

Sherrie Eldridge



Deepening a sense of connection between adoptive parents & their children

About Sherrie

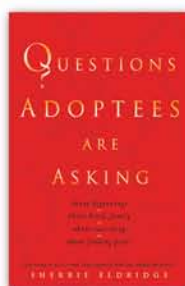
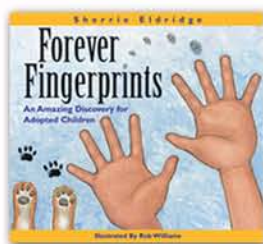
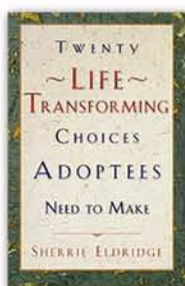
When Sherrie Eldridge speaks about her greatest passion — adoption — adopted children and their parents are drawn closer. Sherrie is an internationally-recognized speaker and author of the best-selling *Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew*, now in its tenth year of publishing, with sales exceeding 135,000.

An adopted person herself, Sherrie blends practical adoption truths with life-changing principles. She helps parents see adoption from their child's viewpoint, equipping parents to:

- Be more confident about starting discussions with their children about their past.
- Value the birth parents without feeling insecure.
- Provide love in ways their child can receive.
- Help their children discover their unique mark of ownership on their lives.
- Create a sense of purpose in the adopted child's life by fostering a true understanding of themselves.

Sherrie is the author of four books including *Twenty Life Transforming Choices Adoptees Need to Make*, the best-selling *Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew*, her first children's book, *Forever Fingerprints*, and the newly released *Questions Adoptees are Asking*.

Currently, she is writing a sequel to the best-seller, titled *Twenty Things Adoptive Parents Need to Succeed* (Bantam Dell, 2009).



What others are saying...

"What a **life-transforming book** *Twenty Things* has been for my family! I am a single foster/adoptive mom with eight children, all which are adopted. I would have said I was a good adoptive mom until I read your book. Now I believe I'll be able to say I'm a great adoptive mom."

- Janet Sanford, adoptive mom

"I work as a Marriage and Family Therapist. As a mental health professional, I want to thank you for providing **quality material** I can **unhesitatingly recommend** that will assist me in helping others in their journeys."

- Jim Velez, M.S.M.A. NCC

Damascus Counseling Center, Clackamas, OR

Details:

Speaking Engagements

Sherrie has spoken around the world & in 22 states.

- **China:** spoke for government officials, university professors, and orphanage staff.
- **Thailand:** spoke to parents & orphanage staff.
- **Canada:** spoke in Montreal and will be featured in a video for adoptive parents being taped in Vancouver, BC., spring 2009.
- **USA Government:** In 2008 spoke to Senator Miller of Indiana about adoption reform. In 2009 will speak for American Adoption Congress.
- Has spoken at adoption agencies, conferences, & associations across America.
- **Heritage Camps:** spoke for African Cradle, Chinese & Denver Heritage Camps.
- **Book Readings:** In November 2007, Sherrie hosted 12 book readings of *Forever Fingerprints*, while adoptive parents, adoptees and others hosted similar readings in every state in the USA and around the world.
- **2009 speaking engagements** are booked and continue to come in. Sherrie will be going on a Western Tour, speaking in Seattle, Oregon, and Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Sherrie has been featured on WebMD.com, Moody Radio, Seventeen.com, CBN Asia, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Indianapolis Woman Magazine*.

Website & Resources:

Sherrie's website offers all members of the adoption triad a host of resources, tools, articles, & support including five free, downloadable work books. A few statistics for last year include:

- **9,428 unique visitors** last year for an average of 786 unique visitors per month.
- **26,663 page loads** last year for an average of 2,222 page loads per month.
- **International visitors** from the USA, Canada, the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Australia, Spain, Japan, the Ukraine and many more.

Sherrie also moderates an **online support group** for adoptees with 50 international members and has just begun a second group for all members of the adoption triad to discuss the chapters in *Questions Adoptees are Asking*.