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An interesting look at transnational, transracial adoption in Korea, the Motherland, the place it all began. (Barbara Katz Rothman, City University of New York, author of "Weaving a Family: Untangling Race and Adoption")About the AuthorJungyun Gill is assistant professor of sociology at Stonehill College.