



Fanny Cohen Herlem, a child psychiatrist, was formerly the doctor in charge of « Médecins du Monde »'s adoption service.

For the past twenty-five years she has worked with children and their parents. In this collection entitled «Psy» she offers to share her professional experience with us and to invite us into her surgery.

« Why did my parents abandon me ? »

Paul, aged 9

« Why did my parents adopt me ? »

Amélie, aged 7

« So we're a family, just like everyone else ? »

Kahleah, aged 9

« Why was I given an English first name, as well as my own ? »

Richard, aged 10

« Some children say that Mummy isn't my Mummy ! »

Ernesto, aged 9

« If I'm too naughty, will they stop loving me ? »

Isabelle, aged 10

« Supposing I want to meet my birth parents ? »

Sebastien, aged 14

When adoption is the issue, children's questions are often tricky. Whether the question raised is the suffering caused by having been abandoned or that of the « acceptance » of one's family history, a child constructs his or her new life story with his or her parents.

Doctor Cohen Herlem shows parents confronted with these difficulties ways of answering their children's questions. A book written by a specialist who recounts her professional experience.



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