

## How to Contribute to Branching Out

### What could I contribute?

- A letter to the editor
- Your own story of adoption, search or reunion
- Current affairs news/opinion items on adoption-related issues
- Reviews of books, films, videos etc

### Guidelines for contributors

- Letters to the Editor: 400 words max
- Your story/ article: 800 words max
- Your story/ article must not have been published elsewhere
- On sending your story to us, you must include the following information:
  - your status (e.g. adoptee)
  - your sign-off name for the article - do you wish to use your real name or a pseudonym?
  - contact details in case we need to verify any details
- If you are mentioning other people in your story, please be sure to have either got their permission or change some identifying details to protect their privacy.
- Book reviews: 400 words max
- For book reviews, please be sure to include the following information:
  - information about you, as above
  - full title and subtitle of the book you are reviewing
  - full names of all editors/ authors
  - edition number
  - ISBN or ISSN number
  - name and address of publisher
  - cost of item
- Please carefully proof-read your contribution carefully before submitting it.
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