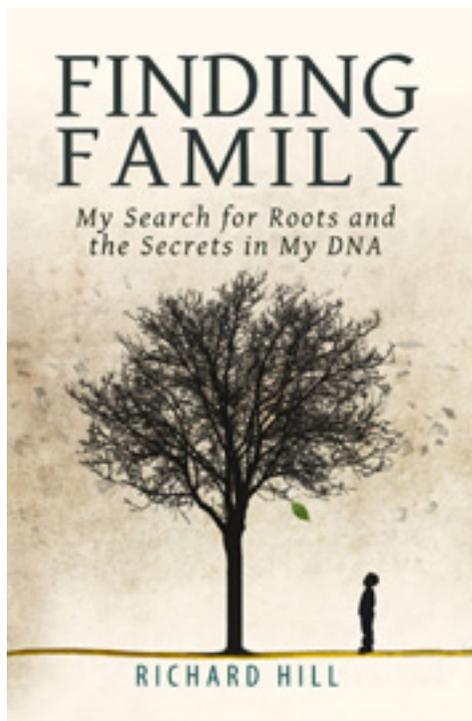


# ***Adoption Today Magazine Reviews Finding Family***



*Writing in Adoption Today Magazine, Kim Phagan-Hansel reviews Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA.*

After discovering at age 18 that he was adopted as an infant, Richard Hill launches into a lifelong journey of discovery that he chronicles in "Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets of My DNA."

As his search begins, he discovers the difficulties adoptees often face when trying to locate birth parents and the secrecy and lies that have kept birth searches in the dark for decades. Navigating a variety of government entities to discover the truth about his birth and subsequent adoption, Hill learns that his mother died tragically just a few years after his birth. With her death, the secret of Hill's father's identity died with her — or so he thought.

While Hill connected with members of his birth mother's family, as well as his half-brother, Hill continued to search for his birth father. Hill methodically researches, locates and eliminates several suspects and with the advent of advanced DNA testing Hill successfully discovers the truth of his father's identity. "Finding Family" is an extraordinarily well-written account of one man's journey to find the truth. Once Hill learned of his adoption, he began a decades-long search for his roots. Loved and cared for by his adoptive family, Hill only wanted to put the pieces of his heritage together.

"Finding Family" is a fascinating look at the challenges many adoptees face in finding the truth of their heritage because many birth records are closed to adoptees. The story also shows how more advanced technology can assist adoptees in locating family. The book is easy to read and keeps the reader turning pages as Hill follows the twists and turns of uncovering the layers of his birth families. And as DNA testing advanced, so did Hill's story. Not wanting to reveal the intriguing portions of the story that keep the pages turning, I can safely say this book is interesting and will most likely peek the interest of all adoptees who have faced roadblocks on their search journey. It's definitely worth reading.

NOTE: This review by Kim Phagan-Hansel appeared in the February 2013 issue of [Adoption Today](#) magazine. A subscription is required to view the magazine online.