

Call for Submissions: Book Project on Korean Adopted Adults

My name is Corissa St. Laurent, formerly Corissa DeSaulnier, prior to that Kim Ja Young, and just recently discovered, originally Kwon Byul Nim. I've been living the last 35 years, with little history of my birth, adoption and Korean heritage because my Korean records listed my parents as "unknown," my birth date as "estimated," and that's about it. On a recent trip back to Korea, my husband and I visited the orphanage where I was adopted from (KSS) and found out that I'm not who we thought I was. We learned that I had another set of records on ME with all sorts of information and the records that my parents received, when adopting me, were for someone else. It's a shocking discovery and one we're trying to work through now.

The lack of information I've had my whole life up until now, has definitely created an inquisitive, creative and sensitive personality that adapts easily to new situations. Sound familiar at all? I feel like the adventurous side of my personality began on that first plane trip across the Pacific Ocean to the United States. I've traveled and lived overseas, had a few different careers, met incredible people, learned a variety of skills, delved into the depths of self-discovery and experienced an amazing life so far. I'm looking for others who feel like their adoption was a blessing and who have created a life they love and want to talk about.

Are you a Korean adopted adult leading an interesting life? Are you proud and excited about the life you live and want to share it with others? Are you doing exciting things, following your dreams, creating and inspiring others? If so, please answer this *Call for Submissions* for my book project about people like us. My hope is to feature Korean adopted people from the varied cultures we landed in, focusing on our successes, interesting lives and unique insights. I hope to inspire younger Korean adoptees with stories of courage, success and liberation, as well as show the world the varied cultures we've grown up in and that we are a unique people some times caught between two worlds. My final hope is that other Koreans can learn about us and we can bridge the divide between our cultures.

The book project will be a photo essay, coffee table style book with beautiful photos, imagery and stories. This is a book about where we are at today, what we've accomplished, what we dream about and the positive lives we're leading. I know there are many horror stories and sad, painful pasts that need telling. We'll save those stories for another book. I would like to feature as wide array of Korean adopted people as I can, from around the world. If you're interested please fill out this submission form, scan and email back to me: corissa.st.laurent@gmail.com. If you do not have a scanner, you can answer the following questions, directly into an email to me. Please be careful not to omit anything. Please also include a photo. Thank you... I'm really looking forward to reading about you!



My Best,
Corissa



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NAME: _____

CITY AND COUNTRY ADOPTED INTO: _____

CITY OF BIRTH (IF KNOWN): _____ AGE AT ADOPTION: _____ CURRENT AGE: _____

CURRENT CITY AND COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: _____

HAVE YOU VISITED KOREA OR DO YOU HAVE PLANS TO? _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ADOPTIVE CULTURE: _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP STATUS, INCLUDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION, CHILDREN, FAMILIAL OR RELATIONSHIP ASPIRATIONS:

CAREER/CURRENT JOB: _____

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: _____

ACTIVITIES FOR FUN: _____



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HOBBIES/SKILLS: _____

PASSIONS/INTERESTS: _____

INSPIRATIONS/CURRENT CREATIONS: _____

DREAMS/ASPIRATIONS: _____



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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTE? _____

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MENTAL/EMOTIONAL ATTRIBUTE? _____

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPIRITUAL ATTRIBUTE? _____

WHAT ARE OTHER FAVORITES OF YOURS? _____

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST LIFE LESSON? _____

DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR ADOPTION A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE? _____

HOW HAVE YOU TURNED YOUR ADOPTION INTO A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE? _____

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH A YOUNG KOREAN ADOPTED PERSON? _____

If you have more to submit than the lines allow, please attach additional sheets of information. Please remember to include a photo with your submission. If your submission is chosen, you will be contacted with more information. Thank you for helping me to bring this project into reality!

