

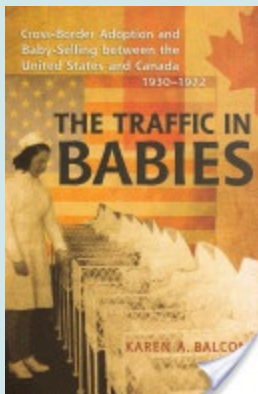


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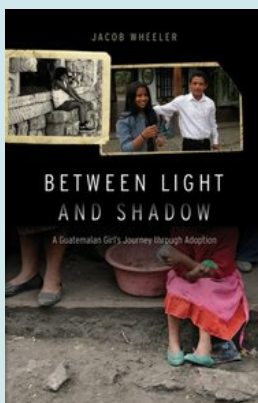
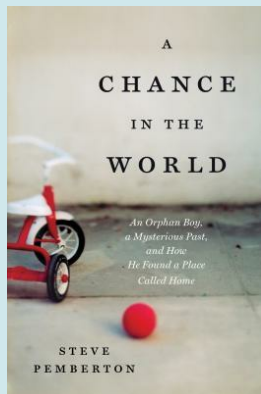


The Traffic in Babies: Cross-Border Adoption and Baby-Selling between the United States and Canada, 1930 - 1972
by Karen A. Balcolm

In this scholarly study, Karen A. Balcolm examines the international “exporting” of babies from Canada to the United States between 1930 and 1972. These adoptions, often designed to avoid professional oversight, stranded thousands of adoptees in immigration limbo.

A Chance in the World: An Orphan Boy, a Mysterious Past, and How He Found a Place Called Home
by Stephen J. Pemberton

In this haunting memoir, Stephen J. Pemberton describes his childhood in foster care, his triumph over adversity through education, and his search for his family of origin and the truth about his mysterious past.



Between Light and Shadow: A Guatemalan Girl's Journey through Adoption
by Jacob Wheeler

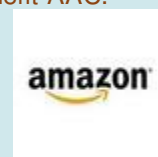
In *Between Light and Shadow*, journalist Jacob Wheeler follows 7 year-old Ellie’s journey from her home in Guatemala through the processes of international adoption, to her new

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BLOG TALK RADIO

Join Pam Kroskie for her next interview on **August 23 at 4:00 p.m. EST** when her guest is Jamie Nagy.



home in the United States and then back into reunion with her family several years later as an adolescent. Wheeler examines Ellie's adoption through her eyes and through those of her original and adoptive families and then lets the reader decide whether adoptions such as Ellie's are exploitative or humanitarian.

Dan Rather Reports Nominated for Emmy® Award For Outstanding Investigative Journalism in a News Magazine

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Dan Rather Reports is proud to announce that an investigative report we did on forced adoptions has been nominated for an Emmy® Award For Outstanding Investigative Journalism in a News Magazine. In an exhaustive six month investigation that ranged from Australia to the U.S., they found a widespread and shocking practice, even at the height of the sexual revolution in the 1960's and 70's, of babies born out of wedlock being forcibly put up for adoption.

The episode titled *"Adopted or Abducted?"* first aired on AXS.tv on May 3, 2012. Dan Rather Reports investigated claims by women that they were forced to put their babies up for adoption, many with the knowledge and support of Catholic Charities. It has been a little discussed practice for decades but this special hour-long program will remove the veil of secrecy that has led to emotional trauma for unwed mothers around the world.

In reporting this story, Dan Rather Reports reached out to the largest maternity home providers in America of the "baby-scoop" era for comment. These organizations had oversight on the policies and practices that led to forced adoptions.

Below are the complete statements and responses from those organizations.

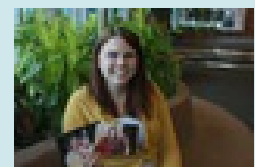
[Catholic Charities USA](#)

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And if you missed any of Pam's shows, log in to listen to her latest interviews, including Friday, July 19, 2013, for Pam's interview entitled *Secret Storms* with Julie von Zerneck and Kathy Hatfield. A pregnant, upper class nineteen-year-old Philadelphia Main Line debutante is confined, against her will, to a state mental hospital. She spends her pregnancy surrounded by the mentally challenged and criminally insane.

[Link to Blog Talk Radio](#)

Clouse Connects with Birth Mom after 25 years



By Sarah Summers

When you turn 13, you take the leap into your teenage years. At 16 you get your license, or try to. At 18 you get to vote and are legally an adult in most states. At 21 you can legally drink alcohol. At 25, you find your birth parents. At 35 you can run for president.

For Spanish teacher Kathrvin Paige Clouse, known for two days as Katie Anne Matchiner, age 25 was a monumental time. In Nebraska, 25 is how old you must be to file for your original birth certificate without adoptive parental consent. When you're adopted, you are issued your original birth certificate as well as an adoptive one with adoptive parents' names and your new name. Clouse's mother gave her the first name of her birth mother, Kathy Matchiner.

Clouse found out at age 8 that she had been adopted

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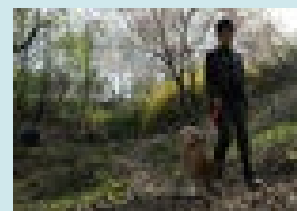
simply by looking through baby photos and cards. One card referenced the adoption. She was disappointed her adoptive parents hadn't told her, but they said they had when she was 5.

"It was a missing part of me that I was just so curious about. I always hoped my birth parents would be like movie stars or something." Clouse said. "If you don't know who they are, you can just imagine them to be anything you want them to be."

When Clouse turned 25, she was at the adoption agency ready to search.

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An Adoptee Returns to South Korea, and Changes Follow



By [CHOE SANG-HUN](#)

SEOUL, South Korea — ALL her life, Jane Jeong Trenka struggled to belong. Born in South Korea in 1972, she and her sister were adopted by an American family and raised in a Minnesota town populated by the descendants of German and Scandinavian immigrants, where Lutheran churches rose above the cornfields.

In elementary school, Ms. Trenka says she was taunted by boys who spat racial slurs

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IN MEMORIAM



James "Joe" Collins

from New Jersey Star-Ledger

Joe Collins died July 6, 2013. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church of Christ the King, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, N.J., on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Hours of visitation at the Doyle Funeral Home, 106 Maple Ave., Morristown, NJ., doylefh.com, are today from 4 to 8 p.m. Born in Morristown to the late Michael and Josephine Collins, he was a co-founder of Collins Pub in Morris Plains, N.J., in 1971 with his brother, Michael. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1958 to 1962 after graduating from Bayley-Ellard High School, Madison, N.J. He was a licensed private investigator in New Jersey. Since 1991 he reunited more than 3,000 families separated by adoption. He received the United States Congressional Coalition on Adoption "Angel in Adoption" award in 2000 and the State of New Jersey Senate Citation in 2000. He volunteered in Guatemala since 2001 and in 2004 formed the non-profit organization From Houses to Homes-Guatemala, Inc., to help the poor of Guatemala. From Houses to Homes has raised over 3.7 million dollars to improve the lives of these beautiful people who he cherished. He was humbled by the outpouring of

by boys who spat racial slurs at her, causing her so much anxiety that she began throwing up during the bus ride to school. Later, after she brought a boy home for the first time, a Laotian from the only Asian family in town, she said her father made a joke about his name that she considered racist.

Smoldering with anger — and consumed by “self-loathing” for her Asian heritage — she scratched her Korean name, Kyong-ah, into her bedroom wall with a thumbtack. Then she covered it with a bulletin board so her parents would not know. When it came time for college, she checked “white” on all her college forms in what she now calls an act of self-deception.

It was that emotional conflict over identity that eventually led Ms. Trenka to upend her life, move back to South Korea and help lead a successful campaign with fellow adoptees to fundamentally change the way Koreans think about adoption. The landmark legislation they championed for the first time takes concrete steps to deal with the root causes of South Korea’s longstanding reputation as one of the world’s leading “baby exporters” — society’s deep prejudice against single mothers and against domestic adoptions thought to sully all-important family bloodlines.
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**Chinese Man,
Zeng Yong,
Reunited With
Long-Lost Twin
After 41 Years**

support from people around the world who supported his mission. In May 2006, Joe won The Russ Berrie Award for Making a Difference for his work in Guatemala. He was the recipient of the Ambassador of Peace Award by the government of Guatemala in September 2009. He was a member of the Auxiliary Corps of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, and also the American Legion in Antigua, Guatemala. He is survived by his son, Dr. Darron A. Collins and his wife, Karen, of Bar Harbor, Maine, and his two grandchildren, Maggie and Molly. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Collins of Morristown, and a brother, Michael B. Collins of Las Vegas, Nev., as well as his best friend, Roberto Perez of San Antonio Palopo, Guatemala. He was predeceased by his sister, Peggy (Collins) Dieffenbach. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to From Houses to Homes- Guatemala, P.O. Box 85, Mt. Tabor, N.J. 07878.

[Published in Star-Ledger on July 8, 2013](#)

AAC Member Memories of Joe Collins

Joe was much more than just an "Angel in Adoption"; he was a wounded healer and an authentic flawed human saint, not the mythical plaster kind! His was a true life for others. I knew Joe for years through his work in adoption search, and his family knew my Dad's family for years before that in the poor Irish section of Morristown called "Dublin." Joe helped many from our NJ group search, as well as others from around the country, and he got me a current address for my son when I had lost touch with him. More important than that, Joe always encouraged me that my son would eventually come around during the long years when I almost lost hope. Joe was right, we now have a fine relationship.

Joe owned a bar with his brother, and sold out when he admitted to having a problem with alcohol. After that, he was many years sober, but his problem cost him two marriages. He was able to stay friends with his ex-wives, and both were at his funeral and one helped care for him in his last days. He was that kind of person. His son and only child gave a heartfelt and honest eulogy. His brother said his involvement in adoption search changed him, and made him ready for his next great project to help others.

Joe's greatest love besides adoption search was building homes and other buildings like a school and clinic for the poorest of the poor in Guatemala. He saw the need when visiting his son who was studying there, and instead of turning away, he did something. He founded the charity "From Houses To Homes" and recruited volunteers from all over to donate time and money and work. Please go to his webpage here and contribute whatever you can, to keep Joe's dream alive:



Running into a person who looks *just* like someone you know usually only warrants a double take, but that's exactly how [one Chinese man spotted his friend's long-lost twin brother](#), according to Sky News.

Poverty separated Zeng Yong and his twin at birth when they were adopted by different families in 1972. After Zeng Yong's friend told him about an almost identical man he saw in a Chinese city only 125 miles away, Zeng set out to find him. With his friend's help, Zeng met the man, Liu Yonggang, and after talking for an hour, the [two discovered they were twins](#), China.org.cn reports.

The pair then tracked down their 74-year-old mother who was living more than 1,000 miles away in the east Chinese city of Jianning. The story of their reunion took off on China's social media site [Sina Weibo](#). One user commented, "People nowadays can't understand the helplessness of parents in that era of poverty. Keeping children at home meant leaving them to die of starvation ... I hope they are both happy."

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Joe's wake and funeral Mass which I attended were a fitting tribute to a kind, humble, and quiet man who truly exemplified the best of Christ-like charity. People who knew him from all walks of life and his varied careers were there, from the bar his brother still owns, AA, adoption reform, and some from Guatemala as well as family and childhood friends. Joe went to Trenton many times to testify for adoption reform, and at local meetings he was a funny guy as well as a compassionate helper to every person whose case he took.

As the bagpiper played in honor of Joe as the hearse took him on his last journey, I thought of the words in my father's yearbook about him, another quiet and decent Irishman: From Shakespeare, "I dare do all that becomes a man, who dares do more is none". My Dad and Joe did "all that becomes a man" with humility and grace. "May the road rise to meet him....."

Mary Anne Cohen

We had been good friends for many years, but then lost touch when I was "sent away." He was such a wonderful and caring person. I have fond memories of him.

Sandy Musser

Joe was a VERY special person...not only to me but to so many others who he reunited. I went to the wake last night and was overwhelmed by all that Joe did ...not only in reuniting families separated by adoption, but by all the great work he did with his non-profit group, From Houses to Homes – Guatemala.

Judy Foster



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