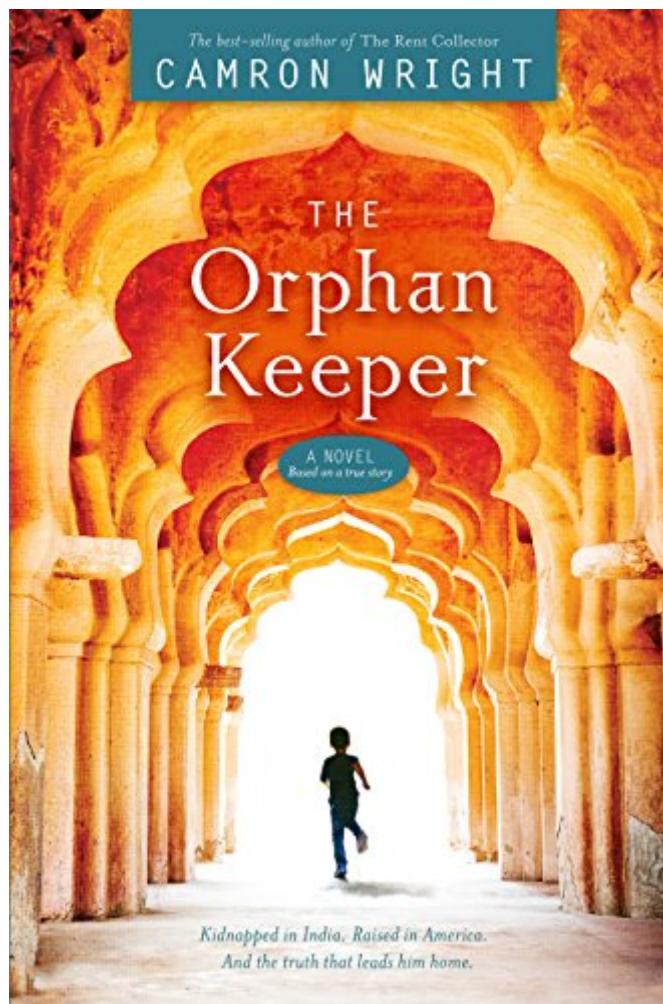


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# The Orphan Keeper



## **Synopsis**

Based on a remarkable true story of Taj Rowland. Seven-year-old Chellamuthu's life is forever changed when he is kidnapped from his village in India, sold to a Christian orphanage, and then adopted by an unsuspecting couple in the United States. It takes months before the boy can speak enough English to tell his parents that he already has a family back in India. Horrified, they try their best to track down his Indian family, but all avenues lead to dead ends. Meanwhile, they simply love him, change his name to Taj, enroll him in school, make him part of their family--and his story might have ended there had it not been for the pestering questions in his head: Who am I? Why was I taken? How do I get home? More than a decade later, Taj meets Priya, a girl from southern India with surprising ties to his past. Is she the key to unveil the secrets of his childhood or is it too late? And if he does make it back to India, how will he find his family with so few clues? From the best-selling author of *The Rent Collector*, this is a deeply moving and gripping journey of discovering one's self and the unbreakable family bonds that connect us forever.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book tells the incredible true story of Taj Rowland, who was kidnapped in his youth and sold to an orphanage in India. The corruption and heartbreak in that poverty stricken country and the journey that eventually led him home, is nothing less than miraculous! This book is an easy read—“a beautifully written ‘page turner’ that’s both heartbreakingly and heartwarming”—a story that definitely needed to be told. It’s a story that touches the heart and reminds the reader of the importance of family and the unbreakable bonds that tell us ‘who we are’ and connect us forever. It’s about finding the lost child inside all of us and our innate desire to know we are loved—that we belong. The spiritual impact of this book will make you a believer in miracles and recognize the life-changing value of finding forgiveness, letting go of anger, and embracing the good that comes with tragedy. There are aspects of Taj’s story that will never be known, answers that remain a mystery to this day. Yet, family is where your heart is and the impact of choosing our path and making the best of what we have regardless of what happens to us, is a powerful message of unconditional love and hope. We can choose forgiveness. We can choose to help others less fortunate than us. We can choose happiness. “Life is resilient. ... it trudges on in the world around us, no matter how deeply our hearts ache.” —Camron Wright, *The Orphan Keeper* “Perhaps there are times in life when we must simply let go and trust.” —Camron Wright, *The Orphan Keeper* “He who keeps the orphans keeps them from harm, watches over their lives, their comings and goings. He keeps them like a shepherd keeps his flock.” —Camron Wright, *The Orphan Keeper*

This book has torn at my heart more than any other book I have read in a very long time. My heart aches as a Mom at the horrible idea of that happening to any child. I cannot fathom how his India mother cried not knowing what happened to her son. Then, years later to have your grown son walk into your life again? Can anyone imagine how you would thank your God for watching over him and protecting him? Truly a miracle! Thank you Taj and Chellumutha for sharing with me your journey and insight for your life! You have blessed me in so many ways and I appreciate your courage for sharing your story.

This book tugs your heart strings & holds you focused till the last word & picture in the book. The struggles one who is adopted are explained extremely well. We thank Taj for his honesty. This wonderful story will touch many, many hearts.

This is one of the best books I’ve read in a long time. I couldn’t put it down. Hard to believe this is a

true story yet it is. Amazing how large this world is yet also how small it is. Loved every second of reading this book.

Best book I've ever read. I couldn't put it down. And to know I live in the same city as the character and the adoptive parents made it even better. I never knew the story until now. Amazing book...I highly recommend.

I loved "The Orphan Keeper". I bought the book late Thursday evening, and finished it by 6:00 Friday morning. I could not put the book down. I felt that some of his years went too fast. (After feeling defeated, the author went to ten (10) years later. We did not go into his wife's, fathers involvement into the orphanage and the adoption). I was a disappointed. There were a few other things but i should like for other readers to form their own opinions and not be tainted by my opinion. Over all the The Orphan Keeper was a very very good read. I would highly recommend this book to any and all readers. I loved the book.ana

What a remarkable story! I have read all of Camron Wright's books and appreciate the fact that they are inspiring and well written. I admire Taj Rowland for allowing his story to be told and thank him for doing so. Our book club invited Camron to do a live video chat the night we discussed his book. He was very gracious and answered all of our questions. This experience added another dimension to the book and I appreciate it even more.

I actually liked it better than The Rent Collector by this same author. Since it is based on a true story, I found it so interesting. I know people who have adopted children from overseas. It really makes you wonder. It's too bad so many in the US chose abortion since they could be happily adopted here.

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