Conversation on the toilet - finally both of them say what they think of each other!

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There are a lot of taboos on our subject and a lot of soft talk. But what do a first mother and an adoptive mother really think of each other? As is so often the case, the truth, or what comes close to it, is best told in a film or a novel: because, unlike in real life, no one has to be considerate of others or the youth welfare office or what people are saying.

Let's take the following scene from the film "The Other Mother" ("Loosing Isaiah" with Halle Berry!), 1:07:59ff. The two protagonists actually meet in a public toilet, which is exactly the right place to have a chat! Here is an excerpt from their conversation:

Khaila = First Mother
Margaret = Adoptive mother

Khaila: "I'm sorry."
Margaret: "What exactly are you sorry for? That you threw your baby in the trash? Or that you dragged my family through hell?"
Khaila: "No, I just want my son back."
Margaret: "Your son? (laughing) What makes him your son? That you fucked some junkie in an alley three years ago to get high?"
Khaila: "If you were all that, your husband wouldn't have fucked somebody else and maybe you'd have your own baby and you wouldn't try to take mine."

(Loosing Isaiah, Regie: Stephen Gyllenhaal, Drehbuch: Naomi Foner, 1995, 1:07:59ff.)

I think this dialogue speaks for itself, but let summarize the main points.

The adoptive mother denies maternity to the first mother.
The adoptive mother expresses her contempt for the life of the first mother, especially her sexual life, but also for giving away the child (from which she benefits).
The first mother expresses her feeling of superiority over the adoptive mother by alluding to her sore point: infertility.

That all happens, of course, only in movies. In real life... but judge yourself!

More about the film "Loosing Isaiah" on wikipedia.de.