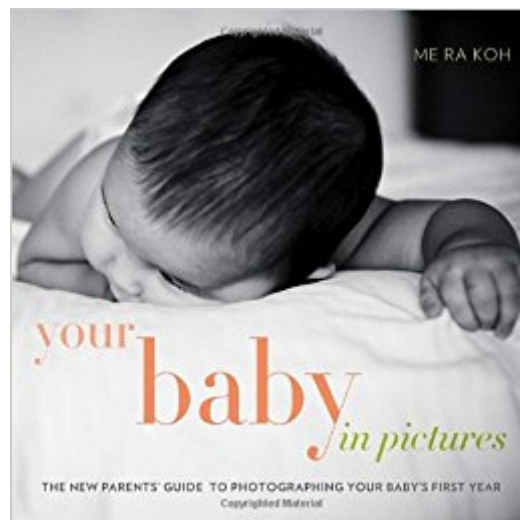




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# Your Baby In Pictures: The New Parents' Guide To Photographing Your Baby's First Year



## Synopsis

Capture the story of your baby's first year! The first twelve months of your child's life are full of precious, fleeting moments, from sleepy newborn yawns to first smiles and wobbly first steps. Why entrust your memories to hastily taken snapshots or worse yet, none at all? Let professional photographer (and mom) Me Ra Koh help you capture the moments with 40 beautiful photo recipes anyone can do, with any camera. Telling your baby's story in pictures has never been easier!

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## Customer Reviews

Babies don't take direction very well (if they did we should start by getting them to shush on airplanes), but Me Ra Koh has made a specialty of coaxing warm, memorable photos from infants, newborns and children. "The New York Times" "Tell your baby's story in photos" wonderful, beautifully-shot photos. Professional photographer and mom, Me Ra Koh, shows you how to photograph your baby like a pro. "Disney Baby" "Aside from the gorgeous photos, you'll appreciate Me Ra Koh's simple, smart advice that gives you everything from how to pose your wee ones to the best time of day and light for both a SLR camera as well as a point and shoot, all based on the age of your kids. . . . I really can't think of a more helpful shower gift for new parents, whether it's their first or fourth baby." "Coolmompicks.com" "Provides great step-by-step photo ideas and suggestions to help you document all the developmental milestones of your baby's first year." "Mom365.com" "This book is perfect

for novice and intermediate photographers looking for expert advice and inspiration. . . . Beautiful photography, easy-to-follow language and no-fail photo how-tos make Your Baby in Pictures a must for new parents, grandparents and others looking to capture that precious first year of life like a pro. • "Inside Edge magazine

Me Ra Koh loves cameras, kids, and parents, and spends her life bringing them together. Her work and photo recipes have been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show, Lifetime Television, VH1, and she is a regular guest contributor to The Nate Berkus Show on NBC. She is proud to be one of Sony's Artisans of Imagery, as well as host her annual SOAR! Scholarship for aspiring women photographers. You can find her at [www.merakoh.com](http://www.merakoh.com).

I discovered Me Ra Koh a few years ago when I ordered her DVDs "Refuse to Say Cheese" and "Beyond the Green Box". I found that I loved her warm, informal style and was greatly encouraged to re-learn what I'd known about real photography. How wonderful to find that her book has the same Me Ra character--a friendly, down-to-earth friend who comes alongside you and shows you what she's doing with her camera to capture a certain sense. I grieve over the fact that I didn't have this knowledge when my own babies were new & squishy, since I was in such a sleep-deprived exhaustion that these "photo recipes" were what I needed. Me Ra provides clear explanations and cuts right through technical confusion to open up a whole new world of photographing memories. She explains why it is she's doing what she's doing, which creates continual "a-ha" moments that make learning a new hobby so approachable. What sets this apart from any other book out there is the loving treatment of all those unique baby moments from someone who has obviously been there and cherished them: the fleeting hair swirl, baby feet, the love pats while feeding, inked-up baby feet at the hospital, . . . Babyhood, much to my sorrow, is all too fleeting, and I only wish I'd had this book sooner so that I could have had this knowledge while my own were still in the newborn phase. Without question, I am giving this as my favorite New Baby Gift.

I guess I'll just add my 5-star review to the pile. This book is so wonderful and helpful and came at the PERFECT time. I have one of those "fancy" cameras and not a lot of knowledge about it. I keep thinking I'll "learn one day" but keep it in its Auto mode 99% of the time. Well, at 39 weeks pregnant I decided that pictures of our first newborn were an absolute necessity but we couldn't afford to pay a photographer, so it was high time that I learn how to use that puppy! In her introduction, Me Ra Koh explains that when she bought her first big-girl camera, she felt lost and people who were "in

the know" talked above her head or in terms that seemed like a foreign language. Hello, kindred spirits, sister! I have more than one pal who takes photographs professionally - a couple who are freakishly good and make a great living at it. But when they talk about their photos, it's like they're speaking Japanese. I grabbed a Cabbage Patch doll from my childhood and began experimenting with my camera the day I got this book. Little by little, chapter by chapter, Me Ra introduces you to quick tips and tricks to get great pictures - even in Auto mode. Then she gives you projects with "recipes" for a great photo - so I can take my camera out of Auto mode and set the aperture, ISO, and shutter speed for myself and get accustomed to what these settings change in each picture. I find myself taking more than one picture, changing settings with each one, and then comparing. I'm actually learning, and it's fun! I'm 39 weeks and 4 days and baby has still not made his entrance into the world.. but I've got some great pictures of my Cabbage Patch doll! This is THE book for new parents and/or people who are nervous about photography. It's YOUR family and YOUR baby. Have fun!

This is an awesome book that shows behind the scenes of pictures and pictures of 'this setting' vs. 'this setting'. And it really doesn't tell you what is better... just shows you the difference and with a photographers eye... you can clearly see what makes the better picture. Sometimes there are 3 pictures with 3 different settings. It really just matters the 'look' you are going for. Shows settings and lens type... everything you need to know to get your shot. Minus the perfect lighting! But I really love how natural the pictures are inside and outside. It's a great book for portrait photography needs and most defiantly baby photography needs. Great for a beginner or fine tuning of advance skills in some other photography area. It's presented in a basic fashion but it isn't common sense photography... so it's very useful! Really awesome. 5 stars!

Not really what I was expecting. I am a relative newbie with my DSLR and wanted help on posing and getting good baby pics for my soon to arrive first grandchild. It was very basic even for me and I thought they would give more info on posing. Also camera part just listed what she did to achieve her pictures. That doesn't help me much when every lighting and home has different lighting. Every chpt is the same as far as "tell the story" by posing them or just taking the picture. I can do everyday shots that capture spur of the moment, I need inspiration on posed shots and shots that will stand the test of time. Waste of money for me!

I bought this before the birth of my first child. I absolutely love it and will be giving it away as gifts to

friends! I am not a professional photographer, rather the average mom who loves to capture special moments of my family. I take the "memory keeper" role very seriously. This book walks you through exactly how to set up some beautiful candid shots. It offers tips on how to show "mom" in the picture in the most flattering way possible. I love that the author is so sensitive and respectful to the insecurities new moms have after giving birth! This book gives ideas what characteristics/milestones to make sure to capture at what age so as not to miss out on the joy of looking back and remembering the little moments that make life so wonderful.

Great product! Prompt delivery! Thanks!

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