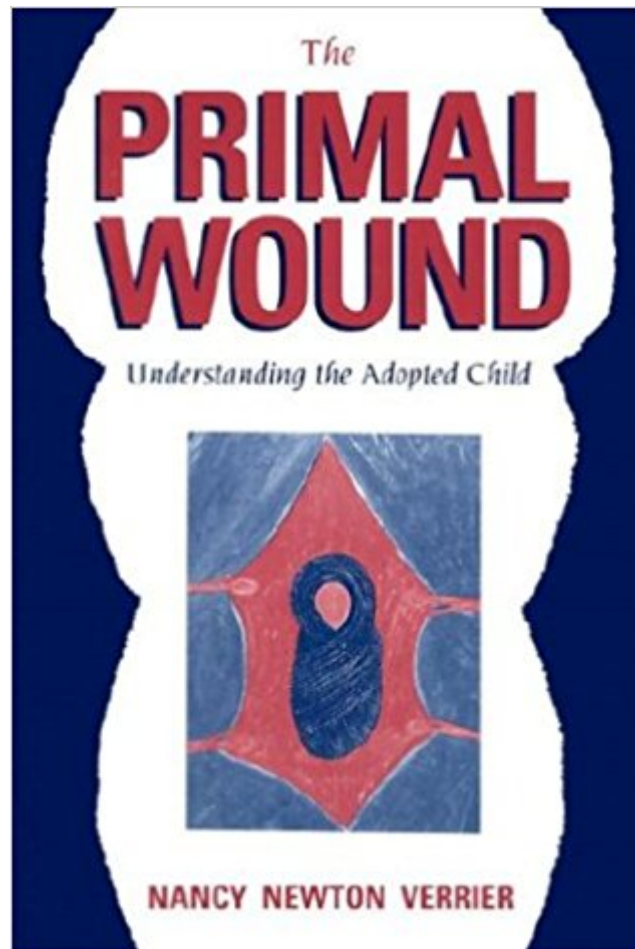




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The Primal Wound: Understanding The Adopted Child



Synopsis

In this classic work, Nancy Verrier examines the life-long consequences of the 'primal wound' - the wound that results when a child is separated from his or her mother - for adopted people, as they grow up & into adulthood. It provides information about pre- & perinatal psychology, attachment, bonding & the effects of loss. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

This is one of the most important books ever written about adoption. As an adult adoptee, I have to admit that it was painful to read but it was painful because what is written is so true. I highly recommend that both adoptees and adoptive parents, or prospective adoptive parents read this book. How helpful this would have been to my own adoptive parents. How little they truly understood about adopting children can't be understated. A child is NOT a blank slate that remembers nothing of their biological mother. In fact, the opposite is true. This is a must read. It will truly help you find the truth of what a child endures when they are taken away from their mother. I have great respect for Nancy Verrier for having the courage to write this book. Nancy, you have helped thousands by the information you've given in this book. I thank you personally!!

Nancy Verrier has an explicit understanding of the experience of the child needing a very loving bond with its mother. Her book talks very clearly about what happens when this bond is broken or never happens. She has an unusual gift of sensitivity about this important *experience* - the most important *experience* in the life of a child who is being adopted. Her clarity is

priceless. She understands, she is compassionate, and she is clear.

This is an important book. As an adoptee it was hard to read because it is so spot on, and very few experts are willing to say what she says. A must read for those who have been adopted and feel disconnected in the world.

As an adoptee I found this book very helpful in understanding and integrating my feelings as they stem from the initial painful separation. Should be required reading for all parties to an adoption.

This book is my bible. I am an adoptee and I now have a better idea of what's been going on with me for over four decades. While it can be debated whether or not this book presents a valid examination of just how damaged many, if not all, adoptees are, it definitely will open up some new paths to explore. For me personally, the paths that opened for me have been enlightening and also painful. To my fellow adoptees: If you feel like you're not living a "genuine life", check this book out. It may shed some light for you.

This book was extremely helpful for me in beginning to understand my relationship with my adopted son who is now grown. I wish I'd had this understanding so many years ago, as it may have helped avoid so much pain. The insights I've gained are invaluable and have begun to open up some long overdue, albeit painful, dialogue. Thank you!

I am an adopted adult, and this book made me understand where all my childhood insecurities and how I grew up stunted emotionally came from. I would recommend it to any adolescent or adoptive family to read for a clear perspective. It helps to be aware of the issues so that you can get past them and live a happy fulfilling life.

I am adopted and this book helped me so much!

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