

FINDING YOUR WAY

WHEN LIFE CHANGES YOUR PLANS

*A Memoir of Adoption, Loss of Motherhood
and Rediscovering Home*

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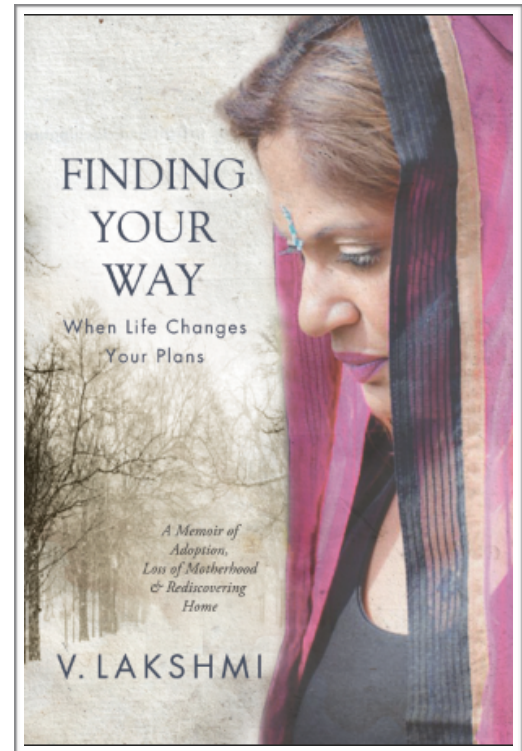
IN THIS COMPELLING INSPIRATIONAL MEMOIR, V. Lakshmi paints a portrait of an uncommon life: an orphan born in a remote village in India, adopted and raised by a white Jewish family in America. The tragic, mysterious death of V's biological mother two days after her birth tenderly foreshadows the maelstrom of sensitive feminine health issues V. would face in her life, including a twenty-year battle with endometriosis, infertility, failed adoption, and the decision to embrace hysterectomy as way of creating new life... the rebirth of V. herself.

V. Lakshmi's is a rising voice in the movement of women's storytelling. It is rooted in a cross-cultural, adoptive-family love story unlike any other. Lifted up by wings strengthened through struggle, V's story flies in the face of society's expectations for women to look a "certain way" and slip comfortably into the American Dream. Not that our cultural dreams aren't beautiful – yet what happens when life changes our plans?

V's heartbreakingly humorous anecdotes of initially coping, then soul-searching, and ultimately releasing anger at her body and the world shines with insight into the deepest core questions of human relationships and identity. *Who am I, and why am I here in this wild world, really?* With vulnerability and grace, V. simultaneously captures and frees the emotions surrounding all sides of adoption, her intense encounters with racism, her path to a loss of motherhood, and her courageous renaissance – illustrating how "the end" of one road is only the beginning of another...and the unforeseen is also beautiful and perhaps more fulfilling than we could have ever imagined.



V. LAKSHMI, an international award-winning photographer, has owned and run a photography business in the Midwestern United States for eight years and counting. Through her camera lens, she has developed a unique perspective and now weaves her vision into words. She holds a BA in General Studies with Minors in Psychology and Gender Studies and has one goal: that her stories of triumph through tragedy inspire as many as possible before she leaves the planet. www.VLakshmiAuthor.com



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