



Before We Were Yours, Lisa Wingate, Ballantine Books, (2017)

Before and After, Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate, Ballantine Books, (2019)

Other books on the topic:

- *Pricing the Priceless Child: The Changing Social Value of Children* by Viviana A. Zelizer (1985),
- *Babies for Sale: The Tennessee Children's Home Adoption Scandal* by Linda Tollett Austin (1993),
- *Alone in the World: Orphans and Orphanages in America* by Catherine Reef (2005), and
- *The Baby Thief: The Untold Story of Georgia Tann, the Baby Seller Who Corrupted Adoption* by Barbara Bisantz Raymond (2007)

You can find my blog posts on the topic at <https://voightps.de> under the heading "recent posts". *Arrogance, The Destroyer of the Good* focuses on the key players in Memphis that were behind the operations at the TCHS. *This Is My Story* provides more of my personal story than I have time to go into tonight.

One of the key factors that make adoption of this nature so difficult is called *Ambiguous Loss*. This is a loss that occurs without a significant likelihood of reaching emotional closure or a clear understanding. This kind of loss leaves a person searching for answers, and thus complicates and delays the process of grieving, and often results in unresolved grief. Some examples are infertility, termination of pregnancy, disappearance of a family member, death of an ex-spouse, a family member being physically alive but in a state of cognitive decline due to Alzheimer's disease or dementia. You can read more about this very important issue at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ambiguous_loss.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments at Roger@VoightPS.de

And please share the link to my blog page with anyone you think might be interested in the topic.