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★Abrams, Sil Lai. **Black Lotus: A Woman's Search for Racial Identity.** Gallery: S. & S. Aug. 2016. 368p. ISBN 9781451688467. \$24.99; ebk. ISBN 9781451688481. MEMOIR

In this page-turning and at times heart-breaking tale, Abrams (*No More Drama*) openly shares her struggles as a multiracial woman trying to find her identity. Raised by a white father to believe her Chinese mother abandoned her when she was five, the author learns at 14 that her biological father is, in fact, black. Abrams's unapologetic account of the emotional turmoil she suffers as a result of this abrupt discovery draws readers into her world: one of abuse, betrayal, and ultimately, awareness. While constantly questioning family members who should be closest to her, Abrams takes us on a journey with her through her lowest lows to her greatest achievements, never shying away from revealing anything she has experienced in order to make a better life for herself. In this way, she attempts to transform her audience as well. Gripping and honest, this story will resonate with readers long after they finish the book. **VERDICT** A fast-paced, emotional narrative that memoir fans will devour.—Venessa Hughes, Buffalo, NY