

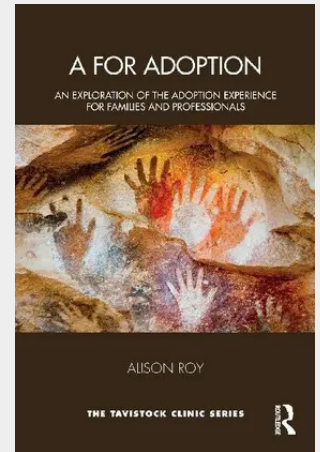
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A for Adoption

An Exploration of the Adoption Experience for Families and Professionals

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