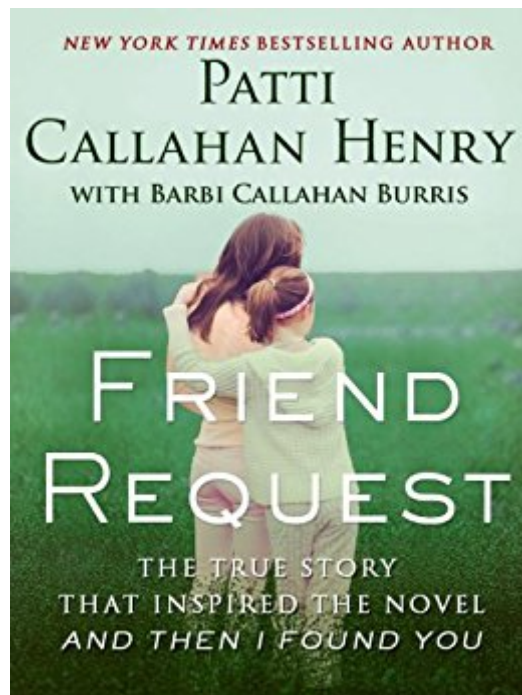




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# Friend Request: The True Story That Inspired The Novel And Then I Found You



## Synopsis

Heartbreaking, inspiring, and totally true—this e-original short non-fiction story sets the stage for New York Times bestselling author Patti Callahan Henry's novel *And Then I Found You*. Patti Callahan is one of three sisters, a member of a close-knit Irish American family. Yet as happy and boisterous as they appear to be, the Callahans have long harbored a heartache. Some twenty years ago, Patti's younger sister, Barbi, placed her infant daughter for adoption. The whole family respected Barbi's decision and admired her fortitude. Still, they couldn't help but wonder: What ever became of the beautiful baby who had been placed with a chosen, but anonymous family? On April 20th, 2010, Facebook gave them the answer they'd been looking for. It was a life-changing moment—one that inspired Patti to write this unforgettable true story.

Advance praise for Patti Callahan Henry's *And Then I Found You*: "[It] will surprise you, provoke you, and rearrange your heart." —Jacquelyn Mitchard "Henry at her best, brimming with heart and compassionate wisdom." —Joshilyn Jackson "The most soulful book Patti Callahan has ever written." —Dorothea Benton Frank "Explores the labyrinth of a woman's heart—mother, daughter, sister, friend, lover. Moving and beautifully written." —Mary Alice Monroe

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Patti Henry is a wonderful author and her books are captivating and honest. This is a true story from what she told me.

Very moving family story and a great intro/explanation for the novel which followed. While a lot of pain in the decision and its aftermath, there was also great hope for everyone faced with the same situation. So glad they shared their own family challenge and the support they gave each other.

This book was very interesting because in reading the book "And then I found you" it explains how the author got the idea for this story. I loved hearing about it because I have adopted grandchildren and it expressed the emotions of the people and families of the people giving the child up for adoption.

How often do adopted children wonder about their biological parents? How often do mothers dream of the children they gave up? The pain of both so warmly told is a wonderful story of hope and release for both.

This is the True story that was the inspiration for PCH's latest novel, And Then I Found You. It is a short, quick read - but you will cry (happy tears). There may also be a memoir coming, as well - that expands on this story. Highly recommend it to those affected by adoption.

Good but didn't tell the entire story,

Love Patti's writing and use of what's going on technology. Many of the Southern women writers are not embracing the technology world and what's going on day by day with social media...yet, this story definitely making me want more.

I was expecting more of a story. It was very anti-climactic and was like something you would read in your local paper. While I think it is great that mother/daughter were reunited, it didn't make you want more.

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