



ADOPTION

I'm adopted. Naturally I have a curiosity about my birth parents, but I also realize that if I were to open Pandora's Box, I might not like what I see inside. In this situation I'm going to claim ignorance is bliss. Learning the truth is just too risky in my opinion.

I've known since forever that my parents chose me. For them, they had spent years struggling with infertility and eventually sought out a private adoption through an agency. When I was really little, I would tell them to order another baby like they way you order a pizza. "Pick one with light eyes, so we can look like sisters," I would instruct them. As I grew older, I slowly began to understand that adoption is a very complicated process. My narrative about my birth parents also grew more and more complicated. In the beginning I saw them as a sweet married couple too poor to afford a baby even though it tore them to give me away. Now that I'm in high school I picture them as high school sweethearts who didn't want to forego college scholarships so they chose adoption. But imagine if I was the result of rape and I have an uncle who is a serial killer.

Some might argue that the truth will set you free. Free to languish in despair? Free to agonize that your future children might inherit tainted DNA? NO THANKS!

Bottom Line: You can't unlearn the truth. For me and likely many other adoptees, allow us to dwell in the fantasy of infinite possibilities.

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This is a delightful essay.
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HUNGER GAMES

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With learning comes knowledge and with knowledge comes power, while a vast amount of power may corrupt someone, more often than not, learning will have a positive effect on someone's life. Learning new sets of skills one is able to stay alive like Katniss Everdeen did in the "Hunger Games". To those that beg to differ, ignorance will cause misfortune and the pain and suffering of others like Ethan Couch, a drunk driving teen who killed four people in a crash.

Tricking herself in place of her sister, Katniss Everdeen is able to survive the annual Hunger Games by using the sets of skills she had learned prior to the event. Because Katniss learned how to use a bow and arrow she was able to overpower her foes and eliminate them. In addition, she had learned how to distinguish poisonous food from non-toxic and bitter food which gave her the ability to gather and eat food without having to worry about the consequences. All these skills she learned were not only vital for her survival, but caused her to win the Hunger Games.

Some might argue that learning isn't beneficial, but would that mean it is not important to learn morals and what is right from wrong? Imagine you have a spouse, now your spouse is coming home from work late one night when their tire pops. They repeatedly pull over and try to replace the tire when a friend and her daughter approach your spouse to help. A few minutes later a priest pulls over to offer a helping hand when out of nowhere a truck driving 70mph in a 40mph zone rams into the vehicle and kills all four people including your loved one. You later find out this was a 13 year old's doing, who was driving while intoxicated under the effects of alcohol. A year passes and when the day of the case comes you want the irresponsible teen to pay for assassinating your loved one but the teen's expensive lawyers state that it was affluence, the parents' fault for never doing anything to their kid and he never learned the right from wrong. In the end the teen only gets 10 years of probation instead of being incarcerated for 20 years. You might think this is a bad story but this is what happened to Brianna Mitchell's family on June 15, when she was pulled over on the side of the road and Ethan Couch, 15 at the time, crashed into her car and killed her along with three good Samaritans.

Learning and life come as a pair; if one learns a lot, they will live a long, healthy life but if one is benighted and ignorant they will live a difficult life along with those ignorant people's lives they intervene in.

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