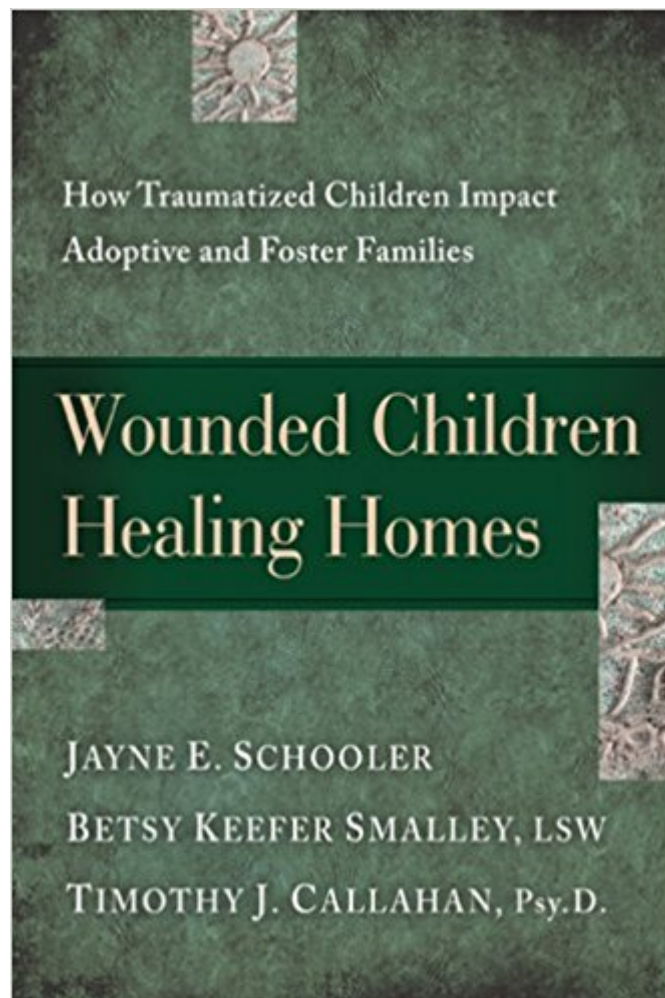




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# Wounded Children, Healing Homes: How Traumatized Children Impact Adoptive And Foster Families



## Synopsis

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Why don't our children return our love? What are we not understanding? What are we failing to do? These questions can trouble adoptive parents caring for wounded, traumatized children. Families often enter into the adoption experience with high expectations for their children and themselves but are quick to discover that these hopes are not realistic. This book addresses the reality of those unmet expectations and offers validation and solutions for the challenges that arise when parenting deeply traumatized or emotionally disturbed children.

Jayne E. Schooler's passion for more than twenty years has been the training and education of adoption and foster care professionals and families. She has been a featured speaker at numerous state and national conferences and trains regularly for the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program. She is the author or coauthor of five books related to adoption. Betsy Keefer Smalley, LSW, coauthor of the award-winning *Telling the Truth to Your Adopted or Foster Child: Making Sense of*

the Past, has thirty-six years of experience in child welfare, adoption placement, post-adoption services, and training. Timothy J. Callahan, PsyD, is a clinical psychologist who received his doctorate from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Callahan has twenty years of experience working with children and families as well as adults and teens.

Required reading for becoming foster parents with our agency. A decent book but it spends a lot of time focusing on the problems, rather than offering suggestions. Great sample of home study questions in the back.

If you are in the trenches with an adopted or foster child, I'm afraid, that this book will give you only a little help. It really could have gone into so much more depth about so many issues. It is also surprising to me that it is put out by NavPress. There is very little about it that is Christian. If you are looking for a book from a Christian perspective about adoption/fostering wounded children, this is not it. On the whole it seems good for what it says, but it doesn't say enough about anything to be much help. The authors though are to be commended for their work. My criticism should not be seen as taking away from any of the authors who have spent their time in loving the orphan.

A very helpful book giving encouragement and support with lots more recommended reading material to carry on with if this is your need. Definitely shed a bit of light on the why of how I feel at times and helped me to understand a bit better the dynamics between me and my two fosterlings. It's nice to confirm that our feelings are entirely normal and also good to have it spelled out what a very difficult job raising other people's children is. If you are having difficulty and near despair this may make you reconsider and give yourself a pat on the back instead as you begin to realise that the negative feelings and patterns of behavior that can happen are part of having a wounded child and not caused by you. I think all prospective adopters and permanent caregivers of wounded kids should read this before leaping off the deep end.

This book and another were recommended for learning to cope with our foster son. As good a read as there is for this particular topic. There just really aren't that many books for foster to adopt families.

I am a pre-adoptive parent, and I am very glad I read this book so early in this stage of older child adoption. I have a feeling I'll be referring back to this book, especially since the book provided lots of

practical tips and strategies. I've already shared details related to the schools chapters with one of my teacher friends. General Ed teachers need this type of trauma education, too!

For new family currently in the midst of pre-adoptive foster care with a 13-year old daughter, this book speaks directly to the challenges and realities of PTSD and childhood trauma. A must read for families going down the foster care/adoption road.

This book covers in pretty good detail the difficulties that might arise when before, during and after an adoption of traumatized children. I like that the author tries to prepare the reader without discouraging this type of adoption. There is a good amount of writing here on setting your expectations realistically to avoid a failed adoption. Schooler labors in her writing to teach that parenting and loving traumatized children is hard, but also can be extremely rewarding.

Excellent, realistic examples and stories of parenting children in the system. Honest and heartfelt stories and facts. This book makes me feel like a much better parent than I thought I was. The stress and much needed patience that come with hurt children are recognized in this book the hope that it offers is next to no other book I've read about this subject. If you are a parent or about to become a parent of a wounded child, this book is a great resource.

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