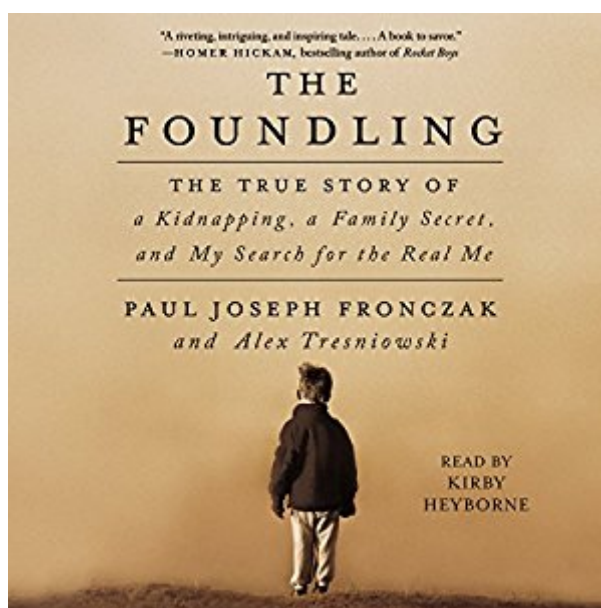


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The Foundling: The True Story Of A Kidnapping, A Family Secret, And My Search For The Real Me



Synopsis

The Foundling tells the incredible and inspiring true story of Paul Fronczak, a man who recently discovered via a DNA test that he was not who he thought he was - and set out to solve two 50-year-old mysteries at once. Along the way he upturned the genealogy industry, unearthed his family's deepest secrets, and broke open the second longest cold case in US history, all in a desperate bid to find out who he really is. In 1964 a woman pretending to be a nurse kidnapped an infant boy named Paul Fronczak from a Chicago hospital. Two years later police found a boy abandoned outside a variety store in New Jersey. The FBI tracked down Dora Fronczak, the kidnapped infant's mother, and she identified the abandoned boy as her son. The family spent the next 50 years believing they were whole again - but Paul was always unsure about his true identity. Then, four years ago - spurred on by the birth of his first child, Emma Faith - Paul took a DNA test. The test revealed definitively that he was not Paul Fronczak. From that moment on, Paul has been on a tireless mission to find the man whose life he's been living - and to discover who abandoned him and why. This is the story of Paul's heart-wrenching and tortuous journey to solve both mysteries and finally learn the truth about his identity. The Foundling is a touching and inspiring story about a child lost and faith found, about the permanence of families and the bloodlines that define you, and about the emotional toll of both losing your identity and rediscovering who you truly are.

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Customer Reviews

I recommend this book. Captivating story. Well written. Keeps you interested through the end and will leave you thinking about it long after finishing.

An excellent read and powerful story. I live in Chicago but I was too young to remember Paul's story as my main reading in the Chicago Tribune at that time was the funny papers. What was so dismaying to me was how long the hospital took to inform the authorities. What were they thinking? That someone stuck that little lost baby in a mop room and he was still somewhere in the hospital? Unreal. And the poor, brave parents. And baby Paul, left outside a department store! It would be like leaving a baby outside of Marshall Field & Company's Loop store in Chicago! Imagine! Such a beautiful little boy! Very, very scary! Thank God the Fronczaks were such good people to this little boy! I first heard Paul's story--and, it's quit a dramatic one--when he was interviewed by the always entertaining George Knapp (he's my favorite) on Coast to Coast AM and I immediately ordered Paul's book. I was never disappointed! It's very, very well-written.

It's remarkable when an author is able to tell a painful private story in a manner that lets the reader search their own soul for solutions that can be applied to their own situation. Mr. Fronczak did so. His story is good healing medicine for anyone who has experienced such abandonment or family secret-keeping. I recommend it highly also as a way to apply sleuthing & genealogy passions to help others.

A modern detective story using cutting edge science and old school grinding painstaking research down blind alleys but of a hundred examinations a clue would appear requiring more alleys. The book grabs your humanity and has you hoping for a breakthrough. It is true, it is a ultimate cold case it is a story of triumph and sadness of extraordinary fortitude and an ending with so many facets. I personally loved this book! Questions answered questions still waiting. A great personal story. You'll love the searcher and hurt for his families be impressed by researchers and the science and in the end you will shake your head attempting to reconcile the real story.

This is an excellent telling of one person's search for his identity after finding a box of hidden newspaper clippings at age 10, describing the kidnapping of his parents' newborn son and his own apparent return years later, yet somehow knowing within himself that the wrong child had been returned. The book tells of his own emotional turmoil, plus the struggles through the difficult search for his biological family, and the. emotional struggles of his parents, his brother, his wife, and the

members of his biological family. This is an excellent book, although it does get a bit tedious for a short section in the relaying the scientific aspects of the search. I enjoyed this book and found it difficult to put down.

I have followed Paul's story since he was interviewed by Barbara Walters. I can't believe this is someone's real life! The book helps explain his thoughts in more depth than a TV interview could ever cover.

Began as an interesting heartrending story.. However evolved into complex overdetailed descriptions of possible DNA matches. Became quite confusing and arduous.

I have been watching his story since it was first reported that he was searching for the truth. I enjoyed the book and the partial conclusion to his search. I would recommend it to anyone interested in ancestry.

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