeys toward identity</u>	Nine adult Korean adoptees, ranging in age from 25 to 53, speak in interviews about their struggles growing up and how they've chosen to navigate the complex journey towards identity acceptance. Each adoptee's story appears to be transcribed verbatim from oral interviews. <i>Pact says: For a person who is new to the experiences of transracial adoption, this book is certainly worthy.</i>	Tamarisk Books	2008	Adoption-Transracial
Lee, M.	<u>If It Hadn't Been for Yoon Jun</u>	Seventh-grader Alice Larsen wants to deny her Korean ancestry. Adopted as a baby by a Minnesota family, she is a happy, popular cheerleader. When another Korean, Yoon Jun Lee, begins attending her school, Alice thinks he is weird. The he becomes her partner for a report on Korea to present to students and parents. Alice's interest in her heritage is piqued, and she eventually becomes friends with Yoon Jun and his family. <i>Pact says: Alice's emotions are genuine and believable as she denies her Korean heritage but wonders too... about birth parents, about what might have been.</i>	HarperCollins	1995	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Lester, J.	<u>Let's Talk about Race</u>	Lester talks about race and racism in terms that young children can absorb. Using simple words interspersed with bold pictures of people with different skin colors, he gives children language with which to understand how race matters and how it doesn't; offering the understanding of race as one, but not the only, characteristic of self. <i>Pact says: Great job giving parents a way to talk about a topic that they are sometimes fearful to tackle.</i>	Amistad	2008	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Levine, M.	<u>A Mind at a Time: How Every Child Can Succeed</u>	Pact says: A great resource for parents of kids with learning difficulties.	Simon & Schuster	2003	Parenting



Levine, M.	All Kinds of Minds	A young student's book about learning abilities and learning disorders.			Special Needs
Levine, M.	The Myth of Laziness	Pact says: Dr Levine offers real insight and hope for kids and families facing learning disabilities by focussing on ways to succeed rather than ways to fail.	Simon & Schuster	2003	Parenting
Levy, T., Orlans, M.	Attachment, Trauma and Healing	Attachment, Trauma, and Healing examines the causes of attachment disorder, and provides in-depth discussion on effective solutions--including attachment-focused assessment and diagnosis, specialized training and education for caregivers, the controversial "in arms" treatment for children and caregivers, and early intervention and prevention programs for high-risk families.			Special Needs
Lewis, R.A.	Every year on your birthday	PreSchool-grade 1; a mother relates her thoughts and emotions on her daughter's birthdays, reflecting on the child's birth in China.	Little, Brown, Young	2007	Age: 3-7 years
Lewis, R.A.	I Love You Like Crazy Cakes	This story follows a woman on her journey to adopt a baby girl from China. From orphanage crib to plane flight, the narrative chronicles the baby's trip to her own crib in her own room in her own home. <i>Pact says: This book acknowledges the baby's first mother and time in an orphanage in an important and respectful way - forever part of the child's heritage.</i>	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2000	Age: Preschool
Liberian, C. , Buffered, R.	Creating Ceremonies	Covers the complete spectrum of adoption life-cycle phases, from pre-adoption to moving in, from adjustment to reinforcement and beyond.			Adoptive Parenting
Lifton, B.J.	Journey of the Adopted Self	This book draws on a study of adult adopted people as well as the author's personal experiences to illuminate how adopted people form a sense of self. The search for biological and historical roots can be a journey towards wholeness.			Adult Adoptees
Lifton, B.J.	Lost & Found	The adoption experience primarily from the adopted adult's viewpoint. Case studies.			Adult Adoptees
Lilly, D.	Wavy, Curly, Kinky: The African American Child's Hair Care Guide	Pact says: Another good addition to your hair care library.	Wiley	2005	Racial Issues
Lin, G.	The red thread: An adoption fairy tale	Grace Lin's lovely adoption fairy tale is for all children-and the parents who would search the world to find them.	Albert Whitman	2007	Age: 5-10 years
Liong-A-Kong, M.	Going Natural: How to Fall in Love with Nappy Hair	Pact says: Great support and information for African American hair care and styles for girls and women (although the information can be applied to boys as well).	Sabi Wiri Inc.	2004	Racial Issues
Little, J.	Emma's yucky brother	Emma finds out how hard it is to be a big sister when her family adopts a 4-year-old boy named Max.	Harper Trophy	2002	Age: 5-10 years
Livingstone, C.	The Facts of Adoption with Love and Illustrations	This humorous look at adoption uses informal language and pictures to give a basic explanation of adoption, encourages children to ask questions of their parents, and is reassuring about the permanence of adoption.			Adoption-Younger Children
Livingstone, C.	Why was I adopted?	A fun-filled, matter-of-fact book for children dealing with the difficult questions about adoption. Supportive to all members of the adoption triad, this book includes reference to transracial and single parent adoptions; for ages 4-10.	Ideals Publications	2006	Age: 5-10 years



Look, Lenore	Ruby Lu, <i>Brave and True</i>	<i>Pact says: This is a great book about a little girl whose family has figured out how to live two heritages - the one of their parents and grandparents, and the other in the U.S. There's a glossary and pronunciation guide for the Cantonese words sprinkled throughout the book. It is geared toward the younger end of this age group.</i>	Atheneum	2006	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Lungu, K.L.	<u>Children with special needs: A resource guide for parents, educators, social workers, and other caregivers</u>	Assists parents of differently-abled children to find resources needed to raise, educate, and advocate for their families, with special consideration of adoptive and foster families.	Charles C. Thomas	1999	Special Needs
MacLachlan, P.	<u>Baby</u>	A heartwarming story about loss, connection, and the healing powers of language from the author of <i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> . <i>Pact says: Holding the reader captive from start to finish, Baby is sure to inspire discussion about family building through adoption and foster families. Highly recommended.</i>	Yearling	1995	Age: Tweens and Middle School
MacLeod, J.	<u>Adoption parenting: Creating a toolbox, building connections</u>	Divided into chapters such as "Sleep," "Claiming," "Language," and "Food," it touches upon major issues in brief essays written by adoptive parents, adoptees, and therapists.	EMK Press	2006	Parenting
Mallon, G.P.	<u>Lesbian and gay foster and adoptive parents: Recruiting, assessing, and supporting an untapped resource for children and youth</u>	Explores the myths and prejudices that influence attitudes toward lesbians and gay men as parents, examines how the development of legislation over the years has influenced perceptions of lesbians and gay men as parents, and explores ways for social workers to more effectively support lesbian and gay adopters and foster parents once they have been matched with a child or youth.	Child Welfare League of America	2006	Gay & Lesbian
Marindin, H. (Ed.).	<u>The handbook for single adoptive parents (7th ed.)</u>	Covers how-to aspects of adopting and provides information on bringing up the adopted child; includes single parent adoption accounts.	National Council for Single Adoptive Parents	1998	Adoption- Single Parent
Martin, D.L.	<u>Annotated guide to adoption research</u>	Presents about 850 abstracts of qualitative and quantitative adoption research as published between 1986 and 1997 encompasses clinical and non-clinical samples, case studies, longitudinal and epidemiological studies, and experimental research.	Child Welfare League of America	1998	Adoption- Clinical
Martin, M.	<u>Out of the Shadows</u>	Men who were interviewed reveal a wide range of adjustment to being a father by biology, not by role. Some know their children through open adoptions; a few have been reunited with their now-grown children, while others have no contact with either the birthmother or their children. Despite widely differing circumstances, some common threads weave through the birthfather experience.			Birthparents
Maskew, T.	<u>Our own: Adopting and parenting the older child</u>	Based on the author's experiences as an adoptive mother and foster parent, as well as interviews with numerous adoptive families, adoption professionals, and adults who were adopted, the book thoroughly explores both the joys and the challenges of older child adoption.	Snowcap Press	1999	Adoption- Older Children
McColm, M.	<u>Adoption Reunions</u>	A comprehensive book about reunions that presents a sensitive and compassionate guide for those involved in all phases of the reunion process.			Adoption- Search/Reunion



McCreight, B.	<u>Parenting your adopted older child: How to overcome the unique challenges and raise a happy and healthy child</u>	Choosing an agency and finding a child to adopt.	New Harbinger	2002	Adoption- Older Children
McCutcheon, J.	<u>Happy adoption day!</u>	Recommended for ages 2-6; family that celebrates child's adoption day every year.	Little, Brown	1996	Age: 3-7 years
McMahon, P.	<u>Just add one Chinese sister</u>	An American family shares the story of adopting a Chinese toddler.	Boyd's Mills Press	2005	Age: 3-7 years
McNamara, J.	<u>Borya and the Burps: An Eastern European adoption story</u>	This book is set in an orphanage in Eastern Europe and tells the story from the perspective of the child (Borya) rather than the adults. Borya watches and wonders about everything that is going on around him as his journey to adoption progresses. <i>Pact says: This book gives parents and children the chance to think about how children's sense of safety and comfort is based on what is familiar to them.</i>	Perspectives Press	2005	Age: Preschool
Meese, R.L.	<u>Children of intercountry adoptions in school: A primer for parents and professionals</u>	Children of intercountry adoption have complex histories that place them at high risk for difficulty or failure in school. Teachers and other school professionals rarely know how to test them, teach them, or meet their needs. This volume explains those needs and offers guidelines and suggestions for maximizing the educational performance of these children and helping them to meet their potential.	Bergin & Garvey	2002	Cultural Issues
Melina, L.R.	<u>Open adoption experience, The</u>	A complete guide for adoptive and birth families as they make the decision to pursue open adoption through the child's growing years.	HarperCollins	1993	Open Adoption
Melina, L.R.	<u>Raising Adoptive Children: Practical, Reassuring Advice for Every Adoptive Parent</u>	A parent's guide to rearing children in an adoptive family that examines the child's physical, emotional, and psychological development at every stage.			Adoptive Parenting
Melina, L.R.	<u>Making sense of adoption</u>	Conversations and activities for families formed through adoption; includes advice for discussing difficult background issues.	Harper & Row	1989	Adoption-General
Miles, S.G.	<u>Adoption literature for children and young adults: An annotated bibliography</u>	Annotated bibliography that covers literature published since 1900 suitable for children and young adults.	Greenwood	1991	Adoption Literature
Miller, K.A.	<u>Did my first mother love me?</u>	For ages 4-8; when Morgan asks, "Did my first mother love me?" her adoptive mother reads her a letter written by Morgan's birth mother. The birth mother's love, concern, and caring for her child come through loud and clear as she explains the kind of life she wants for her child.	Morning Glory Press	1994	Age: 3-7 years
Miller, L.C.	<u>The handbook of international adoption medicine: A guide for physicians, parents, and providers</u>	Provides an overview of the specialized medical and developmental issues that affect internationally adopted children, offering guidelines to the physicians caring for these children and their families before, during, and after adoption. The reader will learn how to advise families prior to an international adoption, how to perform an effective initial screening assessment of the newly-arrived child, and how to recognize and manage developmental and other more long-term problems as they emerge.	Oxford	2004	Adoption-Clinical



Miro, A.	<u>Daughter of the Ganges: The story of one girl's adoption and her return journey to India</u>	This book is a moving two-part account of the author's search for her roots in India, from which she was taken as a six-year-old to be adopted by a loving couple from Spain. <i>Pact says: Miro writes eloquently about the importance to her of searching and finding that connection, of seeing herself reflected in her biological family members and of finally being able to imagine what her life would have been like had her circumstances been different.</i>	Atria	2007	Adoption- Search/Reunion
Mitchell, C.	<u>Welcome home, forever child: A celebration of children adopted as toddlers, preschoolers, and beyond</u>	Helps adopted kids to celebrate life and activities in their adoptive home while providing a framework to understand their infancy in another place; useful in helping children bond to adoptive parents.	AuthorHouse	2006	Adoption- Older Children
Moessner, J.S.	<u>The spirit of adoption: At home in God's family</u>	Examines the emotional and psychological issues around adoption through the lens of theology and the Bible.	Westminster John Knox Press	2003	Adoption- Spiritual
Monk, I.	<u>Hope</u>	Hope's grandmother provides the child with an honest and positive explanation of what it means to be biracial from an African American perspective. The illustrations and language add to the authentic quality of the book, and underscore the importance of having experience with the African American community for biracial children. <i>Pact says: Tender and loving, this book tackles a sometimes painful topic with love and reassurance.</i>	First Avenue Editions	2004	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Mora, P.	<u>Doña Flor: A Tall Tale about a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart</u>	Un cuento de una mujer gigante con un gran corazón. / A tall tale about a giant woman with a great big heart. A combination of color washes, etchings and pencils along with Mora's expansive story and imagination, give Doña Flor a brilliant intensity that is representative of Latino lore. A bridge between the imagination and the natural world, Doña Flor links the two, a giant lady with a heart to match. Spanish words and glossary. <i>Pact says: A beautiful book; a story with heart and imagination.</i>	Knopf Books for Young Readers	2005	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Mora, P.	<u>Pablo's Tree</u>	when mama first told her father, Abuelito, that she was going to adopt a baby and name it after him if it were a boy, Lito went out and bought the tree for his grandson, but he waited to plant it until the day that Mama finally brought Pablo home. And every year since then, Lito has decorated the tree for Pablo's birthday. <i>Pact says: This book is a powerful tool for all adoptive families, at any stage of pre- or post-adoption. It illustrates a family ritual and how it promotes deep and enduring attachments for a child as he grows. This is one of the only books about adoption featuring Latino characters.</i>	Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing	1994	Age: Preschool
Morrison, T.	<u>Sula</u>	As girls, Nel and Sula are the best of friends. When they meet again as adults, it's clear that Nel has chosen a life of acceptance and accommodation, while Sula must fight to defend her seemingly unconventional choices and beliefs. <i>Pact says: Toni Morrison is a fantastic writer who depicts the black experience in a historically accurate way that acknowledges the realities of living with racism.</i>	Knopf	2002	Age: Teens-High School
Munsch, R.	<u>David's Father</u>	In this delightful story, Julie meets a new boy in her neighborhood, David, whose father is a giant.			Age: 3-7 years



Munsch, R.	<u>Love You Forever</u>	The mother sings to her sleeping baby: "I'll love you forever / I'll love you for always / As long as I'm living / My baby you'll be." She still sings the same song when her baby has turned into a fractious 2-year-old, a slovenly 9-year-old, and then a raucous teen.			Age: 3-7 years
Musser, S.	<u>I Would Have Searched For Ever</u>	A unique book that will stir your deepest feelings. It is both an intensely personal story of one mother's search and a study of the important issues surrounding adoption in our society.			Birthparents
Musser, S.	<u>To Prison With Love</u>	This book is not only Sandy Musser's true story of her indictment but is part of a historical record of the adoption reform movement. Most importantly it represents a turning point in the struggle to open adoption records.			Open Adoption
Nakazawa, D.J.	<u>Does anybody else look like me?</u>	Advice from both parents and children with multiracial or transracial adoption backgrounds.	Perseus Publishing	2004	Transracial Adoption
Nam, V.	<u>YELL-Oh Girls!: Emerging Voices Explore Culture, Identity, and Growing up Asian-American</u>	Asian-American young women speak out in this anthology of stories and poetry about what it is like growing up in two cultures. The brief contributions are from high school and college students from all over the United States and Canada. <i>Pact says: Very important reading for Asian-American girls and everyone who loves them.</i>	Harper Paperbacks	2001	Age: Teens-High School
Namioka, L.	<u>Half and Half</u>	Deals with the story of a half scottish half chinese girl, Fiona, and her struggle to find herself and her place in her family, as well as the world.			Racial Issues
Nelson, J.	<u>Families change: A book for children experiencing termination of parental rights</u>	For ages 4-8; softcover picturebook about the realities of when families have big problems and need to change so that kids can be safe; the last few pages offer a serious message to parents, foster parents, social workers, teachers, and caregivers, offering basic information about how to support and encourage young children amidst the terrifying crossroad of the termination of parental rights, as well as a list of resources and organizations created to help such children and those who look after them.	Free Spirit Publishing	2006	Age: 3-7 years
Nelson, J., Erwin, C., Delzer, C.	<u>Positive Discipline For Single Parents</u>	This book teaches the single parent how to succeed at the most important job of their life: raising a child who is responsible respectful, and resourceful.			Parenting
Nelson, J., Erwin, C., Duffy, R.	<u>Positive Discipline: For Preschoolers</u>	Through reading this book you will learn how to use firm but kind support to raise a child who is responsible, respectful, and resourceful starting in their early years.			Parenting
Nelson, J., Lott, L., Glenn, H. S.	<u>Positive Discipline: A to Z</u>	Through reading this book you will learn how to use firm but kind support to raise a child who is responsible, respectful, and resourceful.			Parenting
Neville, H. and Johnson, D.C.	<u>Temperament Tools: Working with Your Child's Inborn Traits</u>	<i>Pact says:</i> This book is a very hands-on, practical approach to understanding children's temperament and how it influences their behavior, giving parents really helpful tools for understanding and responding to what often feels like challenging behavior.	Parenting Press	1997	Parenting
Nowinski, J.	<u>The Identity Trap: Saving Our Teens from Themselves</u>	<i>Pact says:</i> This book is highly relevant to adoptive families of teens and pre-teens because it focuses on one of the core issues that all adopted teens face: resolution of their own complex identities.	AMACOM	2007	Parenting



O'Hanlon, T.	<u>Stepparent adoption</u>	This book gives families much-needed information about complexities that may arise in obtaining consent from the absent parent, grandparent visitation, and most importantly, the effect on their children and things to prepare for as they move through the adoption process.	Adoption Shop	2004	Adoption-Stepparent
O'Hearn, C.	<u>Half and Half: Writers on Growing up Biracial and Bicultural</u>	Pact says: This outstanding work offers food for thought for all readers, but in particular for those interested in transracial families or multiethnic identity.	Pantheon	1998	Racial Issues
O'Malley, B.	<u>LifeBooks: Creating a Treasure for the Adopted Child</u>	This book offers clear advice about how to create a LifeBook with your child, stressing its importance in strengthening self-esteem and identity. Filled with examples and suggestions for difficult subject matter. <i>Pact says: Because there has been a disconnection in the life of every adopted child, even if adopted at birth, it is very helpful to have recorded information about the personal history that is known. And remember, it is never too late to create a LifeBook with your child. Highly recommended.</i>	Adoption-Works Press	2008	Adoptive Parenting
O'Malley, B.	<u>Teen foster adoption lifebook: For when I'm famous</u>	Reviewed by teens in care and written with the busy social worker in mind, this book includes places for 14 moves (group homes, kinship, running away, psych hospitals). Therapists, case managers, foster parents, adoptive parents, and teens and tweens will enjoy this fill-in-the-blank lifebook format.	Adoption-Works	2006	Adoption- Teen
O'Shea, R.	<u>I'm brown and my sister isn't</u>	Simple book told in the words of an adopted child; perfect for starting discussions young children who've been adopted across racial borders and their siblings.	Tapestry Books	2002	Age: 5-10 years
Okimoto, J.D.	<u>Molly by Any Other Name</u>	17-year-old Molly Fletcher, an Asian-American who was adopted by Caucasian parents, has a chance to find her birth mother. <i>Pact says: Arranged in three sections, the story relates Molly's search, her birth mother's reactions, and their eventual meeting. We love books that help kids explore their own feelings about adoption and search.</i>	iUniverse	2000	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Orlans, M. and Levy, T.	<u>Healing Parents: Helping Wounded Children Learn to Trust & Love</u>	This book will be helpful to any parent who is struggling with parenting a "difficult" child. <i>Pact says: This book offers parents support in understanding and addressing issues, rather than didactic parenting prescriptions. The information will be a welcome relief to any parent who is facing a child's seemingly intractable behavior problems.</i>	CWLA Press	2006	Adoptive Parenting
Oxenbury, H.	<u>Clap Hands</u>	A sturdy board book, designed to withstand whatever adventures your child may take it on. This is one of several multiracial board books that are interactive and fun for young children. <i>Pact says: Appealing simple rhyming texts, all the babies are different races. Fun for parents and children alike.</i>	Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing	1999	Babies and Toddlers
Paley, V.G.	<u>White Teacher</u>	This is a book that has important things to say about how teachers perceive and deal with race. In its rather anecdotal, unanalytical way, it sheds light on how all teachers, including those early-years education, negotiate their way through the complexities of living in a pluralistic society.			Racial Issues
Pandell, K.	<u>I Love You Sun I Love You Moon</u>	Simple text and Tomie dePaola's classic illustrations honor the little things in life, like the wind, the trees, the birds, and the stars.			Age: Baby



Parnell, P. and Richardson, J.	<u>And Tango Makes Three</u>	A true story about two male penguins in the Central Park Zoo who become a couple, build a nest together, and start a family by hatching an abandoned egg given to them by the zookeeper. The book is a gentle, fun, and matter-of-fact illustration of the point that two-dad families are just another kind of family. <i>Pact says: Validating families with two dads: this is a must-have for families and schools.</i>	Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing	2005	Age: Preschool
Parr, T.	<u>It's Okay to Be Different</u>	The central idea of acceptance, understanding and confidence is the unstated message of every page but the book is not sappy or sugar-coated. Funny and upbeat, this bright book delivers one-liners that kids will relate to. <i>Pact says: Good job and even better message!</i>	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2009	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Parr, T.	<u>The Feel Good Book</u>	This is a story of family love that includes adoption in a wonderful way. Everybody wants to feel good, and this is a brightly-colored catalogue of good feelings. <i>Pact says: The central idea of acceptance, understanding and confidence is the unstated message of every page, but the book is not sappy or sugar-coated. Good job!</i>	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2009	Age: Preschool
Parr, T.	<u>We belong together: A book about adoption and families</u>	Illustrates the rewards of family ties in this heartfelt, supportive book geared toward adopted children and their parents.	Little, Brown, Young	2007	Age: 3-7 years
Partridge, P. C.	<u>Pandora's Hope: Poems & Prose About Being Adopted</u>	The poetry and prose in Pandora's Hope is both moving and, at times, even humorous.			Adoption-General
Patterson, E.	<u>Twice upon a time: Born and adopted</u>	Uses text and pictures in a simple, direct way to explain conception and adoption.	EP Press		Age: 5-10 years
Patton, S.	<u>Birthmarks: Transracial adoption in contemporary America</u>	Concerns over racial identity have been at the center of controversies over transracial adoption since the 1970s, as questions continually arise about whether white parents are capable of instilling a positive sense of African-American identity in their black children.	NYU	2001	Transracial Adoption
Pavao, J.M.	<u>The family of adoption (revised ed.)</u>	Written by a psychologist who is also an adult adoptee, this guide explores the growth and identity formation of adopted children, adolescents, and young adults through case stories and her own experience.	Beacon Press	2005	Adoption-General
Peacock, C. A.	<u>Mommy far, mommy near</u>	Elizabeth, who was born in China, describes the family who has adopted her and tries to sory out her feelings for her unknown mother.	Albert Whitman	2000	Age: 3-7 years
Peck, C.V.N.	<u>Adoption today: Options and outcomes</u>	Experiences and advice of families that successfully added a child to their family.	Roots&Wings	1997	Adoption-General
Pellegrini, N.	<u>Families are different</u>	An adopted Korean girl discovers that her classmates have different types of families.	Holiday House	1991	Age: 5-10 years
Pertman, A.	<u>Adoption nation: How the adoption revolution is transforming America</u>	Comprehensive book about how adoption is changing families-indeed the very idea of family.	Basic Books	2000	Adoption-General
Peter, B.	<u>A personal touch on... Adoption</u>	Over 80 pieces written by people touched by adoption who share their experiences to inform, inspire, encourage, give hope, give options to help those involved with adoption and adoption issues.	Personal Touch Publishing	2005	Adoption-General
Pillow, T.S.	<u>Bringing our angel home</u>	Autobiographical account of the Pillow family's adoption of a two-year-old Vietnamese girl who is deformed.	Writers Club	2002	Adoption-General



Pinkney, S.	<u>A Rainbow All around Me</u>	This book ingeniously combines an examination of color with a look at the broad spectrum of multicultural children who make our world such a colorful place. <i>Pact says: This book is affirming and articulates race in the context of colors for young children. We love it!</i>	Cartwheel	2002	Age: Preschool
Pinkney, S.	<u>Shades of Black</u>	Using simple poetic language these photographic portraits and descriptions of varied skin tones, hair texture and eye color convey a strong sense of pride in African American children's unique heritage. <i>Pact says: Pictures of the real faces of African American children demonstrate in a visual way the true diversity of "black" people, allowing young children to understand that blackness derives not from the color but from the culture of a people.</i>	Scholastic Inc.	2000	Age: Preschool
Pohl, C.	<u>Transracial adoption: Children and parents speak</u>	Grade 9 +; focuses on the adoption of a child of one race by parents of another race; explains some of the controversies surrounding such arrangements, e.g., whether Caucasian parents can successfully raise an African-American child, and should such children, for want of an African-American home, be allowed to languish indefinitely in the welfare and adoption system.	Franklin Watts	1992	Transracial Adoption
Portnoy, F.	<u>One Wonderful You</u>	This straightforward, clear and entertaining book talks in language kids can understand about genetics, heritage and what adoption really means. <i>Pact says: We love the inherent message of completeness, helping children feel great about BOTH their families' legacies.</i>	Children's Home Society of North Carolina	1997	Age: Preschool
Prasad, C.	<u>Mixed: An Anthology of Short Fiction on the Multiracial Experience</u>	This anthology of short stories by and about people of mixed racial heritage explores the complexities of multiracialism and multiculturalism. <i>Pact says: This is an absorbing and thought-provoking collection of stories that explore racial identity, alienation and people often forced to choose between races and cultures in a search for self-identity.</i>	W.W. Norton & Company	2006	Age: Teens-High School
Probst, C.	<u>Adoption lifebook: A bridge to your child's beginnings</u>	Validates and gives permission to many of the feelings that adoptive parents encounter when they begin the journey of writing their child's lifebook; by following the steps of this book, parents can write the story of the child's origins and life.	Boston Adoption Press	2007	Adoption-General
Purvis, K.B.	<u>Connected Child: Bring hope and healing to your adoptive family</u>	Written by research psychologist specializing in adoption and attachment; covers building bonds of affection and trust with adopted children; dealing with learning or behavioral disorders; and how to discipline children without making them feel threatened.	McGraw-Hill	2007	Attachment
Raschka, C.	<u>Yo! Yes?</u>	In a simple story that uses just 19 words, two boys, one Black and one white, meet on the street. The two boys strike up a conversation: one hails the other, who is cautious; the first persists; the other responds. Gradually, they become friends. <i>Pact says: So bountiful it feels as if it's spilling off the pages; energetic illustrations create mirrors to see ourselves in and windows to see others. Friendship across differences is supported.</i>	Scholastic Inc.	2007	Age: Preschool



Register, C.	<u>Beyond Good Intentions: A mother reflects on raising internationally adopted children</u>	Cheri, the white mother of two adult daughters adopted from Korea, has written 10 essays about pitfalls that well-meaning parents like herself can easily slip into. The author's advice is based on her own experience of raising her daughters, her daughters' reflections on their childhoods, and the experiences of many other adult international adoptees. <i>Pact says: These essays offer a thoughtful, candid look at the intersection between parental feelings and expectations and the adopted child's emotional needs.</i>	Yeong & Yeong Book Company	2005	Adoption-International
Reinhardt, D.	<u>A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life</u>	Olive skinned and dark eyed, Simone looks nothing like her fair-haired family. She is, nonetheless, the beloved daughter of her adoptive parents and enjoys a close and supportive relationship with her younger brother. It therefore comes as a terrible intrusion in Simone's comfortable life when, after 16 years, her birth mother asks to meet her. After some resistance, Simone makes contact with Rivka, a 33-year-old self-exiled Hasidic Jew who is dying of ovarian cancer. <i>Pact says: We love this book because it stirs up emotions and reads very true middle- and upper-class teens who may be afraid to stir the emotional pot of search and reunion but in fact struggle to feel whole without their birth families. A really good read.</i>	Wendy Lamb Books	2007	Age: Teens-High School
Riley, D. and Meeks, J.	<u>Beneath the Mask: Understanding Adopted Teens</u>	This book gives clinicians and therapists insight into adopted teens and is an important new contribution to the field of adoption. Adopted teens face complex issues that require therapists who are educated about their unique struggles. The authors identify six adolescent "stuck spots" and discuss some of the ways that therapists and parents can help children process the issues when they arise. <i>Pact says: Directed at clinicians, this book is very useful for parents as well, offering insight into what adopted teens are feeling. Excellent resource!</i>	C.A.S.E. Publications	2005	Adoption- Older Children
Rodriguez, G.	<u>Raising Nuestros Ninos</u>	The book is geared toward Latino parents of children from infancy to age 12 but also serves as an excellent resource for professionals in education and social science or for young people thinking of becoming parents.			Racial Issues
Roe, E.	<u>Con Mi Hermano/With My Brother</u>	A young boy treasures time with his older brother and is sad when he goes off to school. A nice depiction of brotherly love, with Latino characters and bilingual text. <i>Pact says: A sweet book with colorful illustrations that speaks to how younger siblings look up to older ones.</i>	Aladdin	1994	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Rogers, F. (Mr. Rogers)	<u>Let's talk about it: Adoption Saying Goodbye to a Baby:</u>	For preschool-K; the premise is that it is good for families to talk about feelings--a welcome premise to apply to the subject of adoption. Rogers presents a simple look at three adoptive families. He includes a brief but reassuring reference to the birthparents and the reasons for their decision.	Paper Star	1998	Age: 3-7 years
Roles, P.	<u>Volume 1- The Birthparent's Guide to Loss and Grief in Adoption</u>	Written for all birth parents who share a common bond of unspoken loss and grief.			Birthparents
Romanchik, B.	<u>A Birthparent's Book of Memories</u>	A memory book suitable for either birthmothers or birthfathers with room to recount memorable moments with the child as he or she grows.			Birthparents



Romanchik, B.	<u>Your Rights and Responsibilities: A guide for expectant parents considering adoption</u>	An excellent resource that explains the rights and responsibilities of birth parents after an adoptive placement. <i>Pact says: [Romanchik's] clear point is that birth parents have responsibility as their child grown, not for parenting but for maintaining connection. Highly recommended.</i>	R-Squared Press	1999	Adoption-Birthparent
Rosenberg, E.	<u>The adoption life cycle</u>	Scholarly examination of the psychological relationships involved in the three-way partnership of child, birth parents, and adoptive parents.	Free Press	1992	Adoption-General
Rosenberg, L.	<u>We wanted you</u>	Picture book that relates the story of an adoption, from waiting to meet baby Enrique for the first time through the growth of a close-knit family. The lovely illustrations form a clever and dramatic counterpoint to the text. Starting when Enrique is a teenager, the story is presented as a series of family snapshots: the images run backwards in time, even as the story moves forward.	Roaring Brook Press	2002	Age: 5-10 years
Rosenberg, S.K.	<u>Adoption for the Jewish family</u>	The author combines a thorough history of Jewish adoption with details of halakha (Jewish laws) and minhag (Jewish customs). She gives advice from personal experience, as a Jewish mother, a Jewish adoptive mother, and a professional working in the Jewish communal services.	Jewish Publication Society	1998	Adoption-Spiritual
Rosenthal, J.A.	<u>Special-needs adoption: A study of intact families</u>	Results of a large scale survey of families who adopted children with special needs; assesses perceptions of social work services, parent-child relationships, family functioning, child behavior, school performance and various other aspects of adoptive family life.	Praeger	1992	Special Needs
Rosove, L.	<u>Rosie's family: An adoption story</u>	Written by a social worker, this is a story about belonging in a family regardless of differences. Rosie is a beagle who was adopted by schnauzers. She feels different from the rest of her family and sets forth many questions that adopted children may have.	Asia Press	2001	Age: 3-7 years
Ryan, P.M.	<u>Becoming Naomi Leon</u>	Latino-Mexican Naomi Sotestad, 11, and her younger disabled brother, Owen, have been brought up by their tough, loving great-grandmother. Then their alcoholic mom reappears after seven years, hoping to take Naomi (not Owen) back and collect the welfare check. Determined not to let that happen, Gram drives the trailer across the border to Oaxaca to search for the children's dad. In true mythic tradition, Ryan makes Naomi's search for her dad a search for identity, and both are exciting. <i>Pact says: This book explores many issues that are related to adopted children, particularly those adopted transracially. The book's themes of bridging several families, connecting different cultures, and forging a personal identity gives transracially adopted kids much to think about.</i>	Scholastic Press	2005	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Sanger, A. W.	<u>¡Hola! Jalapeño (World Snacks)</u>	A board book. Delectable Mexican food along with wonderful pictures and bilingual text make this a fun and lively book to read with your littlest gastronomes. <i>Pact says: A nice book with a Latino flavor!</i>	Tricycle Press	2002	Babies and Toddlers
Sanger, A. W.	<u>A Little Bit of Soul Food (World Snacks)</u>	A celebration of soul food that is filled with bright colors and cheerful collages that is sure to be a hit with the very young. <i>Pact says: Enjoy this celebration of African American food traditions.</i>	Tricycle Press	2004	Babies and Toddlers
Sarasohn Glazer, E.	<u>The Long Awaited Stork: A Guide to Parenting After Infertility</u>	This book has two sections. The first deals with the effect of parents' infertility as their children grow. The second covers alternative methods to becoming a parent, including three chapters on adoption.			Adoptive Parenting



Sasso, S. E.	Abuelita's Secret Matzahs	An interesting book exploring freedom to practice the Jewish religion in the context of a Latino family who has held their faith secret for years because of the history of anti-Semitism that they have experienced. <i>Pact says: It is nice to have a book that uses Spanish words and places Latino heritage as a backdrop for discussing religious freedom and the choices Jews must make in a Christian dominated society. A great discussion point to help kids understand religious history and freedom.</i>	Clerisy Press	2005	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Sasso, S. E.	In God's Name	Everyone and everything in the world has a name. What is God's name? In this appealing book relaying God's many names, the energetic illustrations enhance the feeling of celebration. <i>Pact says: This book can be particularly comforting to adopted children trying to make sense of their personal journeys in a spiritual context. Non-denominational, written by a Jewish Rabbi with an eye to interfaith sensitivity.</i>	Mulberry Books	1995	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Say, A.	Allison	When Allison realizes that she looks more like her favorite doll than like her parents, she comes to terms with this unwelcome discovery through the help of a stray cat.	Houghton Mifflin	1997	Age: 5-10 years
Schaefer, C.	The Other Mother	A book in which every birth mother can find herself & her experience from pregnancy through search & reunion. For all sides of the triangle.			Birthparents
Schaefer, C.L.	The Squiggle	When a group of young children set off with their teacher on an orderly walk through the park, the very last little girl spies a "squiggle" on the ground and picks it up. As she twirls, twists, and turns the long red ribbon, she imagines it to be a dragon, a thundercloud, a "full fat moon," and much more.			Age: 3-7 years
Schnitter, J.	Let Me Explain: A Story About Donor Insemination	In a completely matter-of fact tone, the main character of this book, a young girl, explains the basics of being conceived via donor insemination.			Infertility
Schoettle, M.	W.I.S.E. Up! Powerbook	<i>Pact says: Friends, teachers and strangers often ask children questions, both personal and general, about adoption. This book provides adopted children with options for how to manage those questions. A must-read for adopted kids, written in a kid-friendly, cartoon-like style and filled with practical advice and the reassurance that all adopted kids have to field the same kinds of questions.</i>	Center for Adoption Support and Education, Inc.	2000	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Schofield, G.	Attachment handbook for foster care and adoption	Traces pathways of secure and insecure patterns from birth to adulthood, exploring the impact of past experiences of abuse, neglect, and separation on children's behavior in foster and adoptive families.	British Assn. for Adoption & Fostering	2006	Attachment
Schooler, J.E.	Journeys after adoption: Understanding lifelong issues	Insight into the concerns, issues, joys, and pain experienced by those whose lives are framed by adoption	Bergin & Garvey	2002	Adoption- General
Schooler, J.E.	The whole life adoption book	A look at normative and special issues in adoption such as attachment and bonding, easing adjustment, and older child adoption	Pinon Press	1993	Adoption- Older Children



Schreck, K. H.	<u>Lucy's Family Tree</u>	Lucy, adopted from Mexico by white parents, feels different, hurt and weird when assigned to make a family tree. Her parents challenge her to find three families she thinks are "the same." In so doing, her aha conclusion is that since most families are different in some way, any family that turned out to be the same would be the one that was different. <i>Pact says: Because it does such an authentic job of capturing the powerful responses adopted kids have to identity issues raised by the family tree assignment, this book is an important contribution. Lucy's feelings, as well as her parents', are honestly portrayed and her parents' mistakes and positive steps in helping her to work through her sense of being "less than" provide terrific models for other adoptive parents.</i>	Tilbury House Publishers	2006	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Schwartz, L.L.	<u>When adoptions go wrong: Psychological and legal issues of adoption disruption</u>	Comprehensive resource on the causes of interrupted adoptions, including changing profiles of adoptive parents who have new reasons for wanting to adopt. With the help of detailed case examples, this powerful book explores the impact of disruptions on the children, the legal issues of determining in whose "best interests" decisions are made, and possible methods of reducing the negative affects of those decisions on the children.	Routledge	2006	Adoption- General
Schwartz, L.L. (ed.).	<u>Welcome home!: An international and nontraditional adoption reader</u>	Discusses the process and pros and cons of adopting children from outside the United States, with special needs, and/or from a different racial/cultural background; documents every aspect of the adoption procedure—from working with "facilitators," adoption agencies, and attorneys to mixed reactions over a child's possible loss of heritage as the result of a transracial or multicultural adoption.	Routledge	2003	Adoption- General
Scott, A. H.	<u>On Mother's Lap</u>	This book explores the issue of whether Mom has room on her lap for both of her children. The answer is, "There's always enough room for us both." <i>Pact says: A book to cuddle by.</i>	HMH Books	2000	Babies and Toddlers
Sears, W. and Sears, M.	<u>The Attachment Parenting Book: A Commonsense Guide to Understanding and Nurturing Your Baby</u>	<i>Pact says: A great resource for parents, thought the tone is sometimes prescriptive.</i>	Little, Brown and Company	2001	Parenting
Senna, D.	<u>Caucasia</u>	This story of a young girl's struggle- to find her family, her roots, her identity- transcends race even while examining it.			Transracial Adoption
Severson, R.	<u>Dear Birthfather</u>	Gives teenage fathers the information and support they need to make the appropriate decisions during a difficult time.			Birthparents
Shemin, C.	<u>Families are forever</u>	For ages 4-8; follows a girl's journey from China to America and into the life of a loving mom and her extended family.	As Simple as That	2006	Age: 3-7 years
Siegel, D. and Hartzell, M.	<u>Parenting from the Inside Out</u>	<i>Pact says: Highly relevant to adoptive families.</i>	Tarcher	2004	Parenting
Sifferman, K.A.	<u>Adoption: A legal guide for birth and adoptive parents</u>	Basic legal info you need to know before adopting a child or making a placement. Takes the complicated procedures often involved and provides clear and precise explanations.	Career Press	1994	Adoption- Legal



Silber, K.	<u>Children of open adoption and their families</u>	A pioneer in the field examines scores of open adoption experiences from infancy to adolescence. Among topics covered: bonding, grief, communication, entitlement, and adoption understanding among children.	Corona	1990	Open Adoption
Silber, K., Dorner, P.M.	<u>Dear Birthmother, Thank You For Our Baby</u>	This book provides specific and practical suggestions about beginning and maintaining an open adoption.			Open Adoption
Simon, N.	<u>All Families Are Special</u>	Beginning with an adoptive family, Norma Simon does a great job of describing the wide variety that exists among families. <i>Pact says: A very sweet book that affirms the differences between us while underscoring the significance of families. Ideal for classroom use or to curl up in a big chair and read with that one special child who might need to be reminded that his or her family is very, very special. Highly recommended.</i>	Albert Whitman & Co.	2003	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Simon, R. J. and Roorda, R. M.	<u>In Their Parents' Voices: Reflections on raising transracial adoptees</u>	In this collection of interviews conducted with the parents of black and biracial young adoptees who were interviewed for the authors' previous book, <u>In Their Own Voices</u> . In addition to interviews, the book includes overviews of both the history and current legal status of transracial adoption. <i>Pact says: This book offers some good insights from experienced parents who discuss their experiences and their children's from the long view of having completed the task of raising their children.</i>	Columbia University Press	2007	Adoption- Transracial
Simon, R.J.	<u>In their own voices: Transracial adoptees tell their stories</u>	Interviews with black and biracial young adults who were adopted as children by white parents; includes info about how transracial adoptions affected their lives through childhood and into adulthood; how family experiences influenced their racial and social identities, choice of friends and marital partners, and lifestyles.	Columbia University	2000	Transracial Adoption
Slade, S.	<u>Adopted: The ultimate teen guide</u>	Enables young adults to explore their feelings as they read about the personal experiences of others.	Scarecrow Press	2007	Adoption- Teen
Small, J.W.	<u>The adoption mystique</u>	Exposes, documents, and confronts the effects of negative social stigma on adoption institutions, practices, adopted persons, adoptive- and birth- parents. It is a timely counterpoint to the misinformation and prejudices that contribute to the secrecy and shame that lie at the heart of U.S. adoptions.	Authorhouse	2007	Adoption- General
Smith, S.L.	<u>Promoting successful adoptions: Practice with troubled families</u>	Recognizing how grief affects children's behavior.	Sage	1999	Adoption- General
Sobol, H.L.	<u>We don't look like our Mom and Dad</u>	How two boys adopted from Korea feel "special" but also a "little different." Their different appearance from their adoptive parents allows for opportunities to acknowledge their biological heritage and talk about the way in which their family was created; covers questions and concerns that all adopted children have.	Coward-McCann	1984	Transracial Adoption
Solinger, R.	<u>Wake Up Little Suzie</u>	Ever wonder why birthmothers are angry? This expose & horror story is second to none! A must read.			Birthparents
Soll, J.M.	<u>Adoption healing...a path to recovery</u>	Explains the psychological processes adopted persons go through in life and the effect on them; includes simple exercises to help overcome the trauma of adoption. Even in a loving supportive adoptive family, adoptees have suffered trauma as a result of separation from their family of origin.	Adoption Crossroads	2000	Adoption- General



Sorosky, A., Baran, A., Pannor, R.	<u>Adoption Triangle</u>	A factual, well-rounded book that leads to an understanding of adoption as a life-long process for adoptees, birthparents and adoptive parents.			Adoption- General
Spier, P.	<u>People</u>	This book provides a global view and emphasizes the differences among the four billion people on earth.			Age: 3-7 years
Staples, S. F.	<u>Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind</u>	Exploring the challenges of a young Muslim girl growing up in Pakistan, Shabanu struggles to find her own identity. Set against the backdrop of desert life in present-day Pakistan, this book offers a passionate and deeply personal portrait of a young girl's struggle for identity in a culture that forbids even token expression of independence for women. <i>Pact says: The first in a trilogy of books that explores life for a middle-school-aged girl in a non-Western culture that asks her to choose between family loyalties and personal dreams.</i>	Laurel Leaf	2003	Age: Tweens and Middle School
Stein, S.	<u>Lucy's Feet</u>	The perfect book to share with children so that they realize that it is all right to have mixed feelings about adoption and their relationship to their siblings.			Adoption- Younger Children
Steinberg, G.	<u>Inside transracial adoption</u>	Comprehensive introduction to the adoption of children by parents who do not share their racial identity.	Perspectives Press	2000	Transracial Adoption
Steinberg, G., Hall, B.	<u>In Insiders Guide to Transracial Adoption</u>	Offers concrete strategies for dealing with the challenges of multiracial family life.			Adoption- General
Stiffler, L.	<u>Synchronicity & Reunion</u>	A fascinating exploration of surprising coincidences in the union/loss/reunion stories of families separated by adoption.			Adoption- Search/Reunion
Stoeke, J.M.	<u>Waiting for May</u>	Kindergarten-grade 4; based on the author's personal experiences, this story portrays a family's long wait to travel to China to meet their new baby girl. A loving older-brother-to-be describes his anticipation and impatience as he years for his sister, emotions that are akin to the longing many families feel when awaiting an infant.	Dutton Children's Books	2005	Age: 3-7 years
Stolley, K.S. (Ed.).	<u>The Praeger handbook of adoption (2 vols.)</u>	This comprehensive encyclopedia presents information on all aspects of adoption relating to topics such as culture, child welfare, advocacy, selected famous adoptees and adopters, birthparents, characteristics, and cross-cultural issues. Awareness, financial issues, same-sex adoption, foster care, and history are other categories, and perspectives on international adoption from African countries, Britain, Canada, China, India, Japan, and Mexico, and U.S. adoptions from other countries are considered. Other entries involve legal issues and key legislation, medical issues, psychology, religious perspectives, science, special needs categories, & stress.	Praeger	2006	Adoption- General
Strauss, J.	<u>Birthright: The Guide to Search and Reunion for Adoptees, Birthparents, and Adoptive Parents</u>	This book is filled with stories and direct quotes from adoptive parents, birthparents, and adopted people who have experienced search and reunion. Includes guidelines for beginning a search. <i>Pact says: Jean is a great writer, and this is a good overview of what to expect and how to handle both the emotional and logistical steps that are often involved.</i>	Penguins	1994	Adoption- Search/Reunion



Tarpley, N.A.	<u>Bippity Bop Barbershop</u>	In this companion book to <u>I Love My Hair</u> , a young boy named Miles makes his first trip to the barbershop with his father. Like most little boys, he is afraid of the sharp scissors, buzzing razor, and prospect of picking a new haircut. But with the support of his dad, the barber, and the other men in the barbershop, Miles bravely sits through his first haircut. <i>Pact says: Written in a reassuring tone with a jazzy beat, this book captures an important rite of passage for boys and celebrates African American identity.</i>	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2002	Age: Preschool
Tarpley, N.A.	<u>I Love My Hair</u>	Kenyana, a young African American girl, doesn't feel very lucky about her hair because no matter how gently her Mama combs, it still hurts. Mama shows her the many wonderful ways she can style it and encourages her to not only feel good about her special hair but also to feel proud of her heritage. <i>Pact says: I Love My Hair reminds African American girls not to succumb to white ideas of beauty for themselves.</i>	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2001	Age: Preschool
Tatum, B. D.	<u>Can We Talk about Race? And Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation</u>	Pact says: We consider Tatum to be one of the truth-tellers about our current state of race relations and issues. This is a must-read for all parents of children of color.	Beacon Press	2008	Racial Issues
Tatum, B. D.	<u>Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?</u>	Tatum illuminates "why talking about racism is so hard" and what we can do to make it easier, leaving her readers more confident about facing the difficult terrain on the road to a genuinely color-blind society.			Racial Issues
Taylor, P.	<u>Shadow Train- A Journey Between Relinquishment and Reunion</u>	A superb novel-written autobiography of a therapist/birthmother's struggle with the "family secret" and her own inability to "get on with life" until the unfinished business in her life was resolved.			Adoption-Search/Reunion
Thomas, J.C.	<u>You Are My Perfect Baby</u>	In tender verse, National Book Award winner Joyce Carol Thomas celebrates all that's precious about a new baby. Nneka Bennett's gentle illustrations interpret each line of verse with love and care.			Age: Baby
Thrasher, J. & Thrasher, P.	<u>The golden egg: A story about adoption</u>	The authors adopted their children from Kazakhstan; they wrote the book to explain adoption to their children.	Outskirts Press	2006	Age: 5-10 years
Trenka, J.J.	<u>Outsiders within: Writing on transracial adoption</u>	Moving beyond personal narrative, these 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, they unseat conventional understandings of adoption politics, ultimately reframing the controversy as a debate that encompasses human rights, peace, and reproductive justice.	South End Press	2006	Transracial Adoption
Trinder, E.	<u>Adoption reunion handbook</u>	How to' guide for everyone involved, particularly those considering searching for information on their birth relatives; will also be of use to birth parents, adoptive parents, adoption charities, social workers, psychologists, and counselors.	Wiley	2005	Adoption-Search/Reunion



Trout, M.	Multiple transitions: A young child's point of view on foster care and adoption [video]	There are no adults—or even adult voices—to be seen or heard. The script attempts to distill what children would teach us, if they had the chance, about what being moved around feels like, how and why their behavior begins to change, and what happens to their availability for new attachment.	Infant-Parent Institute	1997	Adoption-General
Turner, A.	Through moon and stars and night skies	A boy tells of an airplane ride to his new home; includes watercolor drawings; for ages 4-8.	Harper Collins	1990	Age: 3-7 years
Valentine, J.	One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dad, Blue Dad	Two children - one with blue dads, one from a more 'traditional' family-compares notes in this lighthearted, easy-to-read book about parents who are different. In the end, of course, they discover that blue dads aren't really that different from other dads. Vibrant text. <i>Pact says: Validates all kinds of families without being preachy or heavy-handed.</i>	Alyson Books	2004	Age: Preschool
Van Ausdale, D. and Feagin, J.R.	The First R: How Children Learn Race and Racism	<i>Pact says:</i> An extremely useful book that underlines the importance of explicitly teaching about race and tolerance. Although the book is academic in tone, the content makes this a worthwhile read to complete.	Rowman & Littlefield	2001	Racial Issues
van de Flier Davis, D.	Adoption: Stories of lives transformed	Sponsored by The Adoption Exchange in Denver that specializes in special needs; the stories are written by adoptive parents and siblings, and by the children themselves.	Pie in the Sky Publishing	2007	Adoption-General
Van Gulden, H.	Learning the dance of attachment: An adoptive parent's guide to fostering healthy attachment	Tips to smooth adoption transition & set realistic expectations; helps families understand normal developmental milestones & provides tools to promote attachment.	Crossroads Adoption	2005	Attachment
Van Gulden, H.	Real parents, real children: Parenting the adopted child	Argues that whatever happened, whenever it took place, and for whatever reasons, children in need of adoption have become separated from their birth parents and their genetic roots. Though writing for the adoptive parent, the authors have produced a book that will also be useful for professionals working with adoptive families.	Crossroad Press	1993	Adoption-General
Vermeer, N.	Primal Wound	Eye-opening revelations of how separation at birth impacts adopted people lifelong.			Adult Adoptees
Verney, T.	Secret Life of The Unborn Child	What baby hears & senses in the last trimester of pregnancy stays with him/her life. The only time we ever "bond"?			Prenatal
Vincent, G.	A Day, A Dog	A wordless story that tells the authentic experience of loss and reconnection. A dog is abandoned by his people, and few eyes remain dry accompanying him on his emotional journey. <i>Pact says: A book that accurately and powerfully captures the emotions of abandonment and disconnection that are central to the experience of separating from one's birth family. Highly recommended.</i>	Boyd's Mills Press	1995	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Viorst, J.	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, Not Good, Very Bad Day	People of all ages have terrible, horrible days, and Alexander offers us the cranky commiseration we crave as well as a reminder that things may not be all that bad.			Age: 3-7 years
Viorst, J.	The Tenth Good Thing About Barney	In an attempt to overcome his grief, a boy tries to think of the ten best things about his dead cat.			Age: 3-7 years



Volkman, T.A. (Ed.).	<u>Cultures of transnational adoption</u>	This edited collection is a must for adoption researchers, as well as scholars interested in issues of transnationalism, diasporas, and "new" or "hybrid" cultural identities. It is also accessible enough for ordinary readers, including adoptive parents beginning to overcome many of the myths and fantasies surrounding the practice.	Duke	2005	Transracial Adoption
Wagner, H.L.	<u>Blending of foster and adopted children into the family</u>	Families confront challenges faced by adoption and foster care; identifies steps blended families can take to ensure they have a strong foundation.	Chelsea House	2002	Adoption-General
Waldron, J.	<u>Giving Away Simone</u>	This memoir is one woman's adoption story and the subsequent reunion with her 11 year-old child. This book is an eloquent, literate, first-person account of a mother's relinquishment of her baby and their turbulent years later.			Adoption-Search/Reunion
Watkins, M.	<u>Talking with young children about adoption</u>	For parents of children aged 2-10. Includes actual conversations and children's responses to adoption topics in talk and play.	Yale University Press	1993	Adoption-General
Watson, S.M.	<u>Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs Series</u>	<i>Pact says: Great books about a group of four boys who happen to be African-American, good friends and prone to adventures and mystery. Great reads that will especially inspire young boys. These books are fun but also teach history and pride rooted in the African-American community.</i>	Simon & Schuster		Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Waybill, M.	<u>Chinese Eyes</u>	For ages 4-8; an adopted Korean girl gets a lesson in how unimportant it is that some people think she is different.	Herald Press	1974	Age: 3-7 years
Welch, M.	<u>Holding Time</u>	This book is a presentation of the bonding exercise known as "holding time". It is presented as a solution that forms a nurturing bond with the child.			Special Needs
Wieder, H.	<u>Handbook on adoption: A psychoanalytic view</u>	Handbook for adoptive families based on clinical studies; special problems of the adoption world from a point equidistant from birthparents, adoptive parents, and adoptees.	iUniverse.com	2001	Adoption-Clinical
Williams, V.	<u>More, More, More Said the Baby</u>	Three wonderful, multi-cultural stories with pictures that show babies in families having fun with their parents and grandparents. Sometimes the adult and child are of the same race; sometimes they're not. <i>Pact says: A heartwarming imagination-tickler that all kids should experience.</i>	Greenwillow Books	1996	Babies and Toddlers
Wilson, K.	<u>Sweet Briar Goes to School</u>	Sweet Briar is a skunk and the kids she goes to school with won't be her friend because she smells bad. She and her parents try various strategies to help her make friends. In the end, she saves the other animal children from a wolf and they realize that her difference can be useful. <i>Pact says: Another good book to start conversations about making new friends at a new school and teasing.</i>	Puffin	2005	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Wing, N.	<u>Jalapeño Bagels</u>	Pablo wants to bring something that reflects all of his cultures to school for International Day. Since his family has a bakery he and his family try out several creative recipes before he invents the Jalapeño Bagels that he will take to school. Recipes are included at the back of the book. <i>Pact says: We appreciate books that remind us that people can come in all kinds of packages and validate the history of Jews of color.</i>	Atheneum	1996	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade



Winkler, H. and Oliver, L.	<u>The Hank Zipzer Collection</u>	Hank and his friends romp through funny situations mostly created by Hank's struggles in school. Hank has learning differences that are really coming to the fore now that he is in fourth grade. <i>Pact says: This is a great series and a wonderful read, especially for kids facing learning challenges.</i>	Grosset & Dunlap	2005	Age: 3rd-5th Grade
Woor, L.	<u>Adoption and the schools: Resources for parents and teachers</u>	From tots to teens, school can often be a challenge for the adopted child if educators are not aware of the relation of adoption to diversity, inclusion, language, and special education needs. This guide helps parents & teachers make school a better place for the adopted child.	Families Adopting in Response	2002	Adoption-General
Wu, F.	<u>Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White</u>	Pact says: A fascinating and clearly-presented discussion of the Asian-American experience.	Basic Books	2003	Racial Issues
Yang, G.L.	<u>American Born Chinese</u>	Graphic novelist Yang follows three different plotlines about Chinese youth trying to fit into American culture. This is more than the story of a Chinese-American childhood; it's a fable for every kid born into a body that doesn't always fit in and the struggle to come to acceptance and peace within one's own identity. <i>Pact says: Very relevant, particularly to Asian adoptees, whether they are adopted transracially or not.</i>	Turtleback	2009	Age: Teens-High School
Young, E.	<u>My Mei Mei</u>	This story follows the relationship between a first adoptive daughter, Antonia, and her Mei Mei, or younger sister.	Philomel	2006	Age: 5-10 years
Young, E.	<u>Voices of the Heart</u>	Don't miss this beautiful book: an exploration of 26 Chinese characters describing emotions, each of which includes the symbol for the heart in their representations. <i>Pact says: A feast for the eyes as well as the heart, this is a children's book not just for children and will make a wonderful wedding, Valentine's Day, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, or birthday gift.</i>	Scholastic Press	2003	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Zia, H.	<u>Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People</u>	Pact says: This is the best book we have found to give an overview of the Asian American experience.	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2001	Racial Issues
Zinn, H. and Steffoff, R.	<u>A Young People's History of the United States</u>	History told from the viewpoints of slaves, workers, immigrants, women, and Native Americans with color images, a glossary, and primary sources. <i>Pact says: While the title is not catchy, the information presented is an important counterpoint to the information too often presented in school textbooks, particularly for people of color.</i>	Seven Stories Press	2009	Age: Teens-High School
Zisk, M.	<u>The best single mom in the world: How I was adopted</u>	A girl tells how her mother decided to become a single parent and traveled overseas to adopt her.	Albert Whitman	2001	Adoption- Single Parent
Zuri, O.	<u>Why Can't You Look Like Me?</u>	<i>Pact says: we know that the author, who lived this experience herself as an adoptee of color in an overwhelmingly white environment, has the goal of offering a hopeful and affirming message to kids in a difficult situation. While a little over-simplified, the esteem-affirming message is validating and encouraging to children. However, it could be even more crucial to and eye-opening for parents who might not realize the extent or impact of their child's isolation and loneliness when they are asked to live in this kind of situation.</i>	Black Oasis Enterprise	2009	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Olmos, E.J., Fuentes, C., Ybarra, L.	<u>Americanos: Latino Life in the United States</u>	Pact says: This book is a great read and a beautiful coffee table book that celebrates the diversity of the Latino experience in America, and as a bonus the essays are presented in both English and Spanish.	Little, Brown and Company	1999	Racial Issues



Smalls, I.	<u>Because You're Lucky</u>	When Kevin comes to live at his cousin Jonathan's house, Jonathan is resentful of all the things he has to share: his room, his clothes, his mother, even his school. Gradually the boys begin to form a friendship by sharing their interests, and soon realize that there is room in the house for both of them. <i>Pact says: Wonderful illustrations.</i>	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2003	Age: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Audio/Video	"Interracial Families, Interwoven Cultures"	A six-hour audiotape looking at the challenges of transracial adoption. Recorded at a day-long training program led by Beth Hall and Gail Steinberg, it concentrates on the child's experience in the world.			Transracial Adoption
Martin, A.	<u>The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook: Creating and Raising Our Families</u>	Pact says: An indispensable resource.	Perennial	1993	Parenting
Pact	<u>Mirrors & Windows: Using Books to Support Young Children</u>	A booklet about using books with young children, written by Pact for parents and teachers.			Adoption Literature
Audio/Video	"Thunderhead: A Children's Hair Care Video for Parents"	Pact says: This clear and practical video shows you how to do hair 'hands-on'. Highly recommended.			Racial Issues
Audio/Video	"Visible Differences"	A 28-minute training-friendly video looking at transracial adoption with clarity and compassion. Useful as a training tool for pre- and post-adoptive families through either domestic or international adoption.			Transracial Adoption
Audio/Video	"Adopted"/"We Can Do Better"	Pact says: We admit our bias, but we really believe that this two-part video is a valuable and important contribution to the field. It's not always easy viewing, but it's an honest and poignant look at the many layers of adoption and the ways that we can do better.			Transracial Adoption
Audio/Video	"Jagadamba, Mother of the Universe"	Amber was born in Korea and adopted by a single white parent, growing up in Korea, Nepal, Liberia and eventually the U.S. This is a tender portrayal of her healing journey through music that acknowledges the ways in which race and adoption matter.			Transracial Adoption
Audio/Video	"Outside Looking In: Transracial Adoption in America"	Pact says: Adoptee and filmmaker Phil Bertelsen is a soft-spoken and gentle African-American man who takes a real look at all sides of the transracial adoption debate, depicting some of the issues with heart and honesty.			Transracial Adoption
Audio/Video	Pact Camp Videos	Get a taste of past Pact Camps with videos of presentations on topics specific to transracial parenting.			Transracial Adoption
Audio/Video	"Struggle for Identity (Special Edition)"	Pact says: Every time we view this, there are new phrases and insights that make this one of the wisest and most personal video shorts we know of on topics related to transracial adoption. Truly excellent.			Transracial Adoption

