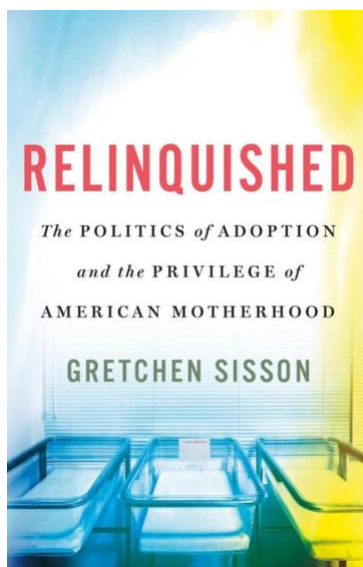


RELINQUISHED: THE POLITICS OF ADOPTION AND THE PRIVILEGE OF AMERICAN MOTHERHOOD



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With the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, women's choices drastically changed in a matter of moments. Adoption was presented as an alternative; the benevolent face to the anti-abortion movement. Both liberals and conservatives agree that adoption is "courageous" but neither side seems to consider the experiences of birth parents. Is adoption a valid alternative? What is adoption really like for the women who surrender their children? Celebrated sociologist Gretchen Sisson, Ph.D., explores these questions in her riveting and deeply researched book *Relinquished: The Politics of Adoption and the Privilege of American Motherhood*. Over the span of two decades, Sisson conducted hundreds of in-depth interviews with women who have relinquished their children for domestic adoption. Her book is the powerful culmination of her research, a study of adoption that places birth parents firmly in the center.

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