

Delve Deeper Into the Many Meanings of Family

This multimedia resource list provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by three upcoming P.O.V./PBS programs: "The Smith Family," by Tasha Oldham (June 25th, 10pm); "Hybrid," by Monteith McCollum (July 9, 10pm); and "Refrigerator Mothers," by David E. Simpson, J.J. Hanley and Gordon Quinn (July 16, 10pm) (check local listings). Each of these explores aspects of Family Life.

ADULT FICTION WITH FAMILY THEMES

Family has always been a popular and powerful theme in literature. The following are just some of the books whose stories revolve around family interactions and relationships.

Ansary, A. Manette. *Read This and Tell Me What It Says*. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press, 1995.

Alexie, Sherman. *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press, 1993.

Alvarez, Julia. *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*. Chapel Hill: Algonquin Books, 1991.

Angelou, Maya. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. New York: Random House, 1970.

Basch, Rachel. *Degrees of Love*. New York: W. W. Norton, 1998.

Bills, Greg. *Consider This Home*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1994.

Cooper, Bernard. *Guess Again*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2000.

Fromm, Pete. *Dry Rain*. New York: Lyons & Burford, 1997.

Garcia, Cristina. *Dreaming in Cuban*. New York: Random House, 1992.

Miller, Sue. *Family Pictures*. New York: Harper and Row, 1990.

Oates, Joyce Carol. *We Were the Mulvaney*. New York: Dutton, 1996.

Oe, Kenzaburo. *Rouse Up, O Young Men of the New Age*. New York: Grove Press, 2002.

Pall, Ellen. *Among the Ginzburgs*. Cambridge, MA: Zoland Books, 1996.

Roy, Arundhati. *The God of Small Things*. New York: Random House, 1997.

Santiago, Esmeralda. *When I Was Puerto Rican*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1993.

Taylor, Alice. *Woman of the House*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997.

Vernon, John. *Book of Reasons*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1999.

Weaver, Will. *Red Earth, White Earth*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1986.

NONFICTION ABOUT FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Many books have been written about the psychological impact of family life. The following may help readers gain some insight into their own families.

Arnold, Penny. *Out of Chaos: A Journey Toward Peace*. Enumclaw, WA: WinePress Publishing, 2001.

Chapman, Gary D. *Five Signs of a Loving Family*. Chicago: Northfield Publishers, 1997.

L'Abate, Luciano. *Handbook of Developmental Family Psychology and Psychopathology*. New York: Wiley, 1994.

Mask, Michael. *Family Secrets*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995.

McCauley, Stephen. *Man of the House*. London: Fourth Estate, 1998.

Olson, David H. L. *Marriage and the Family: Diversity and Strengths*. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Pub. Co., 1997.

Scarf, Maggie. *Intimate Worlds: Life Inside the Family*. New York: Random House, 1995.

Stone, Elizabeth. *Black Sheep and Kissing Cousins: How Our Family Stories Shape Us*. New York: Penguin Books, 1988.

BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona and Her Father*. New York: W. Morrow, 1977.

Fletcher, Ralph J. *Uncle Daddy*. New York: H. Holt, 2001.

Johnson, Angela. *Toning the Sweep*. New York: Orchard Books, 1993.

Little, Jean. *Mama's Going to Buy You a Mockingbird*. New York: Viking Kestrel, 1984.

Morris, Ann. *Families*. New York: Harper Collins, 2000.

Trumbauer, Lisa. *Families*. Mankato, MN: Yellow Umbrella Books, 2001.

POPULAR MOVIES ABOUT FAMILY

Whether troubled or happy, families have always been a staple of Hollywood movies. Below are just a few:

"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn." Produced by Louis D. Lighton. Directed by Elia Kazan. Livonia, MI: Playhouse Video, c. 1945. (128 min).

"Beautiful Thing." Channel Four Films presents a World Production. Directed by Hettie MacDonald. Culver City, CA: Columbia TriStar Home Video, c. 1996. (90 min).

"The Ice Storm." Produced by Ted Home, James Schamus, and Ang Lee. Directed by Ang Lee. Beverly Hills, CA: Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, c. 1997. (113 min).

"I Remember Mama." Produced by Harriet Parsons. Executive Producer and Director George Stevens. Hollywood, CA: Nostalgia Merchant; Distributed by Fox Hills Video, c. 1948. (128 min).

"Once Were Warriors." Produced by Fine Line Features. Directed by Communicado Film in association with the New Zealand Film Commission, Avalon Studios, and New Zealand on Air. New York: New Line Home Video, c. 1994. (102 min).

"Radio Days." Produced by Jack Rollins, Charles H. Joffe and Robert Greenbut. Written and directed by Woody Allen. New York: Orion Pictures Corporation; HBO Video, c. 1987. (96 min).

"Smoke Signals." Produced by Shadowcatcher Entertainment. Directed by Chris Eyre. Burbank, CA: Miramax Home Entertainment; Distributed by Buena Vista Home Entertainment, c. 1998. (89 min).

"Soul Food." Produced by Edmonds Entertainment. Directed by George Tillman, Jr. Beverly Hills, CA: 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, c. 1997. (114 min).

DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT FAMILY

Since families are a part of everybody's life, there are countless documentaries produced on the subject:

"A Healthy Baby Girl." Directed by Judith Helfand. New York: Women Make Movies, c. 1996. (57 min). P.O.V. Season 10.

"Bubbeh Lee and Me." Directed by Andy Abrahams Wilson. Hohokus, NJ: New Day Films, c. 1996. (35 min).

"Destroying Angel." Directed by Wayne Salazar and Philip Hoffman. San Francisco, CA: Frameline Distribution, c. 1998. (32 min).

"Family Fundamentals." Directed by Arthur Dong. Los Angeles, CA: Deep Focus Productions in association with American Documentary, Inc., c. 2001. (75 min). P.O.V. 2003 Season.

"Heroes and Strangers." Directed by Lorna Rasmussen and Tony Heriza. Hohokus, NJ: New Day Films, c. 1984. (29 min).

"Kelly Loves Tony." Produced and Directed by Spencer Nakasano. A production of the National Asian American Telecommunications Association, in association with the Independent Television Service. San Francisco, CA: NAATA Distribution, c. 1998. (57 min). P.O.V. 1999 Season.

WEB SITES

The following web sites are designed to help people cope with the challenges that arise from familial relationships:

<http://helping.apa.org>

The American Psychological Association has an entire section devoted to Family and Relationships.

<http://www.parentingresources.ncjrs.org>

A federally sponsored web site that can help parents with a variety of family concerns.

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov>

The web site of the Administration for Children and Families, a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

<http://npin.org>

The National Parent Information Network web site provides support groups for parents as well as links to ERIC, which provides access to the largest education database in the world.

"The Smith Family" By Tasha Oldham

The Smiths of Salt Lake City may have America's most common surname, but their story is anything but ordinary. With two boys, a dog, a nice house and a strong commitment to the Mormon Church, Steve and Kim Smith believed they had achieved the American dream. But after nine years of marriage, shattering revelations of betrayal came enough to test the strongest bonds of faith and love. Steve confesses to infidelities with men, and they both find they are HIV+. Kim makes an unlikely choice. "The Smith Family" is a searing account of one family's struggle to preserve family and faith, while redefining forgiveness in the face of daunting tragedy.

P.O.V. premiere on PBS Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at 10:00 p.m. (check local listings).

ADULT FICTION

The following works of fiction explore similar themes as those in "The Smith Family", i.e. AIDS/HIV, Marriage, Homosexuality and Family.

Currier, Jameson. *Dancing on the Moon: Short Stories about AIDS*. New York: Viking, 1993.

Leavitt, David. *The Lost Language of Cranes*. New York: Bantam Books, 1987.

Sherman, Charlotte Watson. *Touch*. New York: Harper Collins, 1995.

Upchurch, Michael. *The Passive Intruder: A Novel*. New York: W.W. Norton, 1995.

White, Edmund. *The Married Man*. New York: Random House, 2000.

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ADULT NONFICTION

The following resource guides and non-fiction books explore the topic(s) of HIV/AIDS and/or Religion.

Aggleton, Peter. Hart, Graham. Davies, Peter. *Families and Communities Responding to AIDS*. New York: UCL Press, 1999.

Allen, Jimmy Raymond. *Burden of a Secret: A Story of Truth and Mercy in the Face of AIDS*. New York: Ballantine Books, 1995.

Boyd-Franklin, Nancy. Steiner, Gloria. Boland, Mary. Oleske, James. *Children, Families and HIV/AIDS*. New York: Guilford Press, 1995.

Meyer, Roberta. *Listen to the Heart: Creating Intimate Families Through the Power of Unconditional Love*. New York: Warner Books, 1989.

Mutti, Fritz & Mutti, Etta Mae. *Dancing in a Wheelchair: One Family Faces HIV/AIDS*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2001.

Naythons, Matthew. *The Mission: Inside the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*. New York: Warner Books, 1995.

BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

These books can help parents and children with the concepts of sickness or death.

Durant, Penny Raife. *When Heroics Die*. New York: Atheneum, 1992.

Fox, Paula. *The Eagle Kite*. New York: Orchard Books, 1995.

Hughes, Dean. *The Writing on the Wall: A Novel (Hearts of the Children I)*. Salt Lake City, UT: Bookcraft Publishers, 2001.

Nelson, Theresa. *Earthshine*. New York: Orchard Books, 1994.

WEB SITES

There are thousands of web sites and organizations devoted to AIDS and HIV. Here are a few to start with:

<http://www.aids.org>

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
Information on HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention and policy.

<http://www.amfar.org>
American Foundation for AIDS Research.

<http://www.nih.gov>
The web site of the National Institute of Health.

"Hybrid"

By Monteith McCollum

Welcome to the American Midwest, land of corn and visionary farmers like Milford Beeghly. Beginning in the 1930s, Beeghly's company 'Beeghly's Best Hybrids' led the charge for hybrid corn against the concerns of farmers and others who didn't understand the revolution in agriculture that was coming. But the cost of Beeghly's obsession with corn took its toll on his family. Made by Beeghly's grandson, "Hybrid" is unlike any film you've ever seen as it combines interviews, archival footage, original animation and a rare dry wit to create a meditative portrait of the decidedly odd Beeghly, and the rich Iowa farmland that inspired him to attempt something great.

P.O.V. premiere Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 10 p.m. (check local listings).

ADULT FICTION

Like "Hybrid", the following books show both the hardship and appeal of American farm life.

Caldwell, Erskine. *Tobacco Road*. New York: Grosset and Dunlap, 1934.

Hesse, Karen. *Out of the Dust*. New York: Scholastic Press, 1997

Kingsolver, Barbara. *Prodigal Summer*. New York: Harper Collins, 2000.

Smiley, Jane. *A Thousand Acres*. New York: Knopf, 1991.

Wingate, Lisa. *Tending Roses*. New York: New American Library, 2001.

ADULT NONFICTION

The following nonfiction books include biographies, family psychology books, and scientific books on hybridization.

Douglas, Marjorie M. *Eggs in the Coffee, Sheep in the Corn: My 17 Years as a Farm Wife*. St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1994.

Fehr, W. R.; Hadley, Henry Hultman. *Hybridization of Crop Plants*. Madison, WI: American Society of Agronomy; Crop Science Society of America, 1980.

Holmes, Ann. *When Families Fail: Psychological Disorders Caused by Parent-Child Relational Problems*. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

Raeburn, Paul. *The Last Harvest: The Genetic Gamble That Threatens to Destroy American Agriculture*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1995.

Smalley, Gary. *Hidden Value of a Man: The Incredible Impact of a Man on His Family*. Colorado Springs, CO: Word Books, 1992.

Steinbeck, John. *Grapes of Wrath*. New York: Penguin Books, 1992.

BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

Montgomery, Lucy Maude. *Anne of Green Gables*. Boston: L. C. Page & Company, 1908.

Peck, Robert Newton. *A Day No Pigs Would Die*. New York: Knopf, 1972.

Provenson, Alice. *The Year at Maple Hill Farm*. New York: Atheneum, 1978.

Wilder, Laura Ingells. *Farmer Boy*. New York: Harper Collins, 1981.

White, E.B. *Charlotte's Web*. New York: Harper and Row, 1952.

"Refrigerator Mothers" By David E. Simpson, J.J. Hanley and Gordon Quinn A Kartemquin Films Production

Autism is one of today's fastest growing disorders, affecting 1 in 500 people. It is now known to be a neurological condition, but from the 1950s through the 1970s the medical establishment mistakenly believed it had found the root cause of the disorder: poor mothering. Doctors presumed that the often obsessive behaviors of autistic children-rigid rituals, speech difficulty, self-isolation-stemmed from their mothers' emotional frigidity. "Refrigerator Mothers" explores the traumatic legacy of blame, guilt and self-doubt suffered by a generation of women who were branded "refrigerator mothers." An Independent Television Service (ITVS) Co-presentation.

P.O.V. premiere on PBS Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at 10 p.m. (check local listings).

ADULT FICTION

Gottlieb, Eli. *The Boy Who Went Away*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997.

Miller, Sue. *Family Pictures: A Novel*. New York: Harper & Row, 1990.

Morris, Suzanne. *Skychild: A Novel*. Garden City, N.J.: Doubleday, 1981.

Parks, Tim. *Goodness*. New York: Grove Weidenfeld, 1991.

ADULT NONFICTION

Much of the anguish expressed by the mothers in "Refrigerator Mothers" is directly attributed to the child development theories of Dr. Bruno Bettelheim. Current theories support mothers as loving caregivers. The following books provide more information on Bettelheim and autism:

Crittenden, Ann. *Price of Motherhood: Why the Most Important Job in the World is Still the Least Valued*. New York: Henry Holt & Company, 2001.

Grandin, Temple. *Thinking in Pictures: And Other Reports from my Life with Autism*. New York: Doubleday, 1995.

Hamilton, Lynn & Rimland, Bernard. *Facing Autism: Giving Parents Reason for Hope and Guidance for Help*. Colorado Springs, CO: Waterbrook Press, 2000.

Maurice, Catherine. *Let Me Hear Your Voice: A Family's Triumph over Autism*. New York: Knopf, 1993.

Pollak, Richard. *Creation of Dr. B: A Biography of Bruno Bettelheim*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1997.

Seroussi, Karyn. *Unraveling the Mystery of Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorder: A Mother's Story of Research and Recovery*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2000.

Sutton, Nina. *Bettelheim*. New York: BasicBooks, 1996.

BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

The following books, many told from a sibling's perspective, can help children understand autism.

Edwards, Becky. *My Brother Sammy*. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1999.

Lears, Laurie. *Ian's Walk: A Story About Autism*. Morton Grove, IL: A. Whitman, 1998.

Martin, Ann M. *Inside Out*. New York: Holiday House, 1984.

Rodowsky, Colby F. Clay. *New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2001.*

Thompson, Mary. *Andy and His Yellow Frisbee*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House, 1996.

WEB SITES

The following web sites are good sources for more information on autism.

www.autism-society.org
The Autism Society of America.

www.autism.org
Center for the Study of Autism.

www.nimh.nih.gov
The National Institute of Mental Health. Official research reports on mental health topics, including child development and family issues.

<http://specialchildren.about.com>
Support network and information for parents whose children have physical or mental disabilities.