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B'ham Family 'Adopts' 8-Year-Old Chinese Boy

Bob, Cathy and Joanne Sheldon, 250 Woodale Ct., Birmingham, have financially "adopted" Au Wing Sung, an 8-year-old Chinese boy in Hong Kong, through Foster Parents' Plan, Inc., 322 Park Ave. South, New York City.

The foster parents have promised to contribute \$15 a month toward the child's support for at least one year.

The mother followed her husband to Hong Kong several months later.

WING SUNG's parents are uneducated, and their livelihood is meager. His father works as a laborer, earning about \$3.25 per month.

The child's mother makes plastic flowers at home and earns about \$10.00 per month.

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Book

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Immediately we think, "Oh, yes, Emily's father." ("A Rose for Emily"), Ben Hozganbeck, one of the main characters, begins the story by shooting at and missing a Negro driver. We think, "Good heavens, he hasn't changed at all, still the bad shot he always was." (The Bear)

An allusion to General Compton reminds us of his relatives, in "Sound and the Fury." When Miss Reba, ma'am of a "cat house" on Catalpa Street, appears, we felt like asking about Temple Drake (if only we knew the chronology—had Temple come to her yet?)

We've met various McCaslin before; they're old friends—"Let's see, how are they all related?" The conversational tone Faulkner employs throughout the book heightens the effect of intimacy. It's a world we know, and we are easily drawn into the story.


The title "The Reivers" comes from the word reeve, meaning take away by stealth or force; to plunder. The subtitle, "A Reminiscence" (to quote Granville Hicks)—alludes to the fact that the narrator, Lucius Priest, is telling us of his grand-children, an adventure that happened to him in 1965 when he was 11.

FAULKNER makes good use of the device. He gives us the young, innocent, excited Lucius, put to a test almost beyond his strength. At the same time he gives us the aging Lucius, who comments on events . . . and talks amusingly about mules, autos, the population problem and other matters.

There are serious moments in the book. Most of the time, though, it frizzes along.

In his Nobel Prize speech, Faulkner said not to write of glands, but of the human heart.

This is what he has done in "The Reivers." He has written of the happy overflowing hearts of the three reivers and their love for life and mischief, which is part of life. I think you will enjoy reading it as much as he must have enjoyed writing it.



WING SUNG
 Nam, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

"WE ARE indeed grateful to Bob, Cathy and Joanne for giving Au Wing Sung this wonderful gift of hope and help," declared Miss Gloria C. Matthews, executive director of Foster Parents' Plan.

"We prayerfully hope that many others who read this will also extend a helping hand to a distressed child."

Foster Parents' Plan is a non-sectarian, non-profit, non-propaganda, independent, government-approved relief organization which provides children who are orphaned, distressed, or otherwise made destitute with the care, education, and moral support they need.

"Adoption" through Plan is financial, not legal. The Foster Parent promises to contribute \$15 monthly for at least one year. Of this sum, the child receives \$8 each month as an outright cash grant. The remainder is used for periodic food and new clothing packages, translations of letters, medical services and education.

WING SUNG is one of many thousands of children forced to endure a life of incredible squalor. He lives with his parents, four brothers and two sisters in Kowloon.

His father was a farmer in his native village in China. He fled to Hong Kong in 1948, when the Communist and Nationalist forces were fighting on the China mainland.

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