

***Raceless: In Search of Family, Identity, and the Truth about Where I Belong* by Georgina Lawton**

Lawton, a columnist for *The Guardian*, a British daily newspaper, writes of her own experiences growing up as a piece of the story that didn't match the rest of her family. The first born child of a white English father and a white Irish mother, Lawton arrives in the world with curly black hair and warm brown skin. The nurse present at her birth remarks that "throwback genes" to past generations are always a surprise, and that is the story Lawton hears throughout her youth.

Lawton is in her twenties when her father succumbs to cancer. His death and her grief find Lawton questioning herself and her existence, and when a DNA test shows she is not her father's biological daughter, Lawton with her brother's help, confronts her mother.

The pain and trauma of trying to find her true identity, the agony of knowing those closest to her withheld the truth, and the frustration of not knowing anything of her culture or heritage makes Lawton's story an interesting read.