

RESOURCE WEBSITES

http://www.mnadopt.org

Everything you need to know about Minnesota's Waiting Kids Adoptions

http://www.adoptionlearningpartners.org

They offer meaningful, timely, web-based educational adoption resources.

http://icareaboutorphans.org

Focus on the Family's website about adoption and orphan care. They have a great link under "Considering Adoption" called "State Requirements" "Minnesota" that will direct you to requirements and information you need to know about adopting out of the Minnesota Foster care system. (In their "Resources" you can download some free booklets on post adoption information).

BOOKS

Successful Adoption: A Guide for Christian Families

Natalie Nichols Gillespie

Adoption: Choosing It, Living It, Loving It; Straight Answers to Heartfelt Questions

This is a great book about someone who has dealt with infertility and went on to adopt 10 children. Dr. Ray Guarendi

Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families

Offers biblical foundations for adoption and identifies adoption as a Great Commission priority. Russell D. Moore

Adoption: Your Step By Step Guide

Practical, easy to follow guidelines to help you on your adoption journey Mardie Caldwell, the founder of Lifetime Adoption

<u>This Means War</u>: Equipping Christian Families for Fostercare or Adoption Cheryl Ellicott

In on It: What Adoptive Parents Would Like You to Know

Elisabeth O'Toole

Your Sacred Adoption: A Guided Journal of Life, Love and Memories

This is an excellent adoption journal that you can fill out during your adoption process.

<u>The Whole Life Adoption Book</u> Realistic Advice for Building a Healthy Adoptive Family Thomas Atwood, Jayne Schooler

<u>The Connected Child:</u> Bring hope and healing to your adoptive family Karen Purvice (anything from this author is great!), David R. Cross, Wendy Lyons Sunshine

Secret Thoughts of An Adoptive Mother

This is a great book describing the emotions felt during and after the adoption process. Jana Wolff

Three Little Words: A Memoir A story of an adult adopted from the Foster Care System Ashley Rhodes-Courter

Beneath the Mask: Understanding Adopted Teens Deborah Riley

Beyond Logic Consequences: A Love Based Approach to Helping Attachment-Challenged Children Heather Forbes and B. Bryan Post

<u>Being Adopted:</u> The Lifelong Search for Self David M. Brodzinsky (anything from this author is great!), Marschall D. Schecter, Robin Marantz Henig

How We Love Our Kids; The Five Love Styles of Parenting
How to overcome the predictable challenges that arise and cultivate a secure, deep connection with a child of any age.
Milan & Kay Yerkovich

Adopt Without Debt: Creative Ways to Cover the Cost of Adoption Creative ideas to help fund your adoption.

Julie Gumm