



TIFF & KATIE



Hi, we're Katie and Tiff!

Thank you for taking the time to look through our book. We hope to raise our child in a loving, fun, creative and supportive home. We hope this book will give you a little more insight into our lives.



Tiff on the left, Katie on the right



Meet our cat, Frida Katlo!



Love



OUR RELATIONSHIP

Our paths crossed when Tiffany met one of Katie's friends at an art show, and he later texted Katie "I just met your future wife!". How those words rang true! We were inseparable as soon as we met (almost 10 years ago now), and got married in 2017. Not a day goes by that we don't make each other belly laugh.

Together we like going on adventures big and small. From discovering new nooks in our neighborhood to driving around the country for 2 months! We fill our days with delicious food (Tiff is the chef of the house while Katie is the resident baker). And we spend our time creating music, painting, and working on strange and silly art projects (like making a cassette tape that looks like a muppet with songs of artists who sound like muppets). We are a fun-loving imaginative household.

Our wedding was uniquely us. We had an intimate dinner with our closest friends and family at one of our favorite restaurants. After dinner, we moved to a venue nearby for a night of dancing, cake and karaoke! Our 'first song' was Queen's "You're my best friend".

OUR WEDDING



(Top photo) Tiff's brother, Victor, hand painted our "Just Married" sign
(Bottom) We created a floral photobooth for our wedding



OUR HONEYMOON

To kick off married life together, we decided to drive around America! We hit 28 states over 2 months. We camped out in Yellowstone and watched Old Faithful blow, attempted to see Mount Rushmore but it was covered in fog, played bar dice in Milwaukee, ate clam pizza in Connecticut, fed a 300 pound pig named Chucha in Miami, listened to live Jazz in New Orleans, filled our bellies with BBQ in Austin, wandered the outdoor sculptures of Marfa, watched thousands of bats fly out of Carlsbad Caverns, rolled around in the white cool sand of White Sands in New Mexico, admired the depths of the Grand Canyon, and walked the salt flats of Utah. We ate so much good food along the way that we had both gained about 10 pounds by the time we got home.



ALL ABOUT TIFF



My Chinese name means "happy cloud descending from the sky" and it couldn't be more fitting. I'm pretty laid back and easy to make laugh. I'm curious and love learning new things, which fits well with my job as a Designer. I love to cook all types of food, a few of my specialties are: hand made pasta, dumplings, mac and cheese, and smoked brisket. Aside from cooking, I like nerding out on the computer, making art with code, and printing 3D objects.



FUN FACTS

I was born in Turkey, and have lived in California, Hawaii, Japan, and Washington

I was in a pop-punk band in high school and also graduated with a 4.0 GPA

After college, I backpacked across Europe by myself for a month

I won a 'cutest baby' photo contest, but subsequently lost a baby crawling contest

I love making pasta from scratch!



Home is with the people I love, not a specific place. This is probably because I grew up in so many places! My dad was in the military so we bounced around a lot.



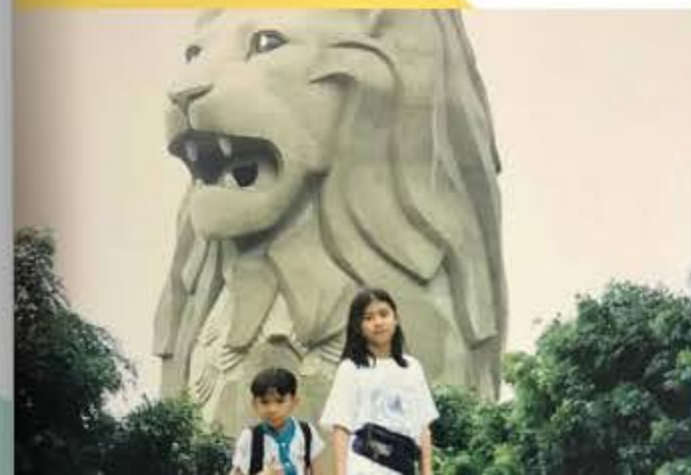
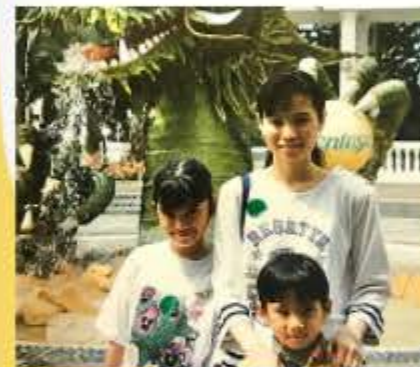
'Family time' was very important to my parents. Every night we had dinner at the table and talked about our day. Every Sunday was designated family hang out time. It was something I detested as a teen, but I appreciate now. I hope to have dinner together as a family every night with our kid.



My brother, Victor, was my best friend growing up. He was quite an annoying younger brother but we still got along. We still share a lot of the same interests: music, art, design and food.



Along with living on military bases around the world, my family also loves traveling. I've been to 14 countries. I have a goal to visit every continent!





ALL ABOUT KATIE



I was born in Seattle just two days before Christmas. My mom has always said I was the best Christmas present she's ever received. I grew up in Seattle, but moved to North Carolina during high school and went to college in Savannah, GA. I'm a big goofball and I love making people laugh. I have a passion for baking and love sharing my creations with friends and seeing the joy it brings them. I work in marketing at a local University, and spend my free time fixing things around the house, gardening, and biking around our neighborhood with Tiff.



FUN FACTS

Growing up, my career goal was to be in the WNBA

My favorite movie is Sister Act 2!

I was voted "Most Laid Back" in my high school senior yearbook

I was born at home in my parents' bedroom

My dream is to someday open a bakery called Sugartown





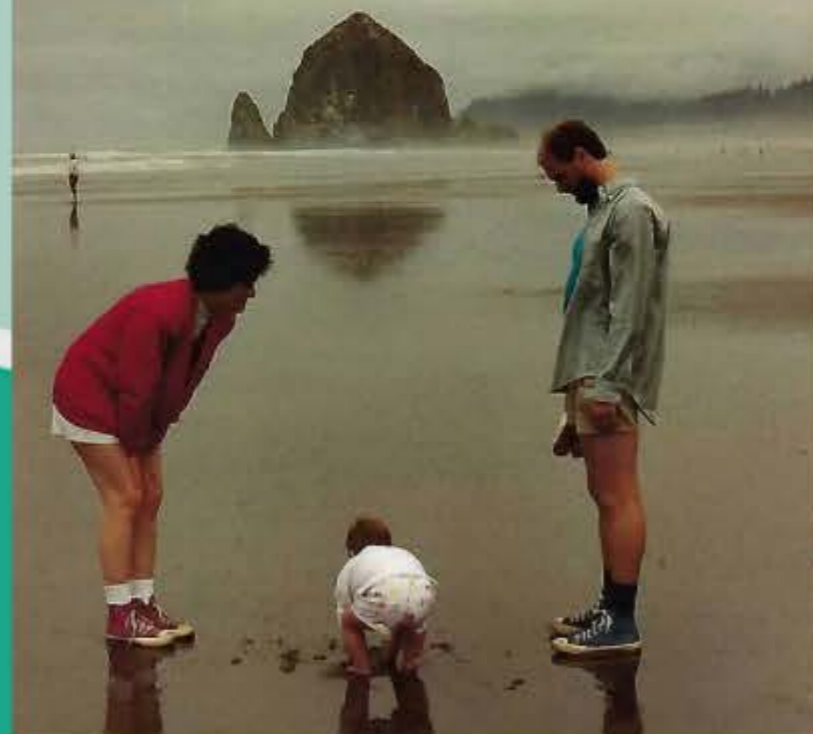
Adventures with my brother's kids



My brother Dave is 12 years older than me and we have different dads, but we've always been super close despite our age difference. He used to babysit me often growing up and is very protective. I've always looked up to him and I see him as a positive role model, both as a sibling and as a father to his kids.

I've loved being able to play a large role in his kids' lives and watching them grow up. I nannied for his twins the year they were two and he jokes it was the perfect payback for him having to change my diapers so much when I was a baby.

When I was little, we would take family trips to the Oregon coast every summer. I loved riding bikes on the beach, building sandcastles and flying kites. Tiff and I still try to visit the coast every once in a while with my mom, and it's so fun to visit all the same places we used to go while I was growing up.



I love finding the humor in things and making people laugh. Being funny and laughing with people is really at the core of who I am. Finding the humor in life, especially when it feels like things aren't going exactly as planned, helps keep me grounded and reminds me that life is fleeting and you might as well enjoy it!



Holding a baby alligator named Killer!



OUR HOME

We purchased our home in 2015 and have steadily been updating it to fit our personalities and needs. Katie has built bookshelves, painted, and upgraded hardware. Our most used room is definitely the kitchen. We love having friends and family over for dinner. Our walls are covered with art from our friends, artists we admire, and our own creations. On sunny days, Tiff barbecues on our patio while Frida sunbathes and Katie finds something to tinker with.



We live in Seattle and absolutely love it. Our weekdays are spent wandering around the numerous parks and trails near our house. In the summertime, we hop on our bikes and ride to Lake Washington to swim and get some sun. On Friday mornings, we walk to a Filipino bakery and grab an apple fritter to celebrate the end of the week. We also live in a cross section of culture - between a lively Latino cultural center, a Black art museum, and the International district which provides an explosion of flavor and culture from different Asian countries.



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD





OUR FAMILY

Tiff's family lives in the Bay Area and we usually visit a few times a year. We usually take the BART into San Francisco, hang out with Tiff's brother Victor, and eat a lot of delicious Vietnamese home cooking while we're there! And we always go to dim sum with her parents at least once. We spend Thanksgiving with Tiff's family as well. Her cousin is a photographer, so every year we take a family photo. We like the goofy photos the best. It's fun having a photo each year to look back on and see how everyone has grown up.



Katie's family lives in and around Seattle, so we're able to spend lots of time with them. We spend Christmas with Katie's family and always give our nieces and nephew "experience" gifts. One year we took Bitty (AKA Elizabeth) to a fancy restaurant. She came dressed in a suit and ordered the clam linguine because she was feeling adventurous. We took Michael to a Seattle Mariner's game and let him have both ice cream AND cotton candy! That same year we took their older sister Helen to see a Hello Kitty exhibit at the Museum of Pop Culture.

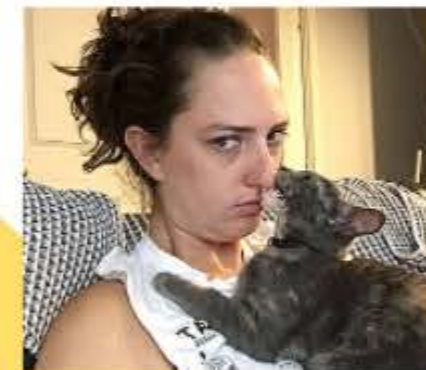




Our favorite holiday is Halloween. Our costumes are usually a little unconventional and always homemade. We love going to the pumpkin patch, carving pumpkins, handing out candy to neighborhood kids, and celebrating Halloween with friends. We can't wait to dress up our future kiddo!



Katie was able to recreate Tiff's childhood Garfield costume a few years ago using the same exact sewing pattern Tiff's mom had used for the original costume!



FRIDA!



This is our beautiful kitty, Frida Katlo, named after the artist Frida Kahlo. She has a lot of personality and is very vocal. She loves to sleep and especially loves to eat, and is a great guard cat - she growls whenever someone rings the doorbell. She loves relaxing outside on the patio with us (even in the snow)!



TRAVEL

Libson, Portugal



Long Beach, WA



Katie posing with giant wheels of cheese at Borough Market in London!



At the Eiffel tower in the snow!



Kurashiki, Japan



Tiff snorkeling in Hawaii



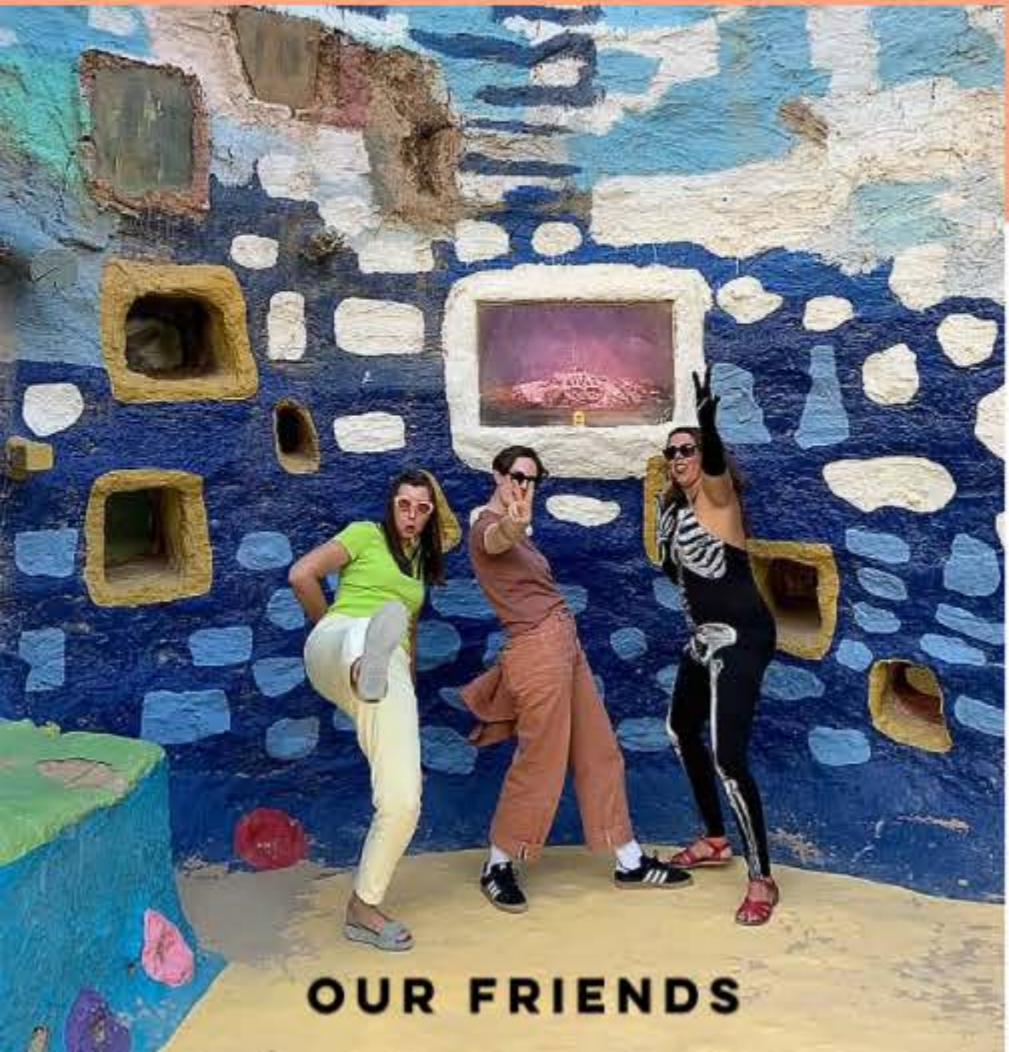
Salvation Mountain in Joshua Tree, CA



Cannon Beach, OR

We love to travel together. Tiff grew up all over the world, and her love for travel has carried through into our relationship. We try to take an international trip every couple years, as well as small trips to visit family and friends several time a year. We love experiencing new cultures, foods, and customs in our travels, and are excited to bring our child along on our adventures!

Our friends are really important to us. We are very social people and spend a lot of time with our friends, for special events, birthdays, vacations, and everything in between. We have friends here in Seattle, as well as in New York, LA, San Francisco, Chicago, and all across the US. We love traveling to visit friends whenever we can. A few years ago, we took a trip to Las Vegas with some friends to see the Backstreet Boys live :)



DREAMS FOR OUR CHILD & OPEN ADOPTION ASPIRATIONS

We chose to adopt because we want to become parents and we have a lot of love to give! We have many people in our lives that we aren't biologically related to but that we love like family. Our promise to you is that this child will know unconditional love, not only from us, but from our friends and family as well. Our home will be one filled with uncontrollable laughter, patience, and understanding.

We want to provide our child with a home where they feel safe in expressing their feelings, wants, and dreams. We would never want them to feel like they had to hide any part of themselves in shame. As a kid, Tiffany would always have dinner at the table together and we'd like to continue that tradition. We want to show them the world, in all its flaws and beauty and give them the tools to navigate it and make a positive impression on the lives they touch. We hope that our kid and Frida (our cat) become best buds and live up to their rascal nature.

We hope that their birth parents/family also feel able to communicate freely with us. We hope to welcome our child's birth family into our family. We want to build a relationship that works best for you - whether that be through sharing photos, texts, phone calls and in-person visits. We specifically chose open adoption because trust, transparency, and openness are values that are core to us as a family already. We believe openness is fundamental to building strong family relationships. Together, we hope to create memories that last a lifetime.

