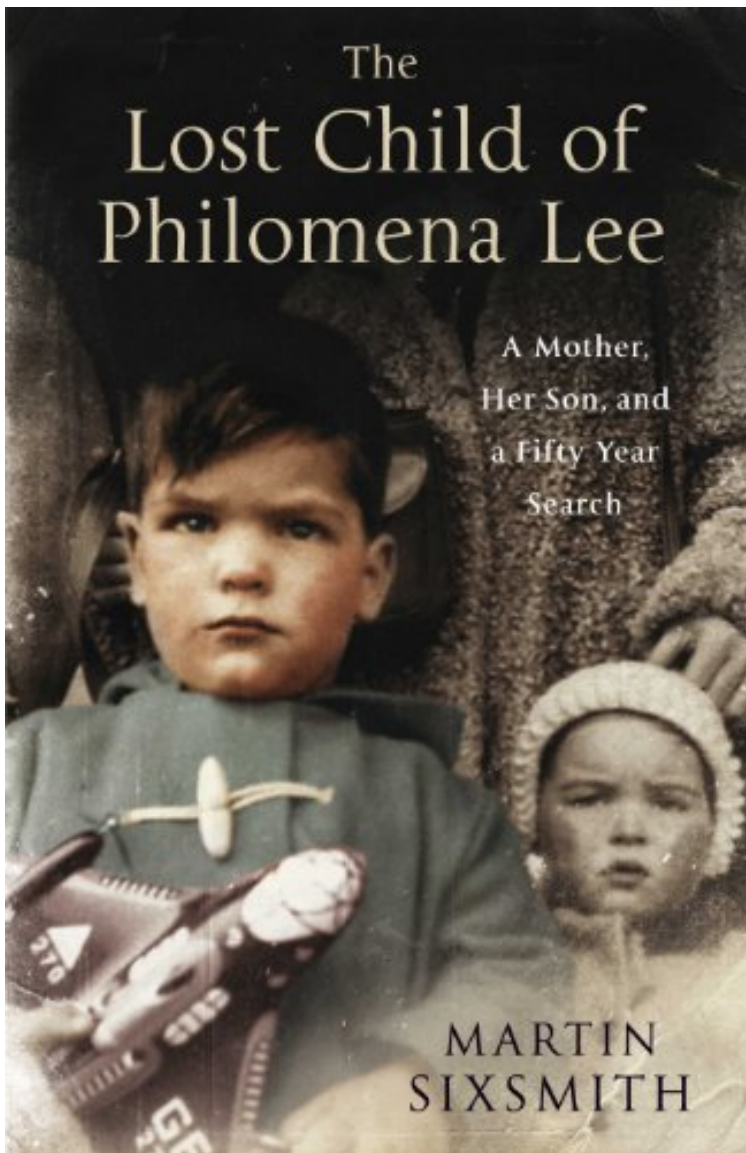


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next fifty years secretly searching for him, unaware that he was searching for her from across the Atlantic. Philomena's son, renamed Michael Hess, grew up to be a top Washington lawyer and a leading Republican official in the Reagan and Bush administrations. But he was a gay man in a homophobic party where he had to conceal not only his sexuality but, eventually, the fact that he had AIDS. With little time left, he returned to Ireland and the convent where he was born: his desperate quest to find his mother before he died left a legacy that was to unfold with unexpected consequences for all involved. The Lost Child of Philomena Lee is the tale of a mother and a son whose lives were scarred by the forces of hypocrisy on both sides of the Atlantic and of the secrets they were forced to keep. A compelling narrative of human love and loss, Martin

Sixsmith's moving account is both heartbreaking yet ultimately redemptive. *Revue de presse* The extraordinary story of an extraordinary woman . . . Philomena's tale is special. . . . It reveals a remarkable human being with astonishing fortitude and a truly humbling willingness to forgive. . . . I hope Philomena's heroic search and her courage in allowing her story to be told will bring comfort to all who have suffered a similar fate. Judi Dench, from the Foreword A searingly poignant account of forced adoption and its consequences. *Kirkus* s (starred review) Riveting . . . Sixsmith chillingly recounts . . . this mother-and-son saga. *Publishers Weekly* Emotionally compelling. *Library Journal* A powerful testament to the strength of the bond between mother and child. *Shelf Awareness* Heartbreaking . . . a story that needed to be told. *The Independent* Delves into a woman's grief with restraint and sensitivity. *Independent on Sunday* The touching story of a mother's fifty-year search for her son. *Sunday Times* (London)