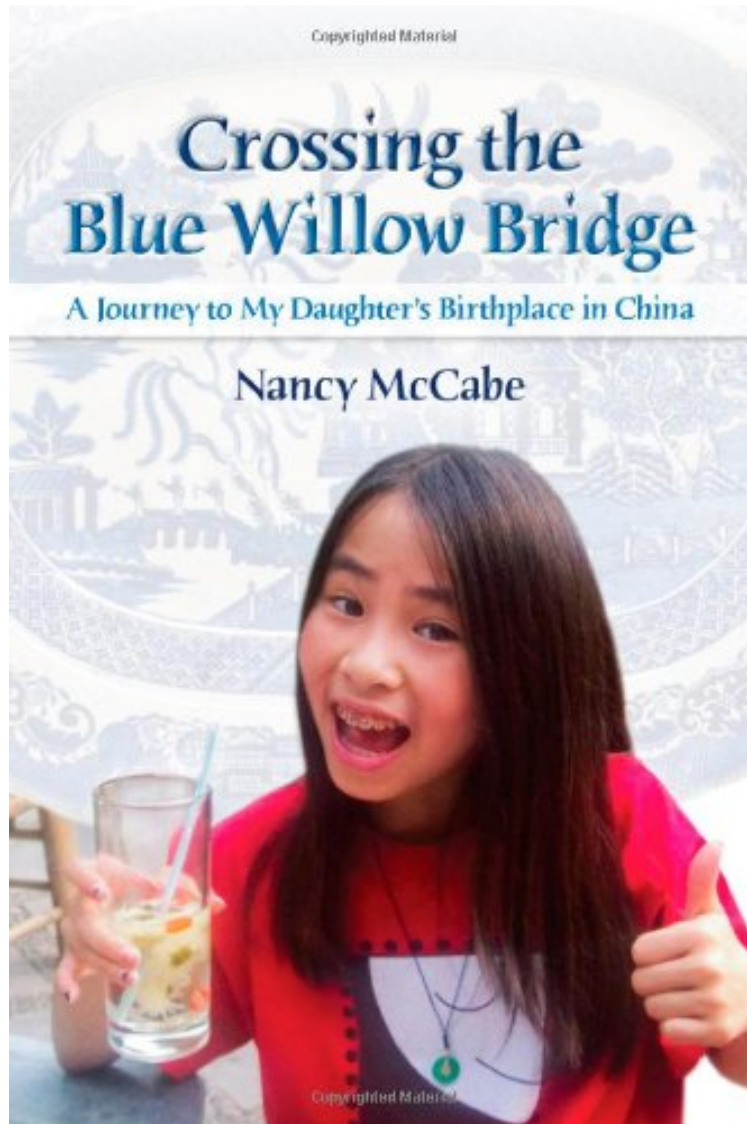


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**Nancy McCabe : Crossing the Blue Willow Bridge: A Journey to My Daughter's Birthplace in China** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crossing the Blue Willow Bridge: A Journey to My Daughter's Birthplace in China:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Compelling from first page to lastBy Angela HavelThis true account presents three fascinating stories in one: a mother's view of her adopted adolescent daughter, the daughter's view of her

status as an adopted child, and a fascinating "you are there" journey to the daughter's birthplace, China. McCabe's details around the massive differences in culture--Chinese people gleefully push and shove their way through crowds as if it was a sport, and we see time and again that "service" in Chinese restaurants is spotty at best--comprises one layer of the trip. The heart of story lies in Sophie, the daughter, despite having left her homeland as a baby, retaining a sense memory of her Chinese culture, feeling at home there, and revealing a touching transformation that in turn transforms McCabe's vision of her daughter. I recommend setting aside a day to read this book--once begun, you won't want to put it down. By the end, the reader feels, at a gut level, not only the challenges of an adopted child's journey in life, but the enduring strength of a mother who wants to provide the best for her child. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Continuing the Journey By Shauna R To read this book is to take a journey yourself. Another reviewer stated she "gobbled" this book, and that was my initial reaction as well. But then I would re-read sections and savor them. Those who are looking for a saccharin, glossed-over rosy account of adoption can go elsewhere. I ached with Nancy as she describes her worries, and understood her perplexed feelings at Sophie's reactions and comments, not so unlike comments from my own daughters at the same age. I sighed with relief when they were able to get some closure during this journey to China, although maybe not quite in the way they expected. (When do we ever get closure, really?) I like the book's open ending--it alludes to possible stories in the future of their continued journey. A good read and a keeper. (Then again, maybe I'm partial, having known Nancy for 30 years.) This is an honest accounting of a journey that is at times stressful and strenuous, but above all, is worth the experience. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. . . . good to feel almost as if I went along on the trip. My granddaughter from China is slightly younger, and MUCH like Sophie! By Cricket. . . good to feel almost as if I went along on the trip. One of my granddaughters from China is slightly younger, and MUCH like Sophie! It was very interesting to read the thoughts and actions/reactions of another adopted daughter of China, as well as her mother's perceptions and responses. They had quite an adventure--one that encourages us in considering our own return trip to China.

"Nancy McCabe has written one of the most compelling books I've ever read. I read it on the plane, on the train, on vacation, at every opportunity till I'd gobbled it up. Here is a truthful story for every parent and child about their love, hope, and frustration with one another." Sena Jeter Naslund, author of *Ahab's Wife* and *Abundance, A Novel of Marie Antoinette*