

There are abbreviated materials - "Information Packets" - that are included in this list. This list represents only materials primarily on this topic. However, there are other materials that speak to this topic available in the library (i.e., brief "Articles," etc.). Contact ORPARC for additional materials.

International

Material Title: **At Home in this World ... A China Adoption Story* (Children's Materials)**
 Author: Jean MacLeod *Children's Books* 2003 15 pages

This book is a reflection of a pre-adolescent girl on what she knows of her adoption from China, and the strength she gains from her acceptance and experience. It addresses the underlying feelings and emotions that a China adoptee experiences and enables pre-teen readers to put their early lives into perspective, while emphasizing the supportive love that encircles them within their own families.

Material Title: **Coffee Can Kid, The* (Children's Materials)**
 Author: Jan M. Czech *Children's Books* 2002 24 pages

This is a story about a story. Six-year old Annie asks her adoptive father to tell her again about her Korean birthmother and how she came to be adopted. While Annie listens to her father, the coffee can becomes, in her hands, alternately a drum, a shaker and a chest containing a dear treasure.

Material Title: **Cross-Cultural Adoption: How to Answer Questions from Family, Friends, and Community**
 Author: Amy and Caryn Coughlin and Abramowitz *Books* 2004 148 pages

This book, geared toward families who have adopted internationally, might offer insights to families who have adopted US kids. The first chapter "The Questions Kids Ask," presents 18 typical questions with ideas for answering them on both a little kid level and on a more mature level. The second chapter, "Do's and Don'ts for Grown-Ups," offers just that. The final chapter gives factual information about 8 countries.

Material Title: **Dim Sum, Bagels, and Grits: A Sourcebook for Multicultural Families**
 Author: Myra Alpers *Books* 2001 183 pages

This book, for families adopting multiculturally, offers personal as well as professional insights into such topics as combining cultures, confronting prejudice, developing role models, and locating multicultural resources. It contains a 47-page list of publications and a 33-page list of "Goods and Services."

Material Title: **Families Are Different* (Children's Materials)**
 Author: Nina Pellegrini *Children's Books* 1991 26 pages

Nico doesn't like looking different than her parents, who adopted her from Korea, until her mother points out that that there are "different kinds of families . . . glued together" by love. Soon Nico starts to notice the differences in the families she sees. Now she doesn't feel so bad. She's just like everyone else – she's different!

Material Title: **Happy Adoption Day* (Children's Materials)**
 Author: John and Julie McCutcheon and Paschiks *Children's Books* 1996 24 pages

This illustrated book for young children is written in verse and presents images of a happy family who has adopted internationally. It is based on a song by John McCutcheon which can be found, among other songs, on the audiotape "Celebration of Family," which is also available in our library.

Material Title: **I Love You Like Crazy Cakes* (Children's Materials)**
 Author: Rose Lewis *Children's Books* 2002 23 pages

This book for very young children, warmly illustrated by Jane Dyer, tells the story of an American woman's adoption of a baby girl from a Chinese orphanage. All runs smoothly for both.

Material Title: **Sister for Matthew, A* (Children's Materials)**
 Author: Pamela and Amy Kennedy and Wummer *Children's Books* 2006 28 pages

This illustrated book tells of Mathew, a young boy whose parents decide to adopt a baby girl from China. At first Matthew doesn't know if he likes the idea. Things are fine the way they are, his friend has a little sister "and she was a pain." Furthermore, he worries that his parents are adopting because they aren't happy with him. Eventually he comes around and likes the idea of an adopted younger sister.

International

Material Title: **Understanding Southeast Asian Cultures**

Author: Chareundi Van-Si *Books* 1992 94 pages

This book for professionals, examines the cultures of Indochina (Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos) and how they differ from Western culture. Chapters include, "Historical Background;" "General Cultural Traits and Implications;" "Cultural Values in Comparison;" "Identifying Indochinese Names;" "Offensive Behaviors: Do's and Don'ts;" "Culturally Sensitive Approaches;" etc.

Material Title: **We See the Moon* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Carrie A. Kitzel *Children's Books* 2003 30 pages

This book is designed to help adopted children talk and ask questions about their birthparents, using the moon as an imaginative tool to help them connect to their feelings. The book is affirming of both adoptive and birth families. Jinshan Peasant Paintings from China provide colorful illustrations.