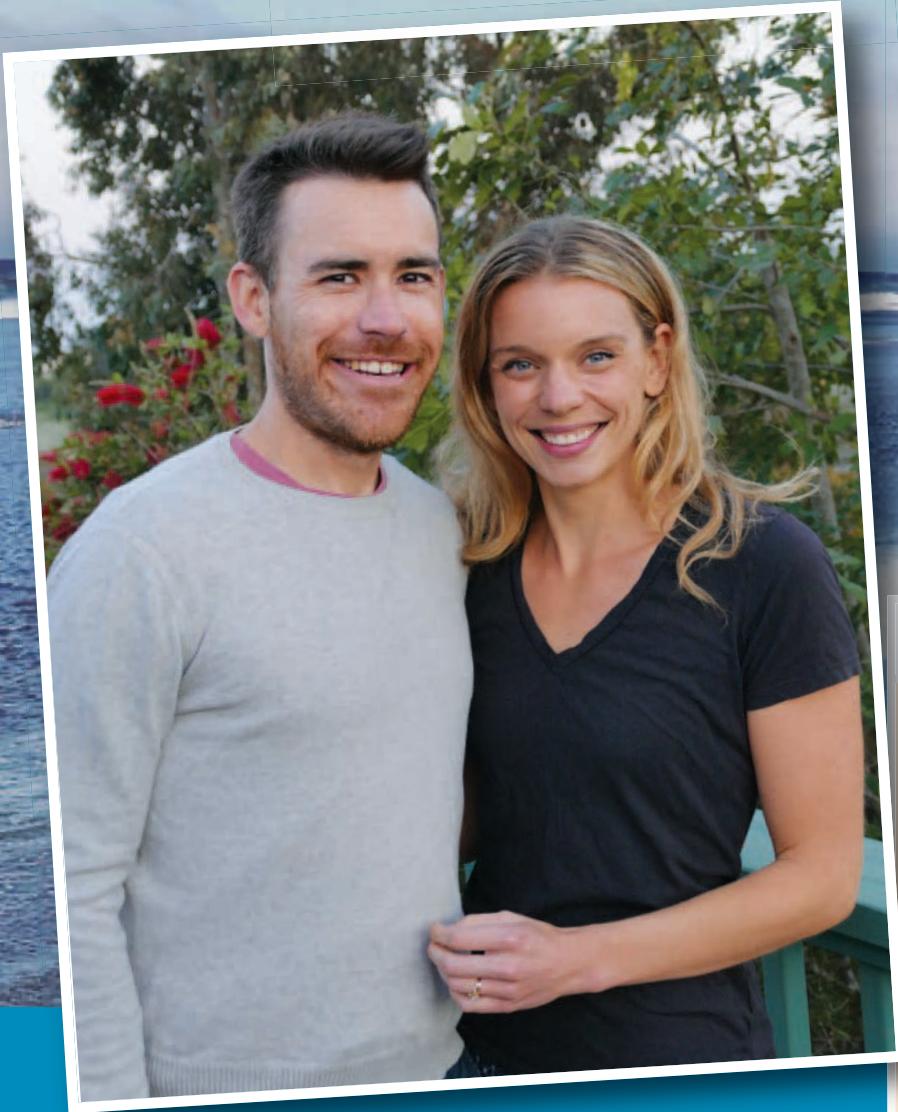


Hello from

RYAN &
SADIE



Ryan & Frankie on a local beach

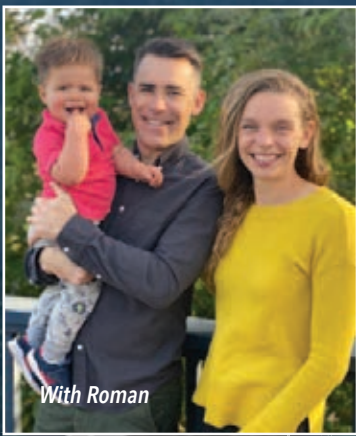
OUR FAVORITE THINGS

- Playing in the park with our son Roman and our dog Frankie
- Cooking—especially hosting cookouts on our deck
- Finding a great hike wherever we go
- Surfing (well, Sadie surfs and Ryan, after getting thrown around in the ocean for a bit, cheers Sadie on from shore)
- Spending time with friends and family
- Quiet nights staying in and watching a movie
- DIY projects and making our house our own
- Celebrating the holidays, especially Halloween and Christmas
- Watching the sunset and the occasional sunrise (as long as there is coffee!)
- Traveling and exploring new places—something we are excited to get back to once COVID is over!

Dear Expectant Mother,

Hello—we are Sadie, Ryan & Roman from sunny Los Angeles! We want to thank you for taking the time to learn a bit about us and to get to know our story. Family is something we value most in our lives—our son Roman was adopted in 2019 and we are so excited to continue to grow through adoption again. We greatly admire the choice you are making, and hope to have the opportunity to tell you more about our family and to learn about your own hopes for the future and for your child.

Our Story

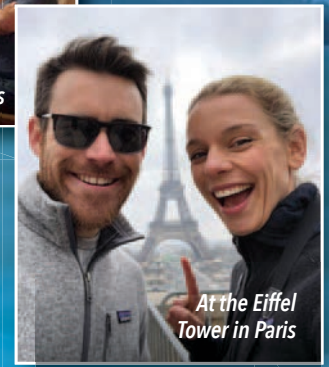


With Roman

We met in New York City sixteen years ago when we started college. For years we built a wonderful friendship then fell in love when we both moved to California. We were married in December of 2017, and were excited to begin growing our family through adoption when we brought our son Roman home in November 2019.



Thanksgiving with family & friends



At the Eiffel Tower in Paris

Roman is now an 18-month-old with limitless energy. He loves to play with our dog Frankie and other kids, and he is incredibly gentle and loving with his "babies" (his little toy figures and stuffed bunnies). He can't wait to be a big brother and we look forward to seeing him grow into an even more nurturing little person when he has a sibling to share his love with. We are lucky to be building a close relationship with his birth family.

We both share a love of travel and have visited exciting places like Iceland, New Zealand, and Kenya. We can't wait to share our interest in exploring new cultures and places with our children to inspire their own sense of curiosity and wonder. At home, we love jogging along the ocean and hiking the mountains of L.A. But some of our

favorite moments together are spent at home—playing with Legos or reading books with Roman, or learning new recipes and hosting family and friends for dinner. It's important to us that our children are surrounded by loving, playful family and friends.



At the Franz Josef Glacier in New Zealand



On the beach in San Francisco with Frankie

*Beautiful New Zealand—
one of our favorite
vacation destinations*



Sadie decorating the Christmas Tree

About Sadie, by Ryan

Sadie is one of the most caring and compassionate people I have ever met. Her large group of friends is a testament to her own giving and loyal nature. Sadie has a truly adventurous spirit. Whether it's paragliding, sea kayaking, or trying new foods, Sadie is

always excited to try new things, and can't wait to share her curiosity with our children. Sadie grew up in New Hampshire with three sisters and has a strong bond with each of them. Sadie left her demanding career in startups to step into the role of full-time mom. Sadie's empathy, strength and her ability to take on any challenge has made her an amazing mother. Every day I see her commitment to parenthood as she cares for Roman with incredible patience and deep love. I attribute Roman's growth into a person who loves trying new foods, exploring new places, and dancing to new music to Sadie and her joy for life.



Sadie looking at wildflowers with Roman



Sadie surfing in the Seychelles

Our Family & Friends

Both our parents still live on the East Coast and we visit several times a year. Sadie's sister, Hannah, lives in San Francisco with our nephew, Cole. Both of Ryan's younger brothers, Cory and Jody, live in Los Angeles and are often over our home for dinner. Sadie's sister Kesiah was adopted, so from the beginning our family experienced how incredible adoption can be. We are grateful that our children will have Kesiah as a loving aunt. We have a wonderful group of friends here and on the East Coast. Many of our friends are starting families of their own and we've enjoyed being an "aunt" and "uncle" to their amazing kids.



Sadie's family



Sadie with her sisters



Ryan with his brothers



With Sadie's sister's family & friend in SF



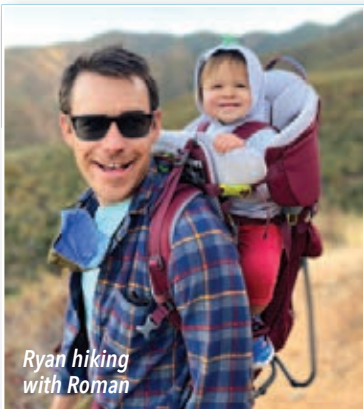
Ryan with his parents



Hiking with friends in Joshua Tree, CA

About Ryan, by Sadie

Ryan comes from a close-knit Massachusetts family and has fond memories of growing up at the beach with his two younger brothers. I love what a great big brother Ryan is to them—giving them unconditional love and any advice they need in life. Ryan is charismatic, smart, and eager to learn new things. He can find humor in any situation and he makes me laugh all the time. Ryan loves to bring joy into people's lives through his work as a television comedy writer. Even during the pandemic when we were stuck inside for weeks on end, there was never a dull moment. Ryan made sure Roman and I laughed and felt loved every day. His favorite hobbies are reading books, writing a new script, listening to music and going to the movies. Ryan is an amazing partner, and a phenomenal father. He gets so much joy out of the little things and he lights up whenever Roman enters the room. Everyone we know calls him the "baby whisperer"—children naturally gravitate to him, and I can attest that becoming a parent came naturally to him. He is loving, supportive and kind and he will make sure there is always laughter in our home.



Ryan hiking with Roman



Ryan with his brothers & cousin on Xmas morning



Ryan cooking in our kitchen



Our home



Ryan & Frankie on
our deck at sunset



The park near our home

Where We Live

We live in a diverse neighborhood in LA because it is important to us that our children's community is made up of people from all different backgrounds. We moved into our new home summer of 2018 and have enjoyed working to make it our own. It has plenty of space to grow our new family. We are within walking distance of an amazing park that has great open spaces and fun play areas filled with kids, and there are several high-quality schools nearby.



Roman's first
Christmas

Our Values

We wish to raise our children to be confident, intelligent and fun-loving people. We want to help them grow into thoughtful and curious people, who wish to help others, and are actively engaged in the community. Education is a priority for us, so we plan to provide our children with every resource to learn. We look forward to creating lasting memories together traveling in the U.S. and abroad. We are excited to carry on our family traditions, and we are also eager to develop our own special family traditions as we grow together.

Thank You...

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn a little bit about us.



With Love,
Ryan, Sadie & Roman