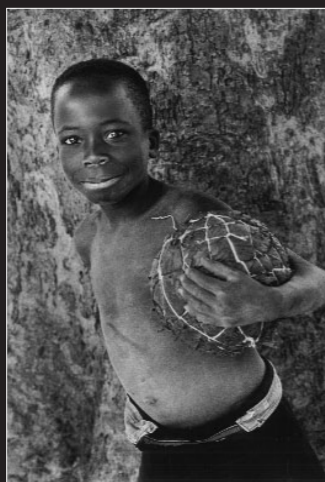
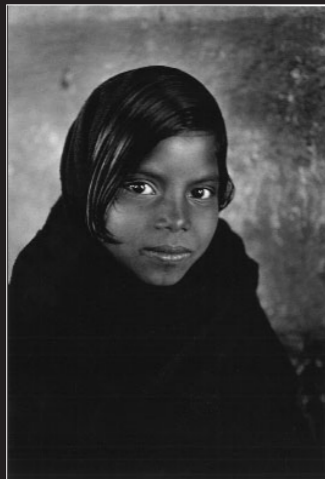
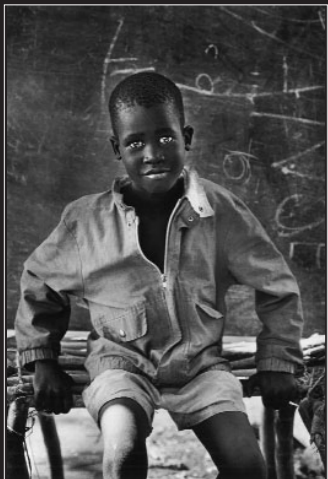
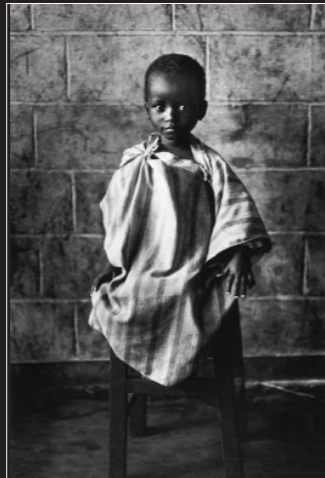
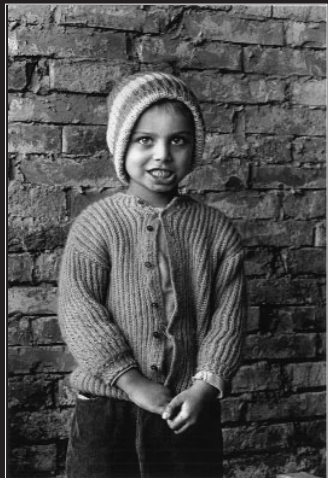


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« Parce que, devenir parent est quelque chose qui s'apprend,
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Many people, particularly those who are childless, wish to give an adopted child a family. In France, in Belgium or in Switzerland very few children are abandoned nowadays and so most future parents turn to international adoption.

Adopting a child from a foreign country with a different cultural background is a formidable challenge:

- For the child, finding parents and growing up in a family like any other child entails a break with the socio-cultural background he or she was born into.

- For parents who, notwithstanding their desire to have a child, must remember that: "if a child has the 'right' to a family", no adult has the right to a child! Therefore those who adopt will necessarily be engaging in a sincere and ongoing scrutiny of their own selves and of their motivations not only when they decide to adopt a child but at every step of the long steep road. So this book invites parents to work with others and to seek out the organisations and the official structures that can help them in their quest.

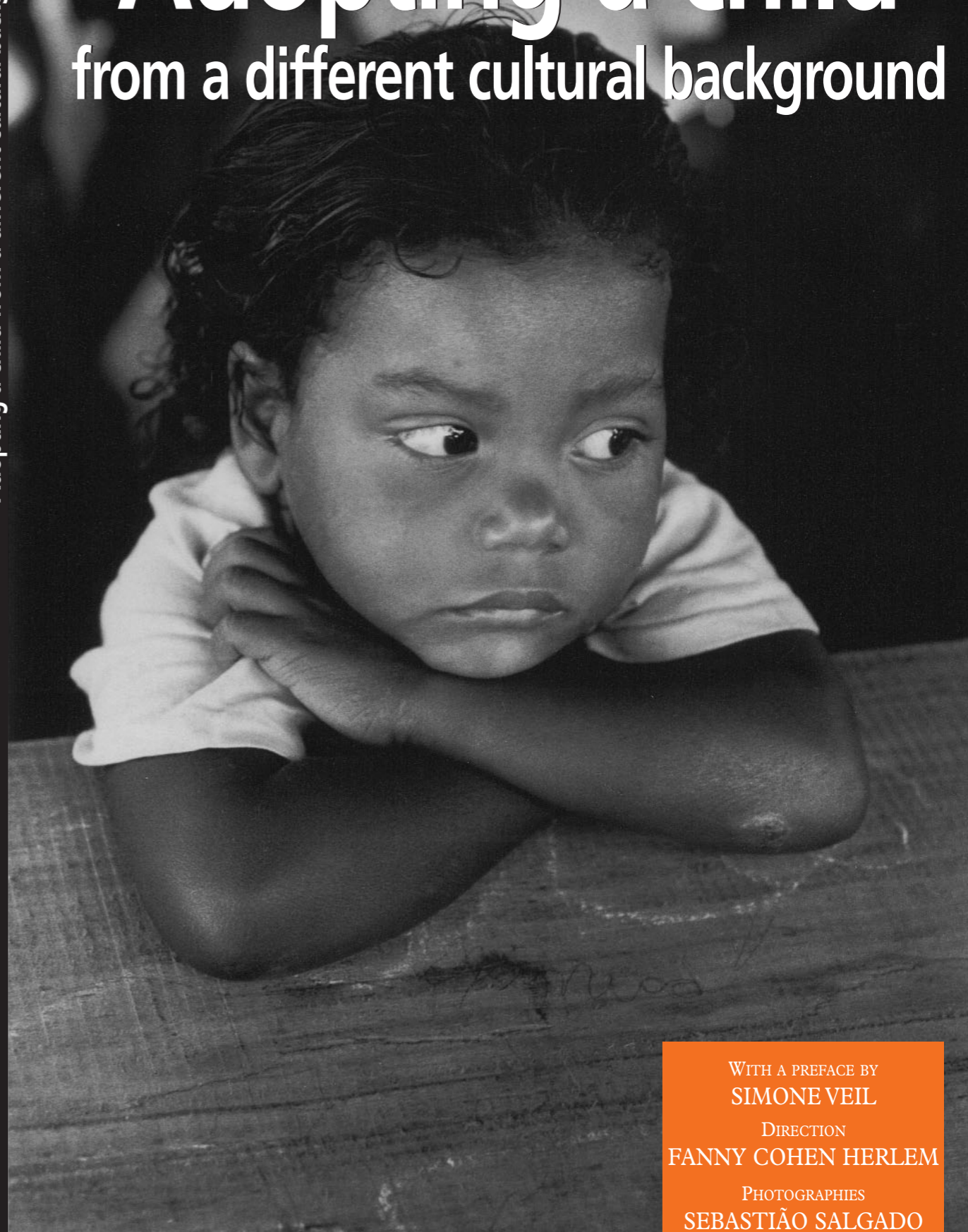
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