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# Julie Blackmon: Homegrown



## Synopsis

Julie Blackmon has transfixed the contemporary art world with images of her children, nieces, nephews and friends (and their children). Following the success of the bestselling volume *Domestic Variations* (2009), *Homegrown* shows how Blackmon's style has evolved, as she continues to capture the tensions between the harmony and disarray of everyday domestic life. Though her photographs continue to be undeniably contemporary, references to classic painting and portraiture can be detected: the influence of seventeenth-century Dutch painter Jan Steen mixes with more contemporary figures, such as Balthus, Edward Gorey, Tim Burton and Federico Fellini. Included in this new volume are 45 works made from 2009-2014, along with an introduction by renowned poet Billy Collins and an interview by the actress Reese Witherspoon. Julie Blackmon (born 1966) is a Missouri-based photographer who has amassed many honors since beginning her career just a few years ago. Her work has appeared in such publications as *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker* and *Vanity Fair*, and can be found in the collections of the Kemper Museum of Art in Kansas City, the Toledo Museum of Art, the Portland Museum of Art in Oregon and the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, among others.

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Got this book for Christmas to keep as my own! I've given away each one I've bought just for the kick of seeing the response of the receiver. The close ups of the original shots are my fav-like a private viewing.

This is the first time I write a review, and I started with this book because it is just amazing! First, the photos are prepared with great sense of composition, beautiful color palette, and the moments captured there are more than unique, the photography here is crafted with love. Second, because the book itself is great, the quality of the paper, the printing and the reproduction in general is 10 out of 10 (not to mention it is a big book) :-). If you like photography you cannot go wrong with this book.

Loved the interview at the end! Was also really pleased to see how much my children loved this book, studying the pictures to see all the interesting little details, kids peeking around corners, toys that showed up in several different shots, etc

It's a beautiful book. The photographs are rich with color and the book is large so that one can enjoy the images

I love this photographer. Gorgeous pictures and fantastic interview included.

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