

Talking with Kids about Adoption and Trauma

BOOKS

[*Connecting with Kids through Stories: Using Narratives to Facilitate Attachment in Adopted Children*](#), by Denise Lacher, Todd Nicholas and Joanne May. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2012.

[*Filling in the Blanks: A Guided Look at Growing Up*](#), by Susan Gabel. St. Paul: Perspectives Press/Koryo Company, 1988.

[*Lifebooks: Creating a Treasure for the Adopted Child Updated and Revised*](#), by Beth O'Malley. Winthrop, Massachusetts: Adoption Works Press, 2011.

[*Talking about Adoption to Your Adopted Child*](#), Marjorie Morrison. London: British Association for Adoption and Fostering, 2012.

[*Talking with Young Children about Adoption*](#), by Mary Watkins and Susan Fisher. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1995.

[*Telling the Truth to Your Adopted or Foster Child: Making Sense of the Past*](#), by Jayne E. Schooler and Betsy E. Keefer. Santa Barbara: Praeger Publishers, 2015.

[*Welcoming a New Brother or Sister Through Adoption: From Navigating New Relationships to Building Loving Families*](#) by Arleta James. London: Jessica-Kingsley Publishers, 2013.

WEBSITES

Adoptive Families

www.adoptivefamilies.com

Adoptive Families magazine is a national award winning adoption magazine providing information for families before, during and after adoption. The *Adoptive Families* website offers a wealth of adoption related articles! A click of the “talking” button accesses articles in the categories, talking with your child, talking with others, lifebooks and talking about tough topics. There are lots of articles to help parents converse with their sons and daughters about their unique adoption story. There are also ample articles that offer tips about how to respond to intrusive questions and comments, prejudice and discrimination, and to help classmates understand adoption. There is a fee to access this wealth of information.

Channing Bete Company

www.channing-bete.com

This company produces booklets and workbooks for parents to use with children of all ages. Topics range from abuse, neglect, mental health disorders, dating, peer relationships, feelings, prejudice, discrimination, life skills and etc. Their resources are a great way to discuss an array of difficult issues with children.