

# International Adoption

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about American citizens interested in international adoption.

## For an introduction to the topic, see:

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, “Child Welfare Information Gateway”

<http://childwelfare.gov/adoption/index.cfm>

This site offers a wide range of information suitable for those interested in pursuing international adoption.

## Resources

### Books

- [\*A Guide to Russian Adoption: Professional Counseling and Personal Insights\*](#) by Alisa White Karwowski (2009) (362.734 KAR)
- [\*10 Steps to Successful International Adoption: A Guided Workbook for Prospective Parents\*](#) by Brenda K. Uekert (2007) (362.734 UEK)
- [\*Adoption: A Reference Handbook\*](#) by Barbara A. Moe (2007) (362.734 MOE)
- [\*The Complete Book of International Adoption: A Step-by-Step Guide to Finding Your Child\*](#) by Dawn Davenport (2006) (362.734 DAV)
- [\*The Ultimate Insider's Guide to Adoption: Everything You Need to Know About Domestic and International Adoption\*](#) by Elizabeth Swire Falker (2006) (362.734 FAL)
- [\*The Chinese Adoption Handbook: How to Adopt From China and Korea\*](#) by John H. Maclean (2004) (362.734 MAC)
- [\*The Complete Adoption & Fertility Legal Guide\*](#) by Brette McWhorter Sember (2004) (346.73 SEM)
- [\*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Adoption\*](#) by Christine Adamec (2004) (362.734 ADA)
- [\*Welcome Home!: An International and Nontraditional Adoption Reader\*](#) by Lita Linzer Schwartz and Florence Whiteman Kaslow, editors (2003) (362.734 WEL)
- [\*Yes, You Can Adopt!: A Comprehensive Guide to Adoption\*](#) by Richard Mintzer (2003) (362.734 MIN)

## Search Aids

### Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Intercountry Adoption
- International Adoption

### Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Intercountry Adoption
- International Adoption
- Adoption

### Call Number

- 362.734 (Dewey Decimal)

### Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOHost  
<http://search.ebscohost.com>
- First Search  
<http://firstsearch.oclc.org>

### Library catalogs

- Urbandale Public Library  
<http://www.urbandalelibrary.org>
- SILO – (Iowa Locator) – State-wide catalog  
<http://z3950.silo.lib.ia.us/cgi-bin/zform.CGI?SILO>
- WorldCat - world-wide catalog  
<http://worldcat.org>

## Journals

- [\*Adoptive Families\*](#)

## Magazine Articles

- “International Adoption in the U.S.: Traumatic Stress and Normal Developmental Responses” by Jeff Drayton Wolfgang. *Online Submission, ERIC*: 2011. Available through [EbscoHost](#).
- “International Adoption Families: A Unique Healthcare Journey” by Eileen M. Smit. *Pediatric Nursing*: September 2010. Available through [EbscoHost](#).
- “Finding – and Bringing Home – the Child Who is Right for You” (excerpt) by Mardie Caldwell. *USA Today Magazine*: May 2010 (Volume 138, Number 2780). Available through [EbscoHost](#).
- “Pitfalls for Parents” by Kit R. Roane. *U.S. News & World Report*: 6 June 2005 (Volume 128, Issue 21). Available through [EbscoHost](#).
- “The Baby Trade,” by Ethan B. Kapstein. *Foreign Affairs*: Nov/Dec 2003 (Volume 82, Issue 6). Available through [EbscoHost](#).

## Web Pages and Web Portals

- About.com Adoption/Foster Care, “International Adoption”  
<http://adoption.about.com/od/international/International.htm>
- Adoptive Families  
<http://www.adoptivefamilies.com>
- Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State, “Intercountry Adoption”  
<http://adoption.state.gov/>
- Department of Homeland Security, “Citizenship and Immigration Services”  
<http://www.dhs.gov/citizenship-and-immigration-services>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, “Intercountry Adoption: Where Do I Start?”  
[https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f\\_inter/](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_inter/)

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