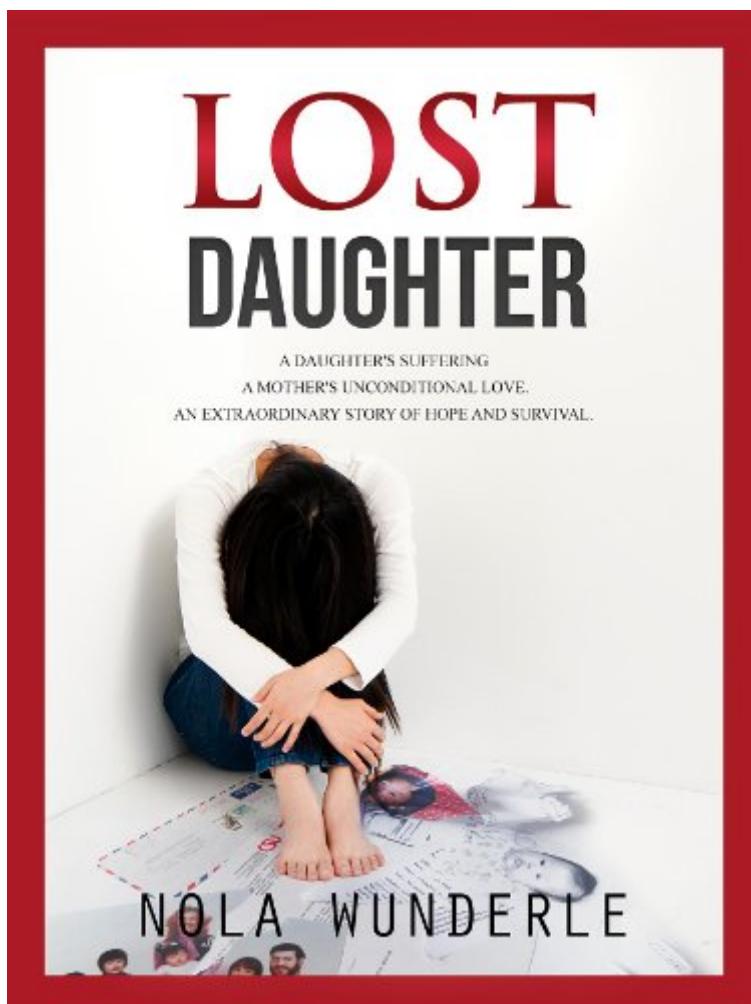


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# **Lost Daughter: A Daughter's Suffering, A Mother's Unconditional Love, An Extraordinary Story Of Hope And Survival.**



## **Synopsis**

We were all full of expectation as we waited patiently at Melbourne's international airport. I hadn't slept properly for weeks. All of us had been waiting for this moment for months. Our fourth child was soon to arrive ...This is the story of 18-year-old Kartya Wunderle, one of 64 babies flown out of Taiwan in the early 80s. Babies stolen from their mothers or sold by their families and adopted out to unsuspecting overseas parents. At 15, Kartya began to use heroin in an attempt to take away the pain of not knowing who she was and where she came from. Her distraught parents watched their beautiful daughter slowly slip away from them, spiralling towards a tragic and almost inevitable conclusion. Out of desperation and fired by an unconditional love for her daughter, Nola Wunderle resolved to find Kartya's birth mother and change the ending to Kartya's story. An amazing search for one woman in a country of 22 million began. The result was nothing short of miraculous, and made Kartya a national hero in her homeland. Lost Daughter is a moving testament to the power of love and the strength of the human spirit, one that will humble and inspire all who read it.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I highly recommend this book. Nola, you are a pillar of strength! I am not an avid reader, but I read your book via my iPhone each day during my commute to and from work and I was completely drawn in. It was an incredibly heartfelt read. It enlisted so many emotions - admiration for your unwavering love and support; much laughter due to your overall sense of humor; tears for you, for all the heartache and emotional agony you and your family went through for years; and of course, tears for Kartya, as I understood and could relate to some of the emotional pain, emptiness and wonder that she felt and experienced, also being an adoptee myself and knowing very little about my roots. Your bright positive personality shined through and I am glad the bright colored jacket brought you strength!! The incessant desire to find any shred of evidence of birth family and to be able to feel some sort of connection and belonging is a never ending wonder of so many adoptees, and it is something you must wake up to and face on a daily basis, most often without resolve. I am so thrilled that Kartya was able to find her roots and have a happy ending and some closure. Kartya is incredibly lucky to have you as her Mother and have you in her life, as is each member of your family, and those that are lucky enough to cross paths with you. If only the world had more people like you, offering unconditional and unwavering love and support, with the most incredible strength, selflessness and willingness to sacrifice anything and everything for family. Thank you for sharing your story.

Wonderful story of Unconditional Love, Faith & Survival. Well written to give a perfect picture of this amazing Family following their struggles, only focusing on the positive. I am deeply in awe of how this whole family survived & stayed so closely together. Thank you for writing this story to give us only a glimpse of what/how you all lived through these tough/touching times. XX

I would have preferred to read this story from the adoptee point of view, or at least had a few chapters written from her. Overall it was a decent book.

As an adoptee in search of my biological roots in Taiwan, it was very interesting to take part of this story, to be able to share the pain and the joy the Wunderle family has gone through. Thank you Nola for contacting me after seeing my story on the internet, and thank you for sharing so openly about your journey together with Kartya. I did cry, but also laughed, and I feel more confident in my own search after reading this book.

An honest and heart wrenching journey about the bond between an "unreal mother" and daughter

and the necessary steps for her daughter to start the healing process of having been relinquished as a baby! As an adoptee who's journey brought me back to my birth country, I found a lot of peace and understanding of my history despite never finding my birth family! I applaud both of these exceptionally strong and insightful women who didn't give up the fight!

This is a wonderful true account of an adoptee's struggle to fit into a family, and her adoptive mom's struggle to find a way to save her. The writing isn't great but the saga is a true testament to the human spirit. It is so sad but very inspiring at the same time. Gives a realistic picture of the hole left in the heart of a child of international adoption.

Loved this book! Cannot believe how wonderful Nola and Orthmar were as parents and their strength to understand Martha and eventually finding her family! Loved it!

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