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Antwone Fisher served aboard the USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) during part of his enlistment with the U.S. Navy. One of his duties was to help helicopters safely land aboard ship. In this 2004 image, which was taken after Fisher no-longer served with the Navy, we see a Landing Signal Enlisted (LSE), directing a South Korean helicopter to safely land on the *Stennis*. U.S. Naval photo by Photographer's Mate Airman Ron Reeves. [Online via U.S. Navy.](#)

Telling his story, for Antwone, meant that he began life in foster care. But to his psychiatrist, that was NOT the beginning.

Williams observed:

Have you ever considered that you come from somewhere? ... Because, by the way, you do come from somewhere. You may not feel like you have a mother, but you do. Everybody does. Everybody comes from somewhere. (*Finding Fish*, page 287.)

But how would a young man, with no idea of his family history, learn where he came from? And how would that young man, who had been repeatedly told he was 'worthless,' come to distinguish the lies from the truths in his life?

Long hours at sea gave Antwone time to think. While assigned to the USS *Schenectady* (LST-1185), a tank-landing ship, he discovered he was a good writer.

Aboard the still operational USS *Cleveland* (LPD-7), one of the Navy's amphibious transport docks used by Marines during war to transport and land troops, equipment and supplies, Fisher discovered he could lead. Through the encouragement of his superiors, he began to believe in himself as he responsibly guided returning Marine helicopters safely aboard ship.

And, during a two-year assignment at the naval station in Sasebo, Japan, Antwone discovered something else.

In the place where a heavy U.S. military presence in Japan has been most felt since the end of WWII, and near Nagasaki City (which was struck by the second atomic bomb), Fisher fell in love for the first time in his life.

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The USS Schenectady - Where "Fish" Discovered his Writing Skills

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The USS Cleveland - Where Fisher Discovered He Could Lead

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The USS Cleveland - LPD-7

Image of the USS *Cleveland*, described above, online courtesy U.S. Navy. Navy photo # 100624-N-6854D-136 - taken on June 24, 2010 - by MC2 Jon Dasbach.

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Pinpoint Location of Sasebo, Japan - Where Fisher Fell in Love

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Photo # 80-G-63291 USS Laertes at Sasebo, with nine minesweepers alongside, 1952



Heavy US Presence in Japan

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Photo # 80-G-423620 Navy ships at Sasebo, Japan, seen from USS Princeton, 1950



Navy Ships in Japan

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View of Surrounding City where Fisher Fell in Love

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Sasebo, Japan and Nearby Cities - Map

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