

## ABSTRACT

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This study was aimed at better understanding the unique experience of the non-adopted white sibling of a transracial adoptee through a self-reflective analysis. The researcher has analyzed and reflected upon her personal challenges, journeys, relationships, and memories that have shaped her experience as a white young woman in today's society. Through analytic autoethnography, the researcher captures her truth in her journey and relays a story that is often times left untold. It is hoped that this story will be read, heard, and considered when thinking about the implications of transracial adoption, and their white family members' perspectives on race, culture, and privilege. For social work practitioners, it is hoped that gaining a deeper understanding of the experience of a non-adopted white sibling of a transracial adoptee will provide new meaning and awareness, and help to enable a more effective and empathetic practice with clients such as these.