

## Resources for Multicultural Adoption

### Books for Adults

Adoption, Race, and Identity: From Infancy to Young Adulthood by Rita J. Simon and Howard Altstein.

Americanos: Latino Life in the United States by Edward James Olmos, Carlos Fuentes, and Lea Ybarra: Coffee table book illustrating Latino life.

Are Those Kids Yours?: American Families with Children Adopted From Other Countries by Cheri Register. Discusses becoming an international family and how to answer the well-intentioned questions of others.

The Black Parenting Book: Caring for Our Children in the First Five Years by Allison Abner, Linda Villarosa, Anne C. Beal. “Comprehensive Resource Book for parents of young African, African-American or biracial children”

Beyond Good Intentions: A Mother Reflects On Raising Internationally Adopted Children by Cheri Register: Mother of two adult daughters adopted from Korea discusses transracial adoptive parenting through short essays.

Does Anybody Look Like Me? : A Parent’s Guide to Raising Multiracial Children by Donna Jackson Nakazawa. From the publisher: “A psychologically wise guide to helping multiracial children of all ages develop a healthy understanding on their uniqueness”.

Growing Up Latino Edited by Ilan Stavans and Harold Augenbraum: Anthology of writing about experiences growing up Latino.

Hate Hurts: How Children Learn and Unlearn Prejudice By Caryl Stern-LaRosa and Ellen Hofheimer Bettmann offer tips, advice, and role-playing ideas for difficult situations. An essential tool to help adults teach children not to hate. Excellent for Caucasian families struggling to help their minority children deal with prejudice.

In Their Own Voices by Rita J. Simon and Rhonda M. Roorda – a collection of interviews with adult transracial adoptees about their experience growing up and their perspectives on being transracially adopted

Intercountry Adoptees Tell Their Stories by Heather Ahn-Redding: Adult transracial adoptees tell their stories about ethnic identity formation. Includes interviews of 5 Hispanic men and women who were transracially adopted.

Mongrels, Bastards, Orphans, and Vagabonds: Mexican Immigration and the

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future of race in America by Gregory Rodriguez : explorer's the racial and cultural components of Mexican-American identity

Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families by Peggy Gillespie

Outsiders Within: Writing on Transracial Adoption by Jane Jeong Trenka, Julia Chinyere Oparah, and Sun Yung Shin: Perspectives on Transracial adoption through personal essays, research-based studies, poems, and artwork.

Raising Biracial Children by Kerry Ann Rockquemore: "understanding healthy mixed-race identity development and translating those findings into practical care-giving strategies."

Tomorrow's Children by Francis Wardle: a guide to raising biracial children with a positive attitude towards identity.

What Are You?: Voices of Mixed Race Young People by Pearl Fuyo Gaskins. Young people discussing their feelings on prejudice, personal identity, family relationships and other issues.

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race. By Beverly Daniel Tatum. "A psychologist explains the development of racial identity."

### **Books for Children**

Black is Brown is Tan by Arnold Adoff: the first children's book to feature an interracial family, originally published in 1973. (Ages 4 – 8)

All the Colors We Are/Todos los Colores de Nuestra Piel: The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color by Katie Kissinger. Describes the differences in skin color. (Ages 4-8)

The Colors of Us by Karen Katz: Lena discovers that she and her friends and neighbors are all beautiful shades of brown. (Pre-school to Grade 2)

Dona Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman With a Big Heart by Pat Mora: Set in the southwest, Spanish words throughout the book. (Pre-school to Grade 3)

Everywhere Babies by Susan Meyers and Marla Frazee: A board book for babies that illustrates multicultural infants (Baby to Preschool)

Gathering in the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English by Alma Flor Ada: with

illustrations and poetry that gives voice to the experience of Hispanic agricultural workers. (Baby – Age 5)

Hola Jalapeno by Amy Wilson Sanger: Board book featuring favorite foods of Mexico. (Baby-Preschool)

I Am Latino: The Beauty in Me by Myles Pinkney and Sandra Pinkney: a celebration of Latino children in all of their various shades, cultures, and customs. (Ages 4 – 8)

I Love You Like Crazy Cakes by Rose A. Lewis and Jane Dyer: Story of a mother's journey to adopt her daughter from China. (Baby to Pre-school )

Kimchi & Calamari by Rose Kent. A fictional story about an adolescent Korean adoptee searching for his identity. (Ages 9-12).

Lucy's Family Tree by Karen Halvorsen Schreck: Lucy was born in Mexico and adopted by an American couple. She assigned to make a family tree for a school project and struggles with her differences. (Ages 4-8)

My Name is Yoon by Helen Recorvitz and Gabi Swiatkowska : this story depicts a Korean girl's difficult adjustment to her new life in America. (Ages 4 to 8)

Shades of Black by Sandra Pinkey and Myles Pinkey: The beauty of African-American children is celebrated in this joyous picture book. (Baby to Preschool)

Soul Looks Back in Wonder by various authors, Edited by Tom Feelings: Beautifully illustrated collection of poetry written by African American authors. (Ages 4-8)

The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales Told by Virginia Hamilton: Collection of Black American Folktales. (Ages 9-12)

Whoever You Are by Mem Fox (Reading Rainbow Book): Skin color, homes, schools, lifestyles, and languages may differ but love and laughter, pain and tears are the same for all. (Ages 4 - 8)

Why Am I Different? By Norma Simon and Dora Leder: A children's book about what makes us all different and uniquely ourselves. (Ages 4 - 8)

## Local Resources

**Asian Play Group Yahoo Group:** Based out of Bloomington, IL. Monthly meetings with a variety of activities for the whole family to attend. Contact: Ellen Wylie at mewylie7@verizon.net.

**Biracial Family Network:** located in Chicago [www.bfnchicago.org](http://www.bfnchicago.org) Monthly meetings on educational topics on various aspects of interracial and intercultural issues.

**Children of Eastern European Regions (CHEER):** located in Elmhurst, IL [www.cheerchicago.org](http://www.cheerchicago.org)

**Hands Around The World** [www.handsaroundtheworld.com](http://www.handsaroundtheworld.com) Located in Arlington Heights, IL – Culture Camp

**Our Chinese Daughters Foundation, Inc.:** located in Bloomington, IL [www.ocdf.org](http://www.ocdf.org) support for families who have adopted through China

## Movies

“African-American and Bi-Racial Haircare” DVD available for purchase at [adoptshoppe.com](http://adoptshoppe.com)

“Living on the Fault Line: Where Race and Family Meet” Documentary depicting transracial families.

## Websites

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

[Apple Tree Dolls 'N Bears](#). Retail site run by Merrily Ripley of Adoption Advocates International; excellent selection of Asian and other multicultural dolls.

**Association of Multiethnic Americans** [www.ameasite.org](http://www.ameasite.org)  
[www.kidsculturecenter.com](http://www.kidsculturecenter.com) virtual culture camp

[www.dollslkme.com](http://www.dollslkme.com) features multicultural dolls, toys, games, books. Etc.

**Families of Russian and Ukrainian Adoption (FRAU-IL)** [www.frau.org](http://www.frau.org)

**Families with Children From China (F.C.C.)** [www.fwcc.org](http://www.fwcc.org) A network of support and information for families who have adopted through China.

**Families with Children from Vietnam** [www.fcvn.org](http://www.fcvn.org) A network of support and information for families who have adopted through Vietnam.

[www.harambeevillage.org](http://www.harambeevillage.org) Organization run by North American Council on Adoptable Children, provides supports and conferences for transracially adopting families.

**Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network** [www.kaanet.com](http://www.kaanet.com)  
KAAN's mission is to support networking and build understanding among Adoptees, Adoptive Families, Koreans And Korean Americans.

**North American Council on Adoptable Children:** Resources regarding transracial parenting [www.nacac.org/postadopt/transracial\\_identity](http://www.nacac.org/postadopt/transracial_identity)

**The Ties Program** [www.AdoptiveFamilyTravel.com](http://www.AdoptiveFamilyTravel.com) The Ties Program is a travel program for adoptive families who would like to visit their child's country of birth, and travel in a supportive environment with other adoptive families.

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

