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Yu-suk is adopted to Sweden and grows up as Susanne Brink in an abusive adoptive home. The movie depicts her hardships as an adopted Korean woman in Sweden and her return to Korea and reunion with her biological mother as an adult.

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A novel about an adopted Korean woman in the U.S. who feels a lot of alienation and has difficulties to love neither her adoptive mother nor her biological mother.

Plays

Bari – Ithyôjin chajang'ga [Barry – a forgotten lullaby], Seoul Art Group, 1998.

In this mixture of an opera and a musical, an adopted Korean man from the U.S. named Barry Bauman returns to Korea and finds his biological mother.

Hayan yôro [White journey], Best Theater, 1994.

An adopted Korean man from the U.S. enrolls in the army and returns to Korea as a soldier.

Sphinx, Aroongguji, 2002.

An adopted Korean from the U.S. returns to Korea and falls in love with his biological mother. The script is loosely based on the Oedipus myth.

Songs

Chung Won Young, “Yông-mi Robinson”, in *Yong Mi Robinson*, Saehan Media, 1998.

This song describes the melancholic feelings of an adopted Korean woman in the U.S. who is longing for love.

Clon, “Pôryôjin ai” [Abandoned child], in *Funky together*, Wooffer Entertainment, 1999.

The song, dedicated to all adopted Koreans overseas, portrays an adopted Korean who cries alone and longs for his Korean mother.

Moon Hee Jun, “Alone”, in *Alone*, Jeil Records, 2001.

The title song describes an adopted Korean's inner feelings of loss, sorrow and confusion of not knowing the reason behind the adoption.

The Red+, “Adaption”, in *[red]*, Red Media, 1997.

A song about a disoriented female adoptee who dreams about introducing her boyfriend to her biological mother.

Sinawe, “Ômônîûi ttang” [Motherland], in *Haerangsa*, Doremi Records, 1997.

The song is about an adopted Korean who feels physically different and lonely, and who cries for help from the Motherland.

Sky, “Yôngwôn” [Eternity], in *Final fantasy. The best is yet to come*, Doremi Records, 1999.

This epic song tells the story about two brothers who were adopted to separate adoptive homes in Canada, and how they meet as adults when one is a criminal and one a police agent.

TV dramas

SBS, *Love* [Sarang], 1998.

A drama about an adopted Korean man in France who meets a female American student and tries to come to terms with his tragic past.

MBC, *Hot'êl Riô* [Hotel Rio], 2001.

T'ae-jun is working at a hotel, and suddenly one day he receives a message from his father that he has an unknown sister who has been adopted to the U.S.

MBC, *Saranghandamyôn* [If you say that you love me], 1997.

A drama about Hyôk-jun who is sent abroad for adoption after his mother has remarried.

MBC, *1.5*, 1996.

This drama is set among Korean immigrants in the U.S., and one is the adopted Korean Chin-ho whose adoptive parents divorce, and who meets a female Korean student.

SBS, *Yônôga toraol ttae* [When the salmon returns], 1996.

Ûn-hyê is adopted to the U.S. at the age of five, and returns to Korea as Cheri Straw. She meets Kang-jae, a journalist who is writing about the adoption issue. The two becomes a couple, but Kang-jae's mother is opposed to marriage and wants to know more about Cheri's past.

Number of articles on adoption in ten Korean newspapers, 1988-2002

Year	CI	DI	HI	HK	JI	KI	KS	MI	MS	SI	Total
1988	3	2	2	4	1						12
1989	1		1	3	1						6
1990	19	5	17	4	12	7	12		11	6	93
1991	14	16	18	11	22	17	11		15	15	139
1992	19	18	16	11	15	14	12		21	20	146
1993	16	17	26	11	11	33	13		13	17	167
1994	43	31	29	30	26	45	24		29	27	284
1995	34	32	42	22	48	33	19		19	34	283
1996	61	40	82	28	50	62	59	6	30	49	467
1997	46	54	45	31	48	58	33	41	23	25	404
1998	36	54	37	32	30	49	38	30	28	27	361
1999	62	54	44	45	50	93	40	39	33	28	488
2000	82	64	62	64	79	198	49	64	61	63	786
2001	83	77	65	100	72	127	59	77	65	66	471
2002	97	85	50	92	67	97	104	80	59	61	792
Total	616	549	535	488	532	833	473	337	417	438	5218

Source: National Assembly Library 1988-89, KINDS 1990-2002

CI=Chosun Ilbo

DI=Dong-A Ilbo

HI=Hankook Ilbo

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