# Annie C Courtney Foundation Foster Care and Adoption Suggested Reading List

A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive

Author: Dave Pelzer

**Adopted: The Ultimate Teen Guide** 

Author: Suzanne Slade

Adopting the Hurt Child: Hope for Families with Special-Needs Kids

Authors: Gregory C. Keck, PhD and Regina M. Kupecky, LSW

Adoption Answer Book: Your Compete Guide to a Successful Adoption

Author: Brette McWhorter Sember

Adoption Awareness in School Assignments: A Guide for Parents and Educators

**Author:** Christine Mitchell

Adoption is a Family Affair: What Relatives and Friends Must Know

Author: Patricia Irwin Johnston

A Family for Leanne

Author: Shelby Griffin-Timberlake

A Family For Sammy - This book has been designed to help explain the process of foster care to young children (Special Stories

Publishing) (Special Stories Series) Author: Kate Gaynor

A Foster Mother's Cry: There is Something Within Me

Author: Mary L Latimer

A Knock On The Door: Stories By Biological Parents Who Have Children In Foster Care

**Publisher:** Youth Communications

All About Adoption: How Families are Made

**Author: Marc Nemiroff** 

Another Mother: Co-Parenting with the Foster Care System

Author: Sarah Gerstenzang

Another Place at the Table Author: Kathy Harrison

An Unlit Path

Author: Deborah L Hannah

The Armor of Love and Hope

Author: Doris Cerasani

Attaching in Adoption: Practical Tools for Today's Parents

Author: Deborah Gray

Attachment-Focused Parenting: Effective Strategies to Care for Children

**Author: Daniel A Hughes** 

Beyond Consequences, Logic, and Control: A Love Based Approach to Helping Children with Severe Behaviors (Vols1-2)

Author: Heather T. Forbes, LCSW

**Beyond the Foster Care System: The Future for Teens** 

Author: Betsy Krebs



#### Birth of an Adoptive, Foster or Stepmother: Beyond Biological Mothering Attachments

Author: Barbara Waterman

**Birthmarks: Transracial Adoption in Contemporary America** 

**Author: Sandra Patton** 

Blending in: Crisscrossing the Lines of Race, Religion, Family, and Adoption

Author: Barbara Ann Gowan

The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game

Author: Michael Lewis

Borya and the Burps: An Eastern European Adoption Story

Author: Joan McNamara

Building a Home Within: Meeting the Emotional Needs of Children and Youth in Foster Care

Author: Toni Vaughn Heineman (Editor), Diane Ehrensaft (Editor)

Building the Bonds of Attachment: Awakening Love in Deeply Troubled Children

Author: Daniel A. Hughes

<u>Children in Foster Care</u> **Author:** James Barber

<u>Children of the State</u> **Author:** Nicia Aiyetoro

**Child's Journey Through Placement** 

Author: Vera I. Fahlberg, M.D.

**Creating Capacity for Attachment** 

Author: Arthur Becker-Weidman, PhD (editor), Deborah Shell, MA, LCMHC (editor)

Dare to Love: The Art of Merging Science and Love into Parenting Children with Difficult Behaviors

Author: Heather T. Forbes, LCSW

**Families are Forever** 

Author: Craig Shemin/ Deb Capone

For When I'm Famous: A Teen Foster/Adoption Lifebook

Author: Beth O'Malley

Foster Care Odyssey: A Black Girl's Story (Willie Morris Books in Memoir and Biography) -

Author: Theresa Cameron

Foster Parenting: A Road Less Traveled - III,

Author: Howard Lee Coleman

Foster Parenting Toolbox, The

Editor: Kim Phagan-Hansel

Fostering Hope: Living the Dream with My Name on It

Author: Shane Salter

The Great Gilly Hopkins

Author: Katherine Paterson

**Guide to Foster Parenting: Everything But the Kids!** 

Author: Mary Ann Goodearle, MS

Handbook of Adoption: Implications for Researchers, Practitioners, and Families

Author: Rafael A. Javier (ed.)



#### The Heart Knows Something Different: Teenage Voices from the Foster Care System

Available through: Youth Communication - Author: Al Desetta

Help Yourself for Teens: Real-Life Advice for Real-Life Challenges

Author: Dave Pelzer

**Helping Children Cope With Separation And Loss** 

Author: Claudia L. Jewett-Jarratt

Hope's Boy: A Memoir Author: Andrew Bridge

**How It Feels To Be Adopted** 

Author: Jill Krementz

I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness to The Blind Side and Beyond

Author: Micheal Oher with Don Yaeger

I Don't Have Your Eyes
Author: Carrie Kitze

In Their Own Voices: Transracial Adoptees Tell their Stories

Authors: Rita J Simon and Rhonda M Roorda

**Inside Transracial Adoption** 

Author: Gail Steinberg and Beth Hall

Is Anyone in There? Adopting a Wounded Child

Author: Michael Trout

Kids Need to be Safe: A Book for Children in Foster Care

Author: Julie Nelson

<u>Language of Flowers, The</u> <u>Author: Vanessa Diffenbaugh</u>

Lifebooks: Creating a Treasure for the Adopted Child

Author: Beth O'Malley

The Lost Boy: A Foster Child's Search for the Love of a Family

Author: Dave Pelzer

The Lost Children of Wilder: The Epic Struggle to Change Foster Care

Author: Nina Bernstein

Love in the Driest Season: A Family Memoir

Author: Neely Tucker

Loving Across the Color Line: A White Adoptive Mother Learns About Race

Author: Sharon E. Rush

Maybe Days: A Book for Children in Foster Care by

Authors: Jennifer Wilgocki, Marcia Kahn Wright, and Alissa Imre Geis

Me May Mary

Author: Mary Cameron Kilgour

Miles to Go

Author: Laurel-Rain Snow

<u>Mulberry Bird</u> (for Children) **Author:** Anne Braff Brodzinsky



Multiple Transitions: A Young Child's Point of View on Foster Care and Adoption

**Author:** Michael Trout

My Foster Family: A Story for Children Entering Foster Care

Author: Jennifer Levine

Nurturing Adoptions : Creating Resilience after Neglect and Trauma

Author: Deborah D. Gray

One for the Murphys Author: Lynda Mullaly Hunt

One Small Boat: The Story of a Little Girl, Lost Then Found

**Author:** Kathy Harrison

On Their Own: What Happens to Kids When They Age Out of the Foster Care System?

Author: Martha Shirk (Author), Stangler, Gary (Author), Jimmy Carter (Foreword by)

Orphans of the Living: Stories of America's Children in Foster Care

Author: Jennifer Toth;

Parenting the Adopted Adolescents: Understanding and Appreciating their Journeys

Author: Gregory C. Keck, PhD

Parenting the Hurt Child: Helping Adoptive Families Heal and Grow

Author: Gregory C. Keck, Ph.D. and Regina M. Kupecky, L.S.W.

Parenting Other People's Children: Understanding And Repairing Reactive Attachment Disorder

Author: John L. Stoller

The People Movers: The Shameful Story of the Foster Care System

Author: Pamela Martin-Makuk

Perspectives on a Grafted tree: Thoughts for Those Touched by Adoption

Compiled by: Patricia Irwin Johnston

**Practical Tools for Foster Parents** 

Author: Lana Temple-Plotz

Real Parents, Real Children: Parenting the Adopted Child

Author: Holly van Gulden and Lisa M. Bartels-Rabb

Reasonable People: A Memoir of Autism and Adoption

Author: Ralph James Savarese

Robbie's Trail through Foster Care

Authors: Adam D Robe, Kim A Robe, and Nathalie Gavet

Sam's Sister

Author: Juliet C. Bond

Siblings in Adoption and Foster Care: Traumatic Separations and Honored Connections

Author: Deborah N. Silverstein

Small Town, Big Miracle

Author: Bishop W.C. Martin with John Fornof

Somebody's Someone Author: Regina Louise

Success as a Foster Parent: Everything You Need to Know about Foster Care

Author: National Foster Parents Association, Arlene Matthews Uhl, Baldino, Msw



# **Talking with Children About Adoption**

**Author:** Christine Mitchell

# The Teen's Guide to World Domination

Author: Josh Shipp

# Telling the Truth to Your Adopted or Foster Child: Making Sense of the Past

Authors: Betsy Keefer and Jayne E. Schooler

### The Heart Knows Something Different: Teenage Voices from the Foster Care System: Youth Communication

Author: Al Desetta (Editor)

# The Star: A Story to Help Young Children Understand Foster Care

Author: Cynthia Miller Lovell and Angie J. Przystas

There Is An Urgency

Author: Gregrhi Arawn Love

#### Things Happen for a Reason: Even Foster Care and Adoption

**Author:** Kimberly Snodgrass

Three Little Words: A Memoir Author: Ashley Rhodes-Courter

#### <u>Transracial Adoption & Foster Care: Practice Issues for Professionals</u>

Author: Joseph Crumbley

#### Turning Stones: My Days and Nights with Children at Risk: A Caseworker's Story

Author: Marc Parent

# **Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew**

Author: Sherrie Eldridge

#### Wasted: The Plight of America's Unwanted Children

Author: Patrick T. Murphy

# The Women Who Raised Me: A Memoir

Author: Victoria Rowell

# You Ain't Got No Easter Clothes: A Memoir

Author: Laura Love