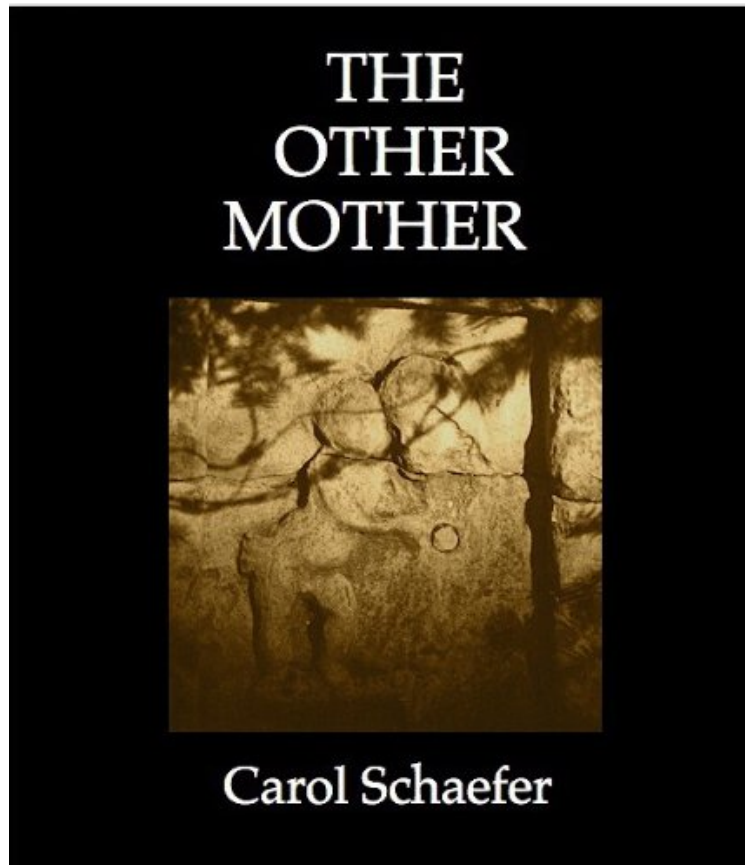


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Birthmothers are finally speaking out!Von Cheryl (crichmon@u.arizona.edu)It is so nice to see Birthmoms coming out of the darkness (imposed upon them by the adoption industry and their families, guilt, shame, etc.) and telling their stories about relinquishing a child to adoption. As an adoptee, I especially appreciate it b/c it gives me a chance to understand the birthmom's perspective better, something that is so often forgotten or ignored.This is a very readable and sometimes heartbreaking book, and I highly recommend it to all members of the Triad-- including adoptive parents who often have no clue what the birthmother really went through.This book also brings up the much needed point that adoption has traditionally been shrouded in secrecy and shame in this country. This has got to end! Although there are \*some\* birthmothers who may wish to put their past behind them, there are far more out there that wish

don't. Most birthmoms think about their relinquished children every day, and want to know what happened to the baby they gave away, that they grew up ok and were loved, etc. The adoption reform movement, and adoptee rights groups like Bastard Nation are trying to change the archaic closed records system so that birthmothers and adoptees no longer have to bear such the burden of shame. Kudos to Carol Schaefer for having the gumption to speak about her experience and to share it with us!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Best Birthmother Memoir Von maireaine@hexatron.com (Mary Anne Cohen) "The Other Mother" by Carol Schaefer is still the best memoir written by a woman who gave up a child for adoption. Although many others have come out since, none have surpassed it. In many ways, Carol's experience as a middle-class pregnant single woman in the 1960's is the archetypal adoption story, especially for those birthmothers whose families sent them off to Homes for Unwed Mothers. She tells her story in plain, vivid, and very moving style, that lends itself well to the movie this book became. As a birthmother myself, I found that every word rang true. The reunion portion of the book is the fairytale that most birthmothers long for, but few achieve. Carol Schaefer handles this material with rare humility and grace--what in lesser hands could have become self-congratulatory and smug is presented here with wonder and gratitude--the wonderful reunion as a gift, not a right, nor the result of "doing it right." This is a fine book for anyone to read--but it is especially relevant to those touched by adoption. Adult adoptees can learn a lot about what many birthmothers experienced in the 60's, and adoptive parents can gain insight into the "other side" of the adoption coin--the pain that became their joy. Birthmothers can see their own experience validated and brought out into the light in Carol's story--they will find themselves saying "yes, that is how it was, that is how it feels." This is a well-written, sincere, and lovely book, and the author's generous and kind soul shines through every page. I highly recommend it!

Mary Anne Manning Cohen: Birthmother, Poet, Origins Co-Founder 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Outstanding encapsulation of the birth parent experience. Von Ein Kunde I recommend this book to everyone who is seeking to understand the birthparent journey. I am an adoption professional involved with searching for 19 years. I find Carol's book to be a gem. Carol has done an outstanding job of encapsulating the birthparent experience. She raises the consciousness of anyone who reads her story. Adopted persons tell me consistently how impacted they have been by what they have learned. Empathy toward their birthmother is deepened and courage to pursue a search is enhanced. Birthparents tell me how validated they feel after years of loneliness and anguish related to the loss of their children. Carol speaks their journey through her story. Powerful outcome. Adoptive parents have also been impacted as they learn the effect of the adoption experience of birthparents. This allows them to better support their children's expressed needs which may include a search for birthfamily. Their empathy grows and their fear of the search and the birthmother diminishes. Professionals also benefit from learning from Carol. No matter what role they play in the field of adoption, building sensitivity about the birthparent experience is crucial. This book can accomplish this. I highly recommend this book to anyone involved with, or interested in, adoption.

Patricia Martinez Dorner, MA, LPC, LMFT co-author, Children of Open Adoption, author, How to Open an Adoption: a guide for parents birthparents of minors, Adoption Search: An Ethical Guide for Professionals , Talking to Your Child About Adoption.

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