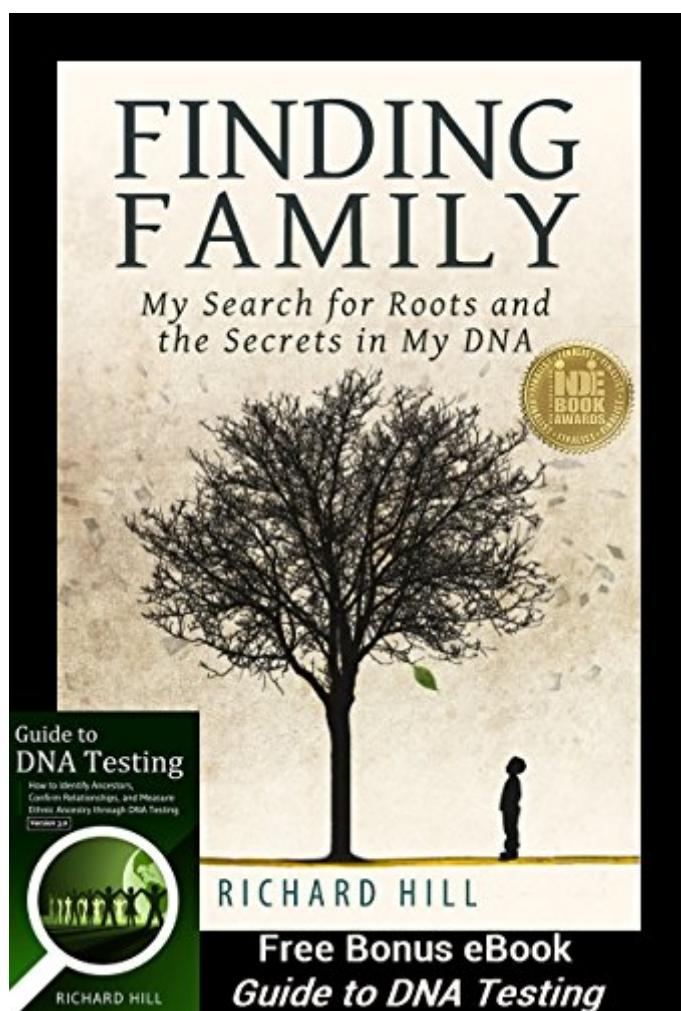


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# Finding Family: My Search For Roots And The Secrets In My DNA



## Synopsis

\*\*Note on the Kindle edition only: This Kindle version of *Finding Family* includes the #1 bestseller (in itâ™s entirety) entitled *Guide to DNA Testing: How to Identify Ancestors, Confirm Relationships, and Measure Ethnic Ancestry through DNA Testing*. The *Guide to DNA Testing* is a concise, easy-to-understand introduction to the different DNA test types, their strengths and limitations. Hyperlinks to specific tests and resources are included.

*Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA* is Richard Hill's true and intensely personal story of how he pieced together the long-kept secret of his own origins. This highly suspenseful book is a page-turning saga of personal detective work that will appeal to anyone who loves a good mystery. But this isn't fiction. It's an engrossing account of an adoptee trying to reclaim the biological family denied him by sealed birth records. This fascinating quest, including the author's landmark use of DNA testing, takes readers on an exhilarating roller-coaster ride and concludes with a twist that rivals anything Hollywood has to offer. Easy to read and hard to put down, *Finding Family* is the first book to chronicle the paradigm-shifting application of genetic genealogy to adoption search. Whether you're searching for your own roots or just craving a darn good read, *Finding Family* is a book you will likely devour in one sitting...and wholeheartedly recommend to others. In the vein of a classic mystery, Hill gathers the seemingly scant evidence surrounding the circumstances of his birth. At his adoptive father's deathbed, he discovers shocking information that leads him to methodically chase down leads, which sometimes yield poignant glimpses of his birth parents, sometimes garner resistance, and as frequently flat-line in disappointment. As his resolve shores up, the author also avails of new friends, genealogists, the Internet, and the latest DNA tests in the new field of genetic genealogy. As he closes in on the truth of his ancestry, he is able to construct a living, breathing portrait of the young woman who was faced with the decision to forsake her rights to her child, and ultimately the man whose identity had remained hidden for decades. During the course of Hill's mission, *Finding Family* offers guidance, insight, and motivation for anyone engaged in a similar mission, from ways to obtain information to the many networks that can facilitate adoption searches. Best of all, the author demystifies how DNA and genetic genealogy can produce irrefutable results in determining genetic connections. In an intimate, personal voice, Hill sheds light on this new science that is helping adoptees bypass sealed records and similar stumbling blocks. It is certain to inspire those who are in search of their birth parents as well as others who are uncertain of their biological ancestry. Richard Hill's groundbreaking use of DNA testing in adoption search was featured on the front page of *The Wall Street Journal*. His DNA Testing Adviser web site makes genetic genealogy understandable to all. Now retired from careers in science and marketing,

Richard serves on the Advisory Board of the Mixed Roots Foundation where he is Co-Director of the Global Adoptee Genealogy Project.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This story is the fascinating account of the author's long and determined search for the truth about his biological parentage, after he learned to his great surprise as he was heading off to college that he had been adopted at birth. The circumstances of his birth had been a secret known only to a few. He learned that his adoptive parents had intended him to know, but circumstances had led them to protect their child from embarrassment by keeping the story from him--- in the 1940's -50's, a time when having been born to unwed parents was usually considered something to hide. I think anyone, whether adopted themselves or not, who is interested in delving into family history/genealogy/DNA matters would find this book engrossing. The question of who gave birth to the author was easily enough unearthed, but solving the question of his biological father's identity became a complex mystery that took years and diligence to unravel. Along the way Hill had the help of relatives and new acquaintances and tapped into the recollections of folks who had known his bio. parents. He encountered difficulty involving opening sealed court records, and even DNA tests became

misleading. Eventually he arrived at the true history of his origins and broadened the scope of family with satisfying and warm results.

I enjoyed this book so very much. It told a good story and yet shared some great information regarding research into ancestry. I found myself highlighting so many passages that will aid me in my look into my past. However, my excitement is peaked over all the info regarding the research for an adopted child. My 13 year old granddaughter is adopted and her birth mother was also adopted. We know who my granddaughter's birth mother is but we know nothing about the birth father. We have no information on the birth mother's birth family...but now I feel that we have a starting spot. This research into her birth ancestry will be a great gift for my granddaughter. Thank you for pointing me in the right direction!

I bought this book & absolutely loved it. I loved it so much that I read it through twice & plan to give copies of it to my family. Since 1975, I have been doing my own family's genealogy & in doing so I found that I have a brother that was put up for adoption. Then in July 2015, my nephew whom had also been put up for adoption found his birth mother & I. I have met both my brother & my nephew & all of us have a wonderful & loving relationship. Mr. Hill's book "Finding Family" has been a great inspiration to me. It also helped me to realize that you cannot always expect just one test, as there can be pitfalls associated with the testing. So therefore, I have been tested through "Family Finder" & am also currently being tested through Ancestry, because my brother was tested through Ancestry & I would like to know if he is my full brother or my half brother. Either way, it doesn't matter as I love him dearly. I would only like to be able to settle in my own mind whether we have the same father or not. If you are wondering whether or not you should buy this book, I strongly urge you to do so. It will help to answer any questions you have about DNA testing plus it is an exciting & thrilling book.

I never thought that I would refer to a book about DNA as riveting, but the time has come. "Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA" by Richard Hill is a well-written tale of a man who spends many years searching for his biological family and eventually, through the use of DNA and genetic genealogy, is finally able to solve the mystery of his birth. From the first page, the reader is drawn into the plight of a young man who discovers that he is not who he thought he was. Over the course of more than forty-five years, Richard Hill searches to find the true identity of his parents. Hill uses some conventional and some less well-known techniques for obtaining

information. There is much to be learned from both the successes and the problems that Richard encountered. This gripping true story is an absolute page turner. Whether you are an adoptee, a genealogist, or someone who likes a good story, "Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA" is worth every minute. Both those who are just starting their journey and those who have many years of experience will likely come away with a couple of new tricks up their sleeves. Once you open the book, don't plan to do anything else until you've reached the final page.

This is more than a story of how Mr. Hill found his family. It also contains a guide to getting your DNA tested at the end of the book. I was completely enthralled by his story of adoption, how he learned that he was adopted, his search for his mother, brother, and then his father. I didn't want to set the book down as Mr. Hill described how his searches led him down the paths he took to finding his family. Along the way he discovered half brothers and sisters as well as cousins and I cheered him on with each discovery - I smiled a lot. He was quite lucky at times in finding helpers who were dedicated to assisting adoptees find their birth families. Hill is very helpful with his information about DNA testing and how to use this relatively new tool for genealogical purposes. I was not adopted, but working on my own genealogy and family tree and found this book exciting and packed with clues for finding family information. This book will help anyone interested in looking to find their roots.

Oh my word, I agree with all the wonderful comments before me! I'm not the writer these folks are, but I absolutely agree with their comments that it was a thriller from start to finish. I had done my DNA several years ago and now that my kids and sibs have tested, we have learned of a skeleton in our closet. I hope by using some of the strategies employed by Richard I can piece together my puzzle. *Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA* should be in every person's library if they are the least bit interested in genealogy, adoption, or just for a good detective read. If you want to experience a real Genealogy Roadshow, get this book, hop in the car and buckle up! (you may want to grab a few tissues)

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