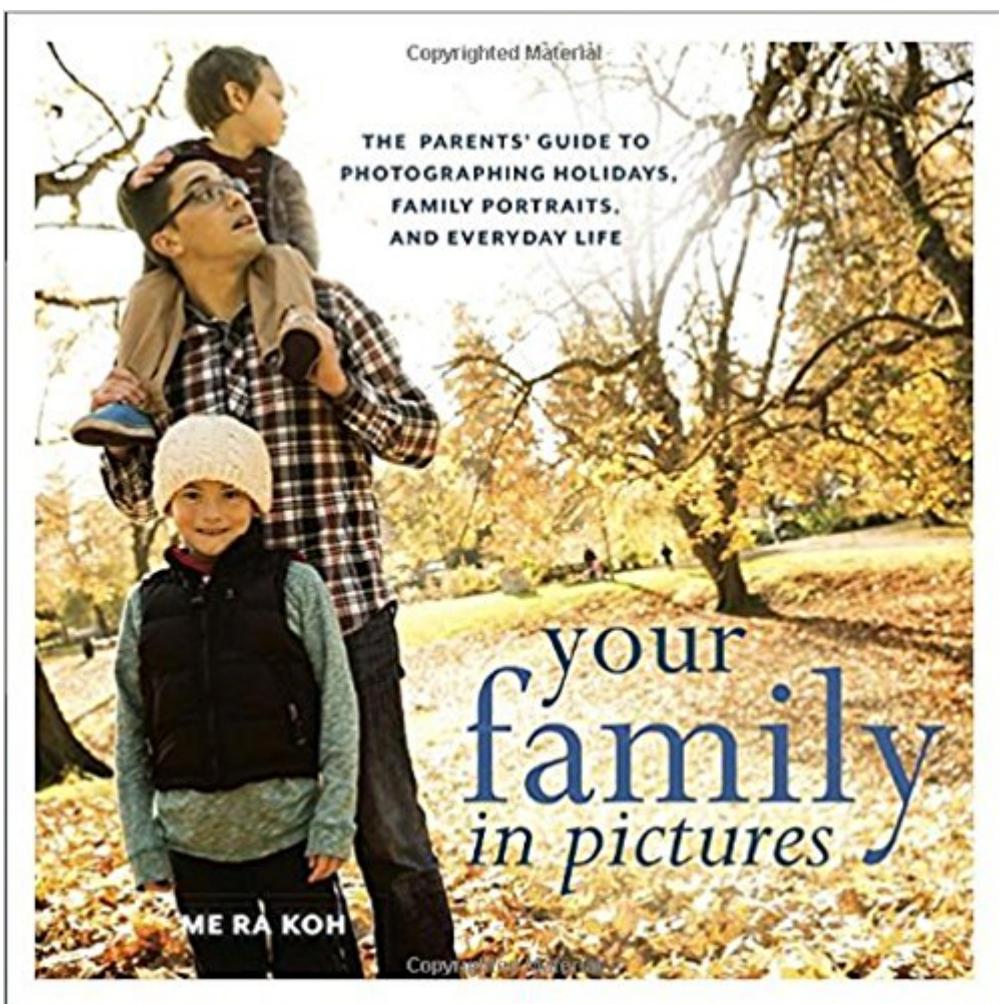


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# Your Family In Pictures: The Parents' Guide To Photographing Holidays, Family Portraits, And Everyday Life



## Synopsis

From leading photography expert Me Ra Koh, "The Photo Mom," comes the book for parents with little to no photography experience who want to capture better portraits and photos of their families using any camera. What parent doesn't want to capture the perfectly imperfect joy of family life through photos? From holidays and vacations to portraits and shared moments, celebrated photographer (and mom) Me Ra Koh not only helps moms and dads take better photos, but inspires them to discover photography as a way to connect with, cherish, and celebrate their family. With forty beautiful "photo recipes" anyone can follow with any camera—preserving your family's story has never been easier!

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## Customer Reviews

Me Ra Koh is the leading photography expert and educator to moms with cameras. She hosts the Disney Junior TV show *Capture Your Story* with Me Ra Koh, and also writes a weekly column for Disney's Babble.com, *A Focused Life*, in which she inspires parents to not only photograph their kids but live their best life. She is the author of the national bestselling series *Your Baby in Pictures* and *Your Child in Pictures*, is the former photography expert for The Nate Berkus Show, and is proud to be one of a select group of SONY Artisans of Imagery. Her writing, photography and photo recipes have been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show, Lifetime Television, and Martha Stewart Living Radio, as well as in the New York Times, Parenting, Yahoo Shine, American Baby, Popular Photography, and CLICK. Her instructional DVDs Refuse to

Say Cheese and Beyond the Green Box won the prestigious national Gold Seal Award from National Parenting Publication Awards. Me Ra is a sought after, inspirational keynote speaker who brings empowerment, humor and tears to all her audiences. Her CONFIDENCE Photography Workshops for Women have sold out for six years. Follow her at [www.merakoh.com](http://www.merakoh.com) and @merakoh.

Five tips for photographing everyday life

1. Keep a camera out. The beauty of everyday life most often happens when we least expect it. Keep a camera out at all times and within arm's reach. This also helps desensitize the family to having their photos taken. The time it takes to get the camera out of the camera bag, find the right lens, and find an SD card and charged battery eats up the patience your family had. But if the camera is there and ready to go, there'll be less resistance to picture-taking.
2. Use the camera you have. Don't have your DSLR nearby? Don't worry. The iPhone and other smartphones take remarkably good photos. The best camera is the one you have with you.
3. Scope out the light. Be aware of the light in your home. Which rooms get the best light at different times of day? Set yourself up for success by making note of when great light is available
4. Use Continuous Shooting mode. When you're trying to capture everyday moments without putting your family on guard, use this camera mode to quickly fire a few rapid shots in succession rather than taking one image at a time.
5. Choose Your Weekly Story. Consider upcoming events of the week (baseball game, ballet class, backyard movie night, or play date at the park). Choose one event to work on capturing. Begin to picture how the event will unfold and what the best photo ops could be. Trying to capture ALL events will burn you out, but honing in on one becomes a fun, inspiring photo challenge.

Edited on 11/13. When Me Ra Koh came out with this book, she offered an additional autographed copy if you purchased through and left a glowing review. So I did that. And guess what, I never got my additional autographed copy that was promised. I have sent emails, private messages on FB, and even public posts on her FB page. Nothing. Do I still like my book? Sure, it is very helpful to that momtographer in all of us but is it as amazing as everyone claims, not really. I just want you to know that when you read reviews on this book, they could easily be swayed by her offer that she has never fulfilled to all the people she promised. My initial review - I stumbled upon the amazing Me Ra Koh by winning the first book in the series "Your Baby in Pictures" through a photographer I follow on Facebook. As soon as I received it, I read it cover to cover without getting up from my

chair. I was in love with the images and clear directions on how to achieve such amazing photos of your baby (even with a point & shoot camera). I decided to buy "Your Child in Pictures" immediately after to prepare for all those photo worthy moments once my baby turned 1. I continue to be impressed with the amazing books she creates. So I was thrilled to hear a third book would be coming out. I bought it immediately and look forward to learning how to capture the many moments as my family grows. Thanks Me Ra Koh for helping moms (and dads) capture those incredible, unforgettable memories we all cherish for a lifetime.

This is the third book in Me Ra Koh's series and I couldn't wait to read it since I really enjoyed the other two! I love taking photos and am always looking for inspiration. Your Family In Pictures is filled with helpful tips to capture great photos of your family. Me Ra has instructions for taking photos of your family during special events (like holidays and vacations) and also during everyday things (like mealtimes or Saturday mornings). I appreciate the reminder to capture the everyday moments because kids grow so fast and things change before you know it. I love how Me Ra's photos capture such great moments. Whether it's a mom baking with her kids or a dad reading a story to his daughter, each photo tells a specific story. When families look back on these photos in the future, they will remember these fun and cherished moments. I hope that my photography can do the same thing -- serve as a reminder of special moments and the connections between loved ones. Me Ra also features the work of other talented women photographers in the book. Love seeing their beautiful photos!

Disclaimer: I am a big fan of Me Ra Koh. I heard her speak at a trade show in Las Vegas in 2012, and her "Your Baby In Pictures" is my go-to baby shower gift for new moms. This 3rd installment of the series has Me Ra's formulas for capturing key moments. I was excited to get this book from the moment I first heard about it. I have kids that range in age from 11 y/o to not yet born. This book covers the gamut from family pictures on vacation and the new family portrait style, to photographing tweens and senior portraits. A lot of the information is not new, but the way it is packaged is so helpful for the easily-intimidated novice. Her formulas cover both point-and-shoot and DSLR users - and there's even a quick tutorial on how to get a silhouette with your smart phone.

MeRa Koh has created the third and final book in this series. I love how she incorporates the photography of other women who have learned from her. Each person sees the world uniquely and

photographs prove that point. Recording family life in photographs can be so fun when you use MeRa's photo recipes. This whole book series makes the perfect go-to gift for parents!

I CANNOT say enough about this book! I am an amateur budding photographer and this book is my bible when it comes to the "simplicity" of explaining what types of settings you should use for different situations. The pictures are great too! Perfect for showing examples of the type of scenes I want to create or to help me broaden my artistic side. A must have in your library!

Great product! Prompt delivery! Thanks!

This is a wonderful book for everyone who wants to take beautiful photos. First you will be inspired by the images inside. I just flipped through the pages admiring them before reading anything. When you go back to start reading you will find directions on how to take your own versions of these pics. Me Ra Koh's style is inviting and inspires creativity without intimidation. If you want to create treasured photos of your family, buy this book.

Hands down one of my favorite books on photography. Inspirational and very easy to follow. Me Ra gives you the best photo recipes to help you capture your family's most special moments. An absolute must for any Mom with a camera wanting to step up her game.

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