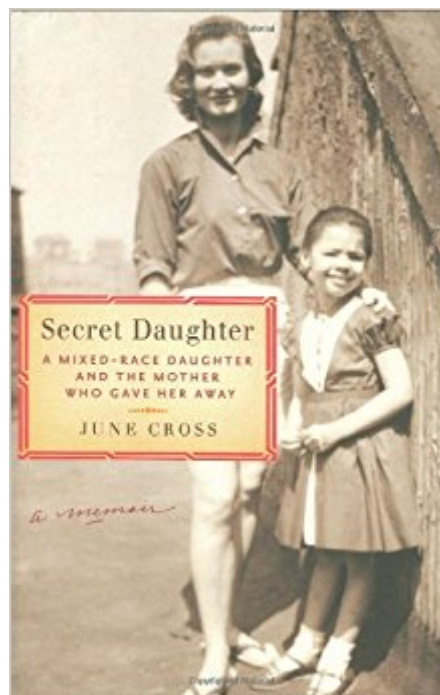




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

Secret Daughter: A Mixed-Race Daughter And The Mother Who Gave Her Away



Synopsis

A powerful memoir about the complicated but ultimately loving relationship between a black daughter and her white mother. *Secret Daughter* is a deftly drawn and moving portrait of a childhood spent in two very different worlds: one white, one black. In 1957, when June Cross was four years old, she was sent by her white mother to live with a black family in Atlantic City. Her mother, Norma, had left June's abusive father, a comic in the well-known black vaudeville duo Stump and Stumpy, and gave June up when it became clear that her dark-skinned, kinky-haired child could no longer "pass." Within her adopted family, June struggled with her identity as the black radicalism of the times collided head on with her family's more traditional ideals. Summer vacations were spent with her mother, now in Hollywood and married to F Troop TV actor Larry Storch. For many years, Norma, afraid that Larry's career would suffer if anyone discovered the truth about her illegitimate daughter, told friends and reporters that June was adopted. *Secret Daughter*, which grew out of Cross's Emmy Award-winning documentary, traces this thorny story with poignancy and skill. It is both a vivid snapshot of race relations in America and an inspiring journey of understanding between a mother and daughter.

Book Information

Hardcover: 320 pages

Publisher: Viking Adult; First Edition edition (May 18, 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 067088555X

ISBN-13: 978-0670885558

Product Dimensions: 6.2 x 1.2 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds

Average Customer Review: 4.2 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (72 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #782,471 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) [#83 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Sociology > Race Relations > General](#) [#2934 in Books > History > Americas > United States > African Americans > Discrimination & Racism](#) [#5262 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Ethnic & National](#)

Customer Reviews

In 1997 June Cross, a journalist, produced a documentary, *Secret Daughter*, with PBS Frontline about her life as a biracial daughter of a white woman and a black comedian. This was a poignant, difficult undertaking as Cross revealed how her mother, Norma Booth, for fear of jeopardizing her

white husband's show business career coupled with her own insecurities about June's appearance, gave her daughter away to be raised by a middle-class black couple. This allowed June to be raised among "her people" in a safe, nurturing environment and kept Norma's former life a secret. Now in a revealing memoir, *Secret Daughter: A Mixed-Race Daughter and the Mother Who Gave Her Away*, Cross chronicles in detail the circumstances surrounding her complex journey. June Cross was born in 1954 to Norma, an aspiring actress and James Cross, a comedian of Stumpy & Stumpy fame. When Norma left June with Aunt Peggy and Uncle Paul, June assumed it was just for a short visit; it became an extended visit, an informal adoption for the childless couple. Even though she visited her mother in New York and later Los Angeles, she always returned to Aunt Peggy in Atlantic City, New Jersey. June's visits with her mother were of a schizophrenic nature; she was told to pose either as a niece, an adopted daughter, or a friend but never as Norma's birth daughter. Norma was ever fearful that if she were to reveal she had a black daughter, Larry Storch, her husband and a star of the television series, *F Troop*, and several movies, would lose roles. June was always in a state of confusion about her mother's denial of her existence. Aunt Peggy, a school teacher, was close friends with the formidable Gregory family, a picture-perfect postcard for the Talented Tenth that Dubois endorsed.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Secret Daughter: A Mixed-Race Daughter and the Mother Who Gave Her Away Akiane: Her Life, Her Art, Her Poetry: Her Life, Her Art, Her Poetry Switching Lanes: A Mother Daughter Love Triangle (Mother Daughter Series) The Big Ditch: How America Took, Built, Ran, and Ultimately Gave Away the Panama Canal The Peaceful Daughter's Guide to Separating from A Difficult Mother: Freeing Yourself From The Guilt, Anger, Resentment and Bitterness of Being Raised ... (The Peaceful Daughter's Guides Book 1) I Will Never Forget: A Daughter's Story of Her Mother's Arduous and Humorous Journey through Dementia Hannah's Choice: A daughter's love for life. The mother who let her make the hardest decision of all. Akiane: Her Life, Her Art, Her Poetry Elijah: An Oratorio for Full Chorus of Mixed Voices, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Baritone Soli (Double Solo Quartet of Mixed Voices) and Piano (G. Schirmer's Editions of Oratorios and Cantatas) Mixed Blessing (Mixed Blessing Mystery, Book 1): A Romantic Urban Fantasy & Murder Mystery Series (Kindred) Raising Mixed Race: Multiracial Asian Children in a Post-Racial World (New Critical Viewpoints on Society) Wedding Speeches: Mother Of The Bride Speeches: On This Special Day Speeches for the Mother of the Bride (Wedding Speeches Books By Sam Siv Book 3) My Mother, Your Mother: Embracing "Slow Medicine," the Compassionate Approach to Caring for Your Aging Loved Ones RISE of the MACHINES: Secret Weapons, Secret Wars, & Secret Agendas Dave

Dravecky: He Had Made It to the Big Leagues, but Then the Doctor Gave Him the Bad News God Gave Us Easter I Give You Authority: Practicing the Authority Jesus Gave Us Help! Someone Just Gave Me A Bonsai Tree! The 7 Simple Steps To Keeping Your New Bonsai Tree Alive & Well (Bonsai For Beginners Book 1) Enabling Acts: The Hidden Story of How the Americans with Disabilities Act Gave the Largest US Minority Its Rights Cro-Magnon: How the Ice Age Gave Birth to the First Modern Humans

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)