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"How I Used Free & Low Cost Internet Sources To Locate My Birth Parents And how these same sources can be used by you to locate anyone!" by Kevin Witten.

Now There's a title for you, Huh? It's almost longer than the book itself, which is a mere 41 pages. We will refer to this small book as simply 'Adoption Searches'. That simplifies things a bit.

This little book is a bit more anecdotal than I anticipated. I was hoping 'Adoption Searches' would offer more technical information on people searches. Instead it concentrates on the author's personal struggles and final success in locating his birth parents.

Kevin Witten writes for the many people out there who feel they are up against a brick wall when it comes to adoption agencies, state laws, and ignorant officials.

Anyone can sympathize with the plight of the adopted. Imagine what it must be like to grow up knowing you're different, yet not sure why. You want to learn your family roots, but you don't want to hurt those who have loved and cared for you all your life either.

There is an inner struggle that every adoptee goes through that the rest of society is oblivious to. Kevin shares his most

intimate feelings: the anger, fear, rejection, and the love, peace and final acceptance that he finds. This is a tale of two families and the one man in the middle.

If, like Kevin Witten, you are an adopted child, or you are a member of the family of an adopted child, this book offers you help struggling through the many mixed emotions.

It can point you to sources that will help in your search without costing you thousands of dollars. In fact, you may be able to accomplish your goal for as little as \$500. That sure beats the huge amounts required up front by many private investigators.

Realize up front, however, that Kevin's success had a certain measure of luck attached to it. You will inevitably find yourself up against other obstacles than he experienced. Different people, different officials and agencies, and different family histories. But if you are a determined searcher, there still remains a strong possibility you will find success.

If, like me, you are a bit of an amateur sleuth, (I serve civil process to supplement my income), you are always on the lookout for new ways to find others who seem to have disappeared. That is why I chose to read this book. Skip tracing (that's looking for people that are evading the law) and private investigation (which requires a licence in most states) can be expensive. It is vital that you spend little or no money when doing research.

Kevin's book is written for people who have a little more time to do the research than a skip tracer or process server would have. I typically have anywhere from two days to two weeks to locate someone. The research tools Kevin Witten's book points you to require a lot more time and patience. They also require a lot of posting to message boards.

You may find these sources help you by that same tried method we mentioned earlier: luck. Who knows, you may log on to [www.birthquest.org](http://www.birthquest.org) and find a long lost heir to the throne of Hammurabi.

If you do, be sure to thank Kevin.

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