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#### From the Back Cover

Many adopted people today try to find information about their origins and search for birth family members.

Based on a large-scale research study, the authors Liz Trinder, Julia Feast and David Howe have drawn on the real-life experience of adopted people who have searched for, and had a reunion with, birth relatives. *The Adoption Reunion Handbook* combines comprehensive and practical step-by-step guidance and advice on:

- how to begin
- what to expect emotionally
- the legal framework
- finding names and addresses
- how to set up a reunion
- making the reunion work long term
- rejection and reunion breakdown
- further help and advice.

This 'how to' guide is essential for everyone involved, particularly those considering searching for information on their birth relatives. It will also be of use to birth parents, adoptive parents, adoption charities, social workers, psychologists and counsellors.

#### About the Author

DR LIZ TRINDER is a researcher into family relationships. Most of her work is in the area of contact after divorce, e.g. the recent report for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation on *Making Contact*. This is the first time she has written about adoption. She was herself adopted.

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DR DAVID HOWE has a long-standing interest in all aspects of adoption. He is the author of many books, including *Half a Million Women: Mothers who Lose their Children by Adoption* (Penguin), *Adopters on Adoption* (BAAF), *Patterns of Adoption: Nature, Nurture and Psychosocial Development* (Blackwell Science), and, with Julia Feast, *Adoption, Search and Reunion: The Long-Term Experience of Adopted Adults* (The Children's Society, 2000; now published by BAAF).

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