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Erma Bombeck once said: *“There is a thin line that separates laughter and pain, comedy and tragedy, humor and hurt.”* One recent Secret Sons & Daughters’ adoptee tale did a brilliant job of showing just that.

Writer Mary Sisco’s sense of humor (and love for all things retro TV) had us laughing out loud about things we know are tragic, and a little in awe of the ways she used satire to endure not only secrets and lies, but truth too. Her story, [An Adoptee Turns to Humor to Endure Secrets and Lies](#), wasn’t the only new take on the adoption experience.

New Hampshire writer [Larry Clow](#)’s piece left us pondering the blessings and challenges of Facebook. When it comes to adoption, social media’s big dog is a source of support, a place to connect ([like our page!](#)), a stealthy search resource for familial info and photos, and a potential source of pain. And yet, for all of the stories we’ve read thus far, even the most painful ones, there hasn’t been one person who said that the truth was not worth knowing.

In case you missed them, three new stories elicited several comments on the website: [Taylor Perry](#)’s reflection on shattered fantasies post reunion, Australian late-discovery adoptee, [Di Dunning](#)’s story, which showed that the pain of secrets long kept have no geographic boundaries, and [Karen Goldner](#)’s tale of struggling to find a sense of belonging in either of her families.

And speaking of comments, a fascinating discussion and debate is taking place in the comments section of [10 Questions to Ask When Searching for an Adoption Competent Therapist](#). Leslie Pate Mackinnon (whom I originally spoke with for the piece) recently responded to a question about her “bias,” and in doing so eloquently addressed the recommended standard of care in adoption today, why it’s important to stay a step ahead of pre-teens finding birth relatives on Facebook, and also included her thoughts on connection to one’s personal story vs. amputation from it. If the stories from our generation of adoptees have shown anything, it’s the high price many have paid for that amputation.

With that said, we let connection be our Mother’s Day inspiration this year and ran two stories in May that include what we like to think of as love letters—those initial correspondences that are often filled with hope and longing for connection.

Jason Clawson, in [California Adoptee Finds his First Mother](#), shares the letter he wrote after he found his birth mother, and I shared a letter that came from the opposite direction, the letter my birth mother sent after she found me, in this [post to ALL mothers](#).

While our “Adoptee Tales” are exclusively written by adult adoptees, between now and July 4th, we’d love to share more letters, especially those that speak to relationships with fathers of all stripes. If you’d like to submit a letter, click our [Submit Tale](#) form and put “Letter” in the title box.

Even if you don't have a letter to share, please subscribe (here on our sidebar) to receive the latest stories, and updates. And "Like" us on good 'ol [Facebook](#) and share your thoughts. Last week's question: "Instead of searching, were you found by a birth parent? And if so, what was that like?" generated a variety of interesting responses. Also on Facebook, you'll find a photo of Heather's BIG news. She gave birth to a not-so-secret daughter, Kyra, on May 21st. Kyra will be our assistant story reader in no time.

One Adoptee Tale writer recently described Secret Sons & Daughters as a "beautiful island of thoughtfulness, respect, and camaraderie." We aspire to live up to those words, and thank *you* for reading, commenting, and sharing these stories—we hope to hear your story soon.

Best wishes,

Christine & Heather

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