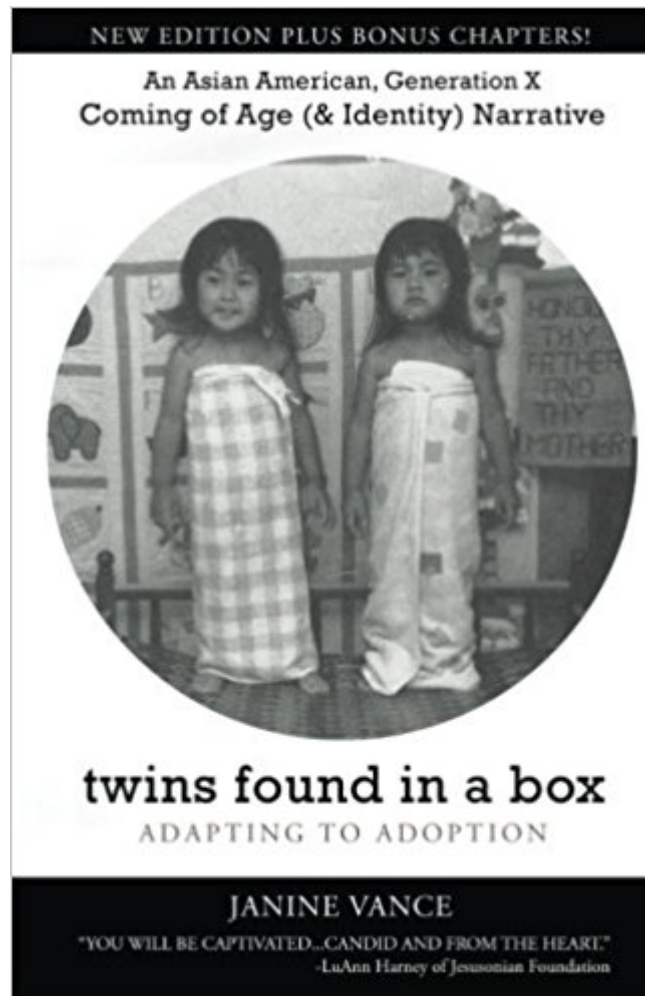




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# Twins Found In A Box: Adapting To Adoption



## Synopsis

NEW EDITION. INCLUDES BONUS CHAPTERS. Janine Vance, a Generation-X voice and author of *Twins Found in a Box: Adapting to Adoption*, writes her story for anyone who has ever felt out of place. As an adopted person from Seoul, South Korea, she has first hand experience dealing with loss of roots and feelings of self-doubt. At a young age, Janine has had to adapt to adoption, challenging relationships, her father's injury, and her mother's death. Her main childhood quandary had to do with trying to figure out which parent to "honor and obey" according to her religious upbringing. Into young adulthood she learns the most devastating news which influences tens of thousands of overseas adoptees today. Janine has been long married and the mother of two adult daughters. She meditates, interprets dreams and writes automatically and hesitantly. She views life with a sarcastic sense of humor, yet at the same time she is passionate about her purpose. "It's okay to pursue truth by questioning our beliefs. In fact, asking questions is our responsibility."

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## Customer Reviews

Dr. Maxine Mimms, a close friend of Maya Angelou, mentor to Oprah Winfrey and co-founder of Evergreen College Tacoma Campus, personally complimented the author on this self-published memoir. She thought it was amazing that Janine wrote the book at age twenty-five with absolutely no formal training on story-telling. In fact, it is because of Dr. Mimms acknowledgement and encouragement that Janine decided to rerelease this book after it had been shelved away for twenty

years in the back of her closet. Another astounding feat is that this version was edited by Janine's adoptive father at the age of eighty. He sustained a traumatic brain-injury in 1984 and recovered with the help of the twins. To review the book, contact the author at [info@vancetwins.com](mailto:info@vancetwins.com).

Dear Reader: Were you adopted? Were you ever told to be grateful while growing up? Did this push you down or shut you up? Did it prevent you from searching for your birth family? Maybe the drama between your adoptive parents stopped you from investigating your own origin. ...If you were not adopted, maybe you were told to honor your father and your mother and keep quiet about your own thoughts? But how do we honor both parents when they disagree? If any of this sounds familiar, this book will speak to you. Too often we blame ourselves for not showing enough gratitude. Such an expectation actually intrudes upon the right to make truly beneficial decisions for oneself. I hope my Generation-Xcoming-of-age (and identity!) narrative will validate how you might have felt for years. We all have tried to keep the peace out of respect for our parents. If you were ever criticized, punished unfairly, or raised in a strict household, you might be able to identify with my own story....This narrative based on the adoption experience was written to depict adoption from the inside out, and to help all of us see our inner goodness when all other surrounding messages tell us to be seen and not heard. ...Please send me a message to info at Vance Twins if you could identify at all with my experience. Best to you always, Janine PS Don't forget to read *The Search for Mother Missing: A Peek Inside International Adoption* when you get a chance. It's about my two week trip to Seoul, South Korea with my twin in search for our Korean family.

I am a Korean adoptee as well and everyone needs to read this book to help understand international adoption. While the circumstances of our adoptions were different, the feelings were the same. Although I never admitted it before now, adoption has controlled how I behaved in so many circumstances. I will never understand the logic of denying a person food that has spent time in an orphanage. I think many (not all) adopters think that they are saving us and get upset when they discover that is simply not true.

A powerful and poignant story of twins adopted from Korea. Very insightful for adoptees and their parents. There are many situations parents of international adoptees do not consider or foresee. This book provides incredible wisdom, touching tales and deep understanding. I highly

recommend this book!

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Great book!

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