

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS: *ARCHIVED RESOURCES*

In this section, we have included information about local cultural services and resources. Please keep in mind that the majority of the following resources were not created nor are they monitored by Wide Horizons for Children. We provide these links for your perusal, if you so choose. We welcome your feedback on any of the resources mentioned in these updates.

Many of these events and services are advertised on Adoption/Adoptive Families list serves or Korean Adoption Organizations/Support Groups. We recommend list serves and support groups (see several listed below) to adoptive families so they can make connections within the adoption community and learn about upcoming cultural events and activities.

Newsletters, Blogs & E-Mail Support Groups



The **Korean Quarterly** is a non-profit, volunteer publication that provides independent and alternative reporting on issues of identity, racism, politics, and the arts and is a forum for the ideas and creativity of the whole Korean American community. The Korean Quarterly's readers are members of the Korean American community, including adopted Koreans and members of their extended families. To learn more or subscribe to this newspaper, please visit <http://www.koreanquarterly.org/Home.html>



Korean American Adoptee Network: Their mission is to network groups and individuals related to Korean

adoptions. KAAAN issues a national E-newsletter. Many of our highlighted resources are gathered from this. To subscribe, please go to <http://www.kaanet.com/newsletter/>.



Korean Adoption Circle

Online group of families with Korean-born children who are looking to connect with the Korean community in the Massachusetts and New England area. To subscribe, please go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Koreanadoptioncircle/>



This link:

<http://iamkoream.com/magazine/> will take you to the KoreaAm Magazine, “your ultimate source for everything Korean American”.



Korean Cooking Blog: *The Plus One Cook*

My name is Simone. I grew up in Southern California and Korea and have always had great food to eat. I created this space to spread the word that Korean food is easy and non-intimidating and that you, too, could be an amazing Korean cook today with just *one extra ingredient* from outside your pantry. <http://plusonecook.wordpress.com>

Groups and Activities

The Brown University Korean Adoptee Mentoring Program (KAMP)

KAMP is devoted to providing adopted Korean children and teens in the New England area with an opportunity to learn about their identities as Korean Americans through relationships with mentors who have cultural and/or linguistic knowledge of Korea and who may also be adopted Korean Americans. The goal of these relationships is to teach the children about Korean culture and to introduce resources and social settings illuminating their cultural heritage. For more information please contact Yeppii Lee at brownukamp@gmail.com or (201) 446-4074

Asian Cultural Arts School of Connecticut

“Set in an authentic Korean community, ACAS-CT in collaboration with the Korean Christian Culture Center of Greater Hartford located at 711 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, CT, presents this enriching Korean experience. Under the direction of Ms. Jae Eun Jin, classes will include language and auditory skill building, songs & dance, art, games, etiquette, rituals and Korean history, culture, and foods. Families if they wish, may choose to become involved in church festivals and activities. This unique culture school also features a Korean Youth Orchestra, summer camp and a strong community element who embrace adoptive families.” For more information: Email: info@arcct.org Phone: 860-657-2626

Programming



"Stars Falling From the Sky" (aka "Pick the Stars"), is a new 20-episode drama series that premiered on SBS-TV network in Korea on January 4th, with two episodes showing there per week. The plot involves a love story between a successful business lawyer, who was abandoned as an infant by his birth mother, and a 25-year old woman who is employed at the same company and is raising five adopted siblings after the tragic death of her/their parents. This series should provide viewers in Korea with much to ponder about their current views on adoptees and their struggles with life. For those interested in watching the series, English subtitles for each episode will start becoming available at

<http://withs2.com> later in January, and each week's associated episodes (media files) will be available for download (for computer viewing) at <http://aja-aja.com/regular/stars-falling-from-the-sky>. [Subtitle file can be linked to run with media file.] Info on the series is at: [http://wiki.d-addicts.com/Stars Falling From the Sky](http://wiki.d-addicts.com/Stars_Falling_From_the_Sky)



"Globe Trekker: South Korea" on PBS
(from the website "pilotguides.com")

Ian Wright starts his amazing journey of South Korea in the Capital **Seoul**. After finding a place to stay, he takes in the delights of the **Kyongdong market** with a hired guide. Still in Seoul Ian tries his hand at **Tae Kwon-Do** with the national team of Korea, and gets to train with the Woman's Olympic team. After

taking in the nightlife of Seoul, Ian heads north to the North - South Korean Border to experience Military power at it most dramatic at the DMZ.

To view directly, please visit: www.GlobeTrekkerChannel.tv

[Cultural Marketplace](#)



H Mart

3 Old Concord Rd Burlington, MA 01803

Tel. (781) 272-0320

Boston.com review of the new H Mart:

<http://tinyurl.com/Entire-Aisle-Just-for-Noodles>

Official Website (available in English & Korean):

<http://hmart.com/>

Kam Mam Marketplace . 219 Quincy Avenue, Quincy, MA
www.kammanmarketplace.com/



The Kam Man Marketplace has over 50 Exotic Shops, Businesses, and Restaurants, and along with the largest Asian Supermarket all under one roof! They carry a variety of exotics and delicacies from all over Asia. They also have exotic retail goods, prepared foods, services, and entertainment.



Dolls Like Me

Dolls Like Me is a company that provides multi-cultural dolls, books, games, and other products for children. The below is a link to the main website, where you can find dolls with Asian features and books featuring Asian children, among other products.

www.dollslikeme.com

Suggested Reading: Books & Articles for Parents & Children

Articles for Parents:

- **Study Finds Stronger Ethnic Identity Predicts Greater Well-Being**
See: <http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/ort/78/4/>



Talking About Race and Racism, by Joemy Ito-Gates

Racism exists, and it's our job as parents to talk about it with our kids. Here's an age-by-age guide to handling those conversations. **Included in article—suggested reading for kids.**

<http://www.adoptivefamilies.com/articles.php?aid=2043>



South Korea Erupts in Joy as its 'Queen' Wins Olympic Figure Skating Gold By Jean H. Lee, The Associated Press

Full article can be found here:
http://www.sltrib.com/sports/ci_14477218?source=email

Between 2 worlds: Parents help adopted children bridge 2 cultures

Events like Chinese New Year can help, but they're just a jumping-off point, experts say

By Oscar Avila, Tribune reporter.

Courtesy of the Chicago Tribune



“Susan and Jason Stancliff work with their daughter, Meghan, 7, on making Valentine's Day fortune cookies for her grade school class in Deerfield.” Tribune photo by William DeShazer / February 10, 2010

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/features/ct-met-adoption-culture-20100214,0,6219153.story>



Communicating About Adoption by the Child Welfare

Information Gateway

Parents who feel good about adoption, are comfortable talking about it, and can openly acknowledge their child's feelings are best able to help their children do the same. Parents who tense up when the topic is raised or who keep it a secret may send the message that something is wrong with being adopted. This section presents tips for communicating about adoption and recognizing your child's history in a positive way. To view, please visit:

http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/parent_school_age/parent_school_age_b.cfm



10 Things Not to Say to Adoptive Parents by Tracy

Hahn-Burkett

“Author Tracy Hahn-Burkett has a four-year-old daughter adopted from Korea and a seven-year-old biological son. Whether well-intentioned, curious or inappropriate, Hahn-Burkett has had many a question

lobbied in her direction regarding her daughter and their family make-up. Hahn-Burkett offers you, the curious, some advice before you speak. Along with ten questions one should not ask an adoptive parent, she gives her blunt responses.” (From Babble.com)

<http://www.babble.com/parents-adoption-advice/index.aspx>

Lifebook Course

A Lifebook is a book created for an adopted child that tells his story, before and after adoption. The Lifebook helps all children place foster care or adoption in the context of their life experiences. Make a Lifebook for your child! Course available:

<http://www.adoptionlearningpartners.org/lifebooks.cfm>



Building Bridges To Your Child's Ethnic Community And.. Why it is important

by Chris Winston (taken from the KAAN website)
http://www.kaanet.com/adopting_from_korea/building_bridges.html

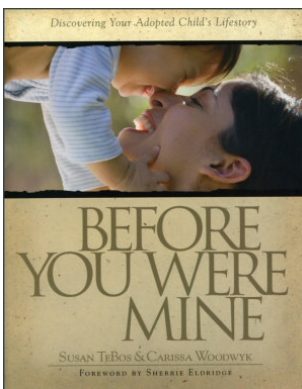
“STUDY FINDS STRONGER ETHNIC IDENTITY PREDICTS GREATER WELL-BEING” See: <http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/ort/78/4/>

Books for Parents:

Does Anybody Else Look Like Me? A Parent's Guide to Raising Multiracial Children by Donna Nakazawa



The author, a freelance writer, is from a western European background, while her husband is Japanese American. Although Nakazawa initially hoped to raise her son and daughter to be "color blind," they couldn't ignore the many comments made by both adults and children concerning Christian and Claire's appearance. When Christian was a toddler he was asked if he spoke Chinese, and the author was assured that little Claire didn't "even look Asian." Nakazawa decided to develop strategies to ensure that her son and daughter would be proud of their heritage and confident about their multiracial identity. Finding no useful book on the subject, she decided to write her own. Based on personal experience and interviews conducted with 60 other multiracial families, Nakazawa has skillfully combined anecdotal research with a strong knowledge of childhood and educational development philosophy to provide this useful guide for raising multiracial children in a color- and race-conscious world. Nakazawa believes that, although most three-year-olds are not racially aware, it is important to deflect insensitive comments from strangers about appearance. As a child grows older, this early dialogue should deepen, so that children will feel safe and comfortable discussing their racial identity with parents and be able to bring up any racially charged experiences that have occurred at school or with friends. Included are suggestions for the special problems that may arise during adolescence.



Before You Were Mine, by Susan TeBoss and Carissa Woodwyk

The following review was written by Bill Drucker of the Korean Quarterly

“This book is another fine resource for adoptive parents who seek ways to bridge their adopted children’s fragmented beginnings with their present lives. Fact: All adopted children wonder about their births and early lives before adoption. Issues of adoption remain with them all their lives, defining them and their closest relationships. The authors, Susan TeBoss, mother of three children adopted internationally, and Carissa Woodwyk, a Korean adoptee and mother, have come up with the concept of the “Lifebook”, from personal experience, group sessions, and meeting with other adoptees and parents.

Seeking Out True Reflections of Race and Culture in Children's Books, by Sun Yung Shin

Sun Yung Shin is a 2007 Bush Artist Fellow for Literature and author of the collection of poems *Skirt Full of Black* (Coffee House Press, 2007), which was awarded the Asian American Literary Award for Poetry. She was also co-editor of *Outsiders Within: Writings on Transracial Adoption* (South End Press, 2006) and is the author of *Cooper's Lesson* (Children's Book Press, 2004), a bilingual Korean/English picture book for children. She lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Books for Children:

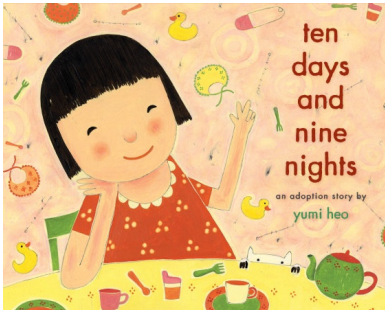
Last Night by HyeWon Yum.

Summary: "In stunning linoleum block prints, debut artist Yum imagines a little girl who dreams of a night in the forest with her teddy bear... Some picture books are written for children, this one gives a sense of what it's like to be one." Learn more about the author at <http://www.hyewonyum.com>.



No Pig's Brain Soup, Please by Gail Greenberg

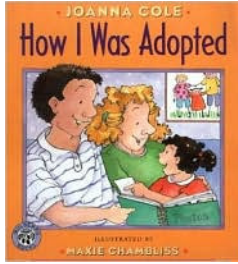
As the mother of an adopted Chinese daughter, writer Gail Greenberg knows that it can be confusing for a child to grow up with a mixture of cultures. This led her to write *No Pig's Brain Soup, Please!*, a humorous picture book about a girl who thinks she must choose between the Jewish culture of her adopted family and her Chinese heritage. Targeted for ages 5 to 11, the story brings home the importance of embracing a blend of cultures. *No Pig's Brain Soup, Please!* was the runner-up in a national children's picture book competition. *No Pig's Brain Soup, Please!* is published by Kam Publishing. Autographed copies of the book can be ordered online at www.gailegreenberg.com. The retail price is \$18.95, but Greenberg is offering the book at a discount on her website.



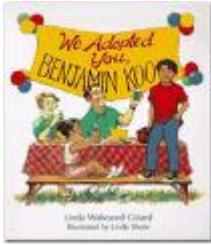
Ten Days and Nine Nights: An Adoption Story by Yumi Heo

Follow a little girl as she and her family prepare for the new baby that will soon be joining them. And simultaneously, watch the girl's mother fly off to Korea, meet the new baby, and bring her home. Here is an utterly simple, sweet, and child-centric look at the adoption process through the eyes of a soon-to-be older sibling. From cutting a red paper heart and taping it above the new baby's crib to telling her best friend about the adoption, the young narrator counts down every day and night with growing anticipation, marking them with a big X on her calendar. Unlike other adoption books which are aimed only at the adoptive child, *Ten Days and Nine Nights* is also perfect for older children who are about to become big sisters and brothers. The pictures are lovely. Learn more about the book at <http://www.randomhouse.ca>

How I was Adopted, by Joanna Cole



“Sam has a story all her own, yet common to millions of families: the story of how she was adopted. It's about how babies are born and how children grow, about what makes people different and what makes them the same. Most of all, it's a story about love. And in the end, Sam's story comes full circle, inviting young readers to share stories of how they were adopted.” *Synopsis courtesy of Amazon.com*
<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/How-I-Was-Adopted/Joanna-Cole/e/9780688170554>



International Adoption Books for School Age Kids
Stories for Internationally Adopted Children Five to Nine Years Old, article by Angela Krueger
http://international-adoption.suite101.com/article.cfm/international_adoption_books_for_school_age_kids



This is a very interesting website with lots of information about Korean and Asian authors of children's books.
The following is from the home page:
www.papertigers.org

Korean Language Resources

Kimchi Girls

There is a podcast called "Kimchi Girls"...an interesting way to learn to speak Korean. It is fun and interesting to listen to. You can get it on iTunes for free or go to www.kimchigirls.com. The Kimchi Girls are Cheong Ah Kim and HyeWon Chun. They do things like translate lyrics of popular Korean songs as well as basic language. I think the younger crowd will get a kick out of this.

KoreanClass101.com

If you are looking for Korean language pod casts, also look at Koreanclass101.com. They have free as well as paid content.