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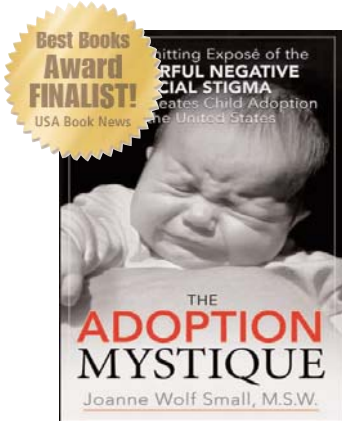
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The Adoption Mystique Award Winning Finalist In the USA Book News 2007 National Best Books Award



Kissimmee, FL - November 2007 - On November 1, 2007,

USABookNews.com, the premiere online magazine and review website for mainstream and independent publishing houses, announced the winners and finalist of the 2007 National Best Books Awards. Winners and finalists traversed the publishing landscape. They included publishing houses like Simon & Schuster, Penguin-Putnam, HarperCollins, Random House, and McGraw-Hill. Amongst the winners, *The Adoption Mystique: A Hard-hitting Exposé of the Powerful Negative Social Stigma that Permeates Child Adoption in the United States* was a finalist in the social change category.

Listed as recommended reading by The American Adoption Congress (AAC), *The Adoption Mystique*, written by Joanne Wolf Small, M. S. W., is a well

researched book that questions and challenges the stigma that permeates the many readily accepted and rarely questioned social norms and myths that continue to support adoptee and adoptive family intolerance, and hinder efforts to make positive and healthy changes that would help to bring adoption policy and practice into the 21st century.

Midwest Book Review says, “*The Adoption Mystique* is not a general book about adoption, but rather a focused, politically-minded call for the civil rights of adoptees” as it “examines bias against adoptees in the media and society.” Carrie Craft from About.com Adoption writes, “author Joanne Wolf Small, M.S.W. just doesn't break the adoption myth, she shatters it with her compilation of various research studies, essays, and personal knowledge on the subject of adoption...*The Adoption Mystique* is respectful and not at all anti-adoption, just pro-truth and openness.” It is a useful proven resource for all whose lives have been touched by adoption.

“Your essays are so thoughtful – and so rich in conveying the historical context for adoption in general and the policies and practices surrounding information sharing, in particular, and in conveying the critical psychosocial issues that lie at the heart of adoption. I am certain that your book will be viewed as a critical resource for policy makers and practitioners seeking to better understand adoption.”

— Madelyn Freundlich, Senior Policy Analyst, and former Executive Director, Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute

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The Adoption Mystique: A Hard-hitting Exposé of the Powerful Negative Social Stigma that Permeates Child Adoption in the United States, Hardcover, \$28.95, is available via Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and Ingram.

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