Releasing the Past: Mothers' Stories of their Stolen Babies
Knowing the truth empowers Adoptees

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"… Now I have a good understanding of what our mothers have suffered and why the word adoption carries with it such a negative stigma in practically the whole of society. Most adoptees have been falsely led into believing they were unwanted. That at the very core of who they are, has society as a whole believing the same.

Up until a few months ago, I too had no idea of what the real truths are.
Forced Adoption- Another problem in communication, not to many adoptees in my experience realize that their adoption was forced. The public of Australia rests with the belief that these babies were ones that were unwanted and that they would be better off adopted.
From my eyes.

I have a clear and new understanding. I am astounded that the proofs have been proved and that it has finally been accepted as truths, by our government. Why has their not been a massive response, The government made the apology March 2013, but why is it that anyone I speak with knows nothing about this, in particular the thirty adopted friends I have gathered over my lifetime. My study shows one in one hundred people actually know of the apology and why. I've spoken personally with over three hundred people now and only two knew of the forced adoption apology. We as adoptees have been lied to all of our lives, therefore we know nothing of forced adoption, we've been told always that we were not wanted, so there for to associate us and the words "forced adoption" has no bearing. We do not know we were forced. If somehow you have been involved in the inquiry, there is an awareness, yet society as a whole has heard nothing.

I have a lot of adoptee friends at all different stages of what I call adoptism, they have all shared their heart wrenching stories with me (and me to them) over many years and I am sad to say that there were several who did not make it.

Since meeting Kerri and then yourself has been an amazing eye opening experience, finally truth with support! I now know the fight my mother endured to try everything in her power to keep me by her side. But sadly not long after our point of reuniting many years ago, she suffered a massive stroke and has been left wheelchair bound and without any memory of her past. She is still enduring, she is unable to fight, I have taken on her fight, I can now I know the truth.

Chris, your book in particular-(releasing the past) has been the most valuable of tools in my healing process, without understanding what my mother had suffered, there would be no avenue for healing for me and my family. Only the truth can set you free, so to speak. I would like to thankyou on behalf of myself, my mother, my sons, my family , my friends and my adoptee friends whom are for all purposes my brothers and sisters, for never giving up and giving to us the truth. Your book is a must for adoptees, I have managed to source 100 or so copies.

I know my mother fought to keep me
I can stand and fight for us.
I can now feel pride, not shame".

Mandy