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**Releasing the Past:
Mothers' stories of their stolen babies**

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This book is the outcome of Recommendation 18 of the New South Wales Upper House Inquiry into Past Adoption Practices (1998-2000) and was funded by the New South Wales Department of Community Services.

"This book describes what was supposed to happen to unwed mothers when they gave birth and what in fact really happened. It examines the 'culture' that pervaded the adoption industry and the justification used by those working within it to separate mothers from their babies. It also reveals how the notion of 'choice' for unwed mothers was in reality nothing but an illusion to keep them shamed and silenced. This book is about the struggle of mothers to tell their stories and their fight to gain an Inquiry into the past practices in adoption. But most of all, it is about their undying love for their children and their need to tell them that they did not willingly give them away: they were stolen."

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