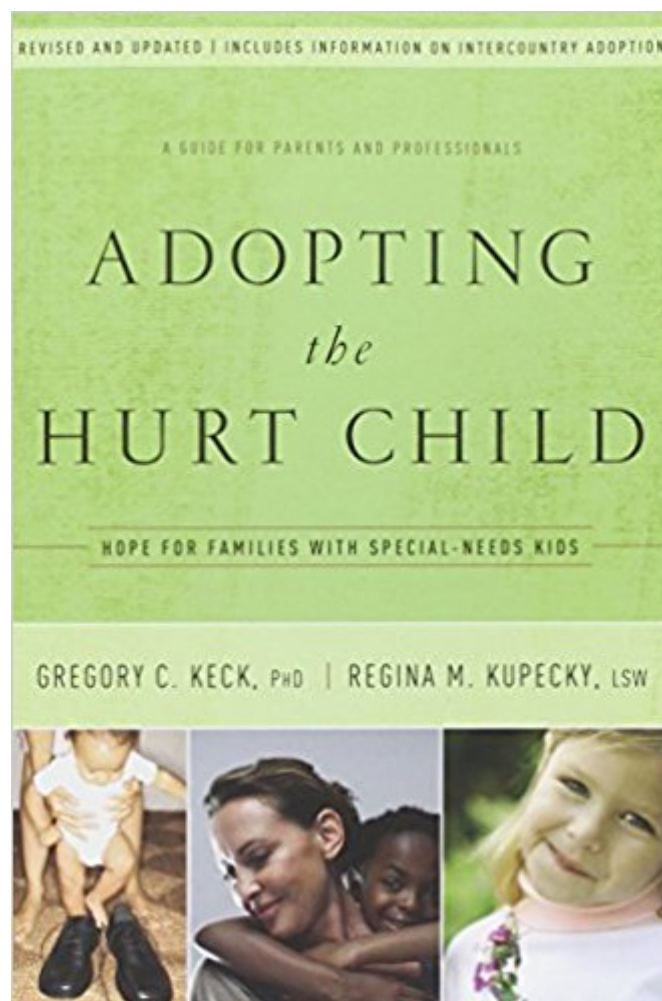


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# Adopting The Hurt Child: Hope For Families With Special-Needs Kids - A Guide For Parents And Professionals



## Synopsis

Without avoiding the grim statistics, this book reveals the real hope that hurting children can be healed through adoptive and foster parents, social workers, and others who care. Includes information on foreign adoptions.

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To Love a Child is the heartwarming story of one man's commitment to a child that had been declared not adoptable. Then three years old, the child was born addicted to drugs, his mother had been murdered, and he had been dubbed all but a throwaway. Here, writer Schwarz chronicles the events of one remarkable year—from the day before he met his son to the day the courts legalized the adoption. During that time, the Schwarzes took in another child. Exhibiting a broad range of experience, Keck, founder of a treatment center for children with developmental problems, and Kupecky, Ohio's 1990 Adoption Worker of the Year, together examine many issues affecting today's adoptive families. They address various phases of the adoption process: early issues in the adoptive family; age-specific problems, as well as solutions; and clarification on issues of parenting or working with the abused or damaged child. Throughout, numerous case histories are cited. Both books include superior resources, readings, and index arrangements, and both are recommended for all libraries. —Marty D. Evensvold, Magnolia P.L., Tex. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The world is full of hurting kids who suffer from emotional trauma caused by someone they should

have been able to trust. It's a pain that lasts into adulthood if not healed and resolved. It is the new face of adoption. In this revised and updated guide to healing the emotional trauma of the adopted child, authors Gregory C. Keck and Regina M. Kupecky provide a clear picture of what it's like to hurt and what it means to heal. Through advice, tips, and success stories of those who have been there, you'll find valuable insight and hope. It's never too late for healing.

Emily was fifteen when she left Russia and joined three of her biological siblings in our family. She was the stereotypical horror story of a traumatized child with Reactive Attachment Disorder and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She terrorized our family. She manipulated psychologists who had no idea how a traumatized child works. As parents, we were wondering if we were crazy. That was, until we read *Adopting the Hurt Child*. The book made no claim to quick fixes or promises of a cure. It simply gave very practical tools to use with the idea that they were the best practices to use, offering the best hope for the most advancement possible. It took years. *Adopting the Hurt Child* was a mainstay in the game plan that we as parents and those who worked with Emily used in an effort to help her to have the life we always wanted for her. Emily is twenty-two, now and has finally been able to move beyond life in an institution thanks to wonderful staff and therapists, but also to them having the tools provided by *Adopting the Hurt Child*. If you have a traumatized child, this is the book you need. Be patient. There is no quick fix. Handing a child a stuffed unicorn and painting a rainbow on her bedroom wall does not remove the scars that are the result of horrific and unbelievably painful wounds. Thank you Dr. Keck for saving our family and for giving us back our daughter.

I'm getting my foster care license right now and have been loaning this book out to friends and family so they will have a better understanding of what I'm going through and why the children respond differently than they expect to things. I found this writing style to be extremely candid and filled with hope.

Two years ago, we assumed guardianship of my husband's troubled 12-year old niece. She was my husband's sister's child and came from a "House of Horrors." Every conceivable problem existed. Drug abuse, domestic violence, sick pornography, sibling incest, severe parental neglect, sarcasm, ridicule, brutality and denial. She came from the inner city, to our sheltered, happy home in the suburbs. It was akin to someone moving to a foreign country. Fortunately, I read "*Adopting the Hurt*

Child." The book was a lifesaver. I do not exaggerate. Social workers and incompetent therapists seemed to blame us for her problems, (and we hadn't had her for even a year). The authors said this is common. Adoptive parents take the heat for the original family's neglect. The authors nailed every single issue, or problem, with razor sharp accuracy. Our niece is an actress with attachment issues. She wears masks. She plots, she cannot "be." She was never taught real love or how to be with people. Her presence in our household really shook us to the core. She acted coquettish and manipulative with my husband; snide to me (the mom). I do not see the book as negative, but as candid. Love isn't always enough. Movies may have happy endings, but real life is altogether different. Sometimes, these children do not get better. At least, empowered with the advice of this book, you can seek better therapy treatments, know what kind of therapist to hire, and sniff out the bad ones immediately. Now, two years later, we found an attachment therapist. This terrific therapist cannot be manipulated. She is both tough and compassionate. We made more progress with her -- in three sessions, than our niece did with a sex abuse counselor in a year. Our niece still has many problems, and time will tell. We are hanging in there. And I still reference this book. It's just superb. God bless both the authors.

My wife and I adopted a 5 and 7 yr old from Russia in Sept 2004. They have been diagnosed as mildly RAD, but RAD nonetheless. RAD is Reactive Attachment Disorder for those of you just beginning a path to adoption of older children. I can say from first-hand experience of the past six months that what Keck has written is true, verified and helpful in many ways. I would highly recommend this as a read while you are CONSIDERING adopting older children, domestic or otherwise. It is best to be prepared and accepting of the conditions that you will likely face before you suddenly realize what's going on with your child(ren). Between Keck and Nancy Thomas (When Love is Not Enough), your preparation for dealing with the behaviors that will sooner or later emerge will be rewarded in your ability to maintain some sanity in your home. You are also welcome to view our online story at [...]

Explained what to look for, what it is, and how to deal with the situations you very well count encounter when adopting children especially internationally or domestically from foster care. We are adopting a 7 year old from foster care, and it helped us so much to know what to ask her current worker and care givers before deciding yes or no to the adoption. Then it went on to help us to deal with her behaviors from PTSD, RAD, and ODD.

Good read. Anxious to read the next book, Parenting the hurt child

This book was life-changing for our family. Understanding the our adopted son's temper tantrums helped us use the right techniques to almost eliminate them!

This was an excellent book that opened my eyes to a whole new world I was entering. I learned so much and gained knowledge necessary to support my son through this process.

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