



**Dr. Beare's Daughter
Growing Up, Adopted, Adored, and Afraid
by Janice Jones**

Well-written and poignant, Janice Jones tells the story of her childhood as Dr. Beare's Daughter. Within it are feelings and experiences to which many adoptees of her generation and beyond can relate. She writes words she never would have uttered as an adoptee growing up in the 1950s and 1960s in a privileged family in small-town Ohio. She effectively dives below the surface and displays her inner voice in her writing. What does it mean to fit in? Janice longs for nurturing and understanding, and while she finds it with select people, for instance, her grandfather, she struggles with her place with her parents often feeling like an accessory or possession rather than the kinship she longs for. The book left me as the reader wanting to see how subsequent years and events unfolded as Janice inevitably went on to continue to explore her identity. I recommend this engaging book and look forward to more from Janice Jones.

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