

# Joey & Hunter King

chapter two

## **My Memorable Day with Joey and Hunter King and Family**

*Ramona and Beezus* is a great film that really helps put things in perspective. Having Joey and Hunter was on my wish list. However, it was challenge for me. It seemed that every door that opened to reach them closed. We kept plugging away until finally Deb Berger, a Public Relations person and my living guardian angel, presented my project to them. I could not believe it. As long as I had tried to reach them, in a couple of days we were scheduling their photo shoot! My youngest daughter Satiene could really relate to Joey's role in that movie because, a few years back, she experienced some of the same challenges Ramona did. It was a difficult time for our family because my husband's work had fallen off and we were struggling. We were trapped between bill collectors and mortgage payments, and wondered how we could find funding for this book. *Ramona and Beezus* gave Satiene, only 8 years of age then, a better understanding that she was not alone, that we were not the only family in America that had some bumpy roads ahead.

For this particular photo shoot, my entire family was with me. It was summer and what better place to have some vacation time where it was both fun and affordable than LA. Out the window I saw a car parking. I then noticed Joey and Hunter getting out of their car and then saw some other people ... actually a lot of people! I was a little confused at first. I saw a petite older woman with a warm smile. She introduced herself by saying "You got our whole family!" with a chuckle "I'm Elaine, the girls' grandmother," and everyone proceeded to introduce themselves. "Hi I'm Terry, the girls' father." Then as I turned I saw a gorgeous girl with long brunette hair running up. "Hi I'm Kelli, I am the eldest sister." Just a couple of steps behind her another woman was walking up. She had beautiful long hair like Cher. Beautiful she was. No way I thought ... you're the mom? "Hi, I am Jamie. Thanks for having all of us over." Joey reached out her hand to introduce herself. That was a

