

## Envisioning Family

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This book was everything I expected, plus more.

Lackey opens with two chapters explaining a bit about the history of what we consider "the family unit." She also touches on views of various family networks around the world. Her personal experiences—especially those of adoption—are explained as she weaves her views about the ever-evolving redefinition of what we call "family."

Equipment and studio space considerations and explanations are next discusses. Lackey describes her kit and studio, succinctly telling the reader what her options are and why she selected what she did. If one shoots a variety of subjects and has a variety of lenses, this section will help to avoid over packing.

The remainder of the book is a wonderful quilt of topics (lighting, locations, posing, and interaction) with beautiful, warm, and funny photographs of children, pets, parents, and locations that illustrate the topic addressed. With work seen in *O*, *The Oprah Magazine*, *Vogue*, *Men's Journal*, and *Professional Photographer* magazines, one can be certain that the images are clean, breathtaking, and send messages about how we see—and should see—what this world calls "a family."