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Thread: [I found out my brother was adopted... But he doesn't know.](#)

Condasoftware - November 15, 2019, 6:15 pm

Last week I began creating a family tree and I was searching online using [ancestry.co.uk](#) every body else in my families search was returning documents i.e. census results, birth certificates etc except his.

I decided to do a little digging through my mothers photographs, turns out there were a lot of pictures of me and my other two sisters but none from when my brother would have been 'just born' furthermore my mother saved all of our umbilical cords but not his, I thought to myself this can't just be coincidence.

There wasn't really an easy way to do it but I decided to ask my mother if he was adopted or something, turns out he was. My mother doesn't want me to tell him she says it will crush him and break her heart but I don't know what to do I feel like I am keeping a secret from him and I know I'm going to feel uncomfortable around him knowing something so personal about himself that he doesn't know himself.

What would you do?

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I'm so angry that I have had to find this out on accident now I just wish I never knew at all, I'm going to tell him he has a right to know, how I'll go about that I have yet to decide there isn't really an easy

way about it, I'm going to talk it over with my mother and tell her that either she tells him or I will she sort of has the obligation to IMO as it's her child,

I couldn't live my life knowing what I know, knowing that he has no idea it is literally eating me up.