

# Jordan & Ed





## Dear Expectant Parent(s),

Thank you so much for picking up our book and turning to the first page—a hopeful first step towards getting to know a bit about us and our journey!

We hope we can offer a glimpse into the life we've built together. Now, we're ready to expand our family and nurture a child with love, warmth, support, encouragement, and positivity!

With Love,  
Ed and Jordan





# Our Story

Like many modern-day love stories, ours is a fairy-tale that kicked off online! Ed, a native Californian, was visiting Austin in early 2018 and started swiping on the apps. Jordan caught his eye and they started chatting. **During our first date, we felt such a deep connection and knew we HAD to explore it.**

The next day, Ed flew back home to LA. We knew we couldn't wait to see each other again, so Ed didn't waste a minute, booking a flight **back to Austin just two weeks later.** From there, it was all about daily texts and calls, late night FaceTimes and lots and lots of flights!

Exactly one year later, Ed made a huge decision: to make Austin his forever home. Then came Ed's birthday surprise for Jordan—a proposal! **Fast forward to 2021, and we're saying "I do" surrounded by our loved ones in a dreamy LA wedding.**

Ever since then, we've been exploring the world together, savoring new experiences, and creating magical memories. **Our journey is a testament to the power of love, persistence, and the belief that true connections are worth every mile traveled.**

Now, stepping into the next chapter of our story, **we're hoping to expand our family!**



**Our wedding Save The Date!**



**Our "big day!"**



# All About Ed (In Jordan's Words)

Moroccan Night Markets

When I first met Ed, I knew I had found someone super special. Ed is the most loyal person I know and a huge source of strength in my life. **He loves with his entire soul** – whether that is me, his family or his extended group of friends (so many friends!) **He will always make time for everyone**, to celebrate their successes or give them a shoulder to cry on when they need it.

Ed works in marketing, and his creativity is endless. He's always dreaming up ways to make things beautiful and interesting. He's very outgoing and lights up every room he walks into. **His warmth draws people to him like a magnet.** What I adore the most is his fun-loving and sometimes wacky spirit. He can find joy in the simplest of things, and his playfulness keeps our lives **filled with excitement.**

In him, I've found not just a partner, but a confidant, a best friend, and my biggest cheerleader. His boundless love fills me with gratitude. As we look to the adventures ahead, I can't wait to see him surround our child with the same **love, compassion, and support that he always provides for me.** I just know he'll be the most fun dad – **bringing smiles and joy and laughter** to every minute of every day.



Glamming it up!



With Godson Ben!



**Wild Animal  
Trash Pandas!  
(Raccoons)**

**90s Movie  
Clueless**



Keeping cool in Hawaii!

**Non-Chocolate Candy  
Hi Chews**



Pretending to work at the Pentagon!



Norway Fjord Readiness!

**Female Rapper  
Nicki Minaj**

**Cheese  
Gouda**

**Cuisine  
Korean**

# Ed's Faves

**Color  
Green**



Having a chat with Linda!

**Guilty Pleasure TV  
Love Island**

**Vegetable  
Cucumbers**



heart emoji!

**Snack  
Flamin Hot Cheetos**



## Fun Fact About Ed

He has met Ryan Gosling not ONCE but TWICE and Ryan actually remembered him the second time!



# All About Jordan (In Ed's Words)



kissin' in the bluebonnets

**Jordan is the best person that I have ever known.** His heart is so incredibly pure, and he has the biggest capacity to love - which shows in the empathy and compassion he has for everyone around him. His career in occupational therapy for kids with special needs shows who he is as a person – **warm, kind, patient and nurturing.**

**Like a true Virgo, Jordan loves to plan and organize!** While my head might sometimes be up in the clouds, Jordan's feet are always firmly planted on solid ground. He's incredible at turning ideas into action (especially when planning our trips together!)

I might be making him sound way more serious than he is - Jordan knows how to let loose too! He's goofy and funny and loves to sing along to 90s country in the car. Whether we're with family and friends or exploring new places together, **he always knows how to make every moment count.**

There is no one else that I would want to be on this fatherhood journey with. **His nurturing spirit will create such a loving, safe, and supportive environment for our family** and my little Virgo will keep our family on a stable path towards a fun-filled and exciting future!



Snoozin' with Linda



"Ed made me do this"



Cooking my famous chili!



**Fruit  
Pineapple**

## **Fun Fact About Jordan**

Jordan once won tickets on the radio to see Liz Phair and was invited to an almost-private concert for 10 people!

**Sports Team  
Dallas  
Cowboys**



**Female Rapper  
Megan Thee  
Stallion**



Carrying Linda around

# Jordan's Faves

**Smell  
Puppy  
Breath**

**Singer  
Kacey  
Musgraves**

**Dessert  
Creme  
Brulee**

**Actress Under the  
Age of 40  
Aubrey Plaza**

**Saturday Activity  
Brunch &  
Farmers  
Market**



I love shave ice in Hawaii!

**Pizza Topping  
Cupping  
Pepperoni**



Snackin' in Stockholm

**Ice Cream Flavor  
Jeni's Goopy Butter Cake**



# THINGS WE ♥

## ADVENTURES!

We love seeing the world and experiencing new cultures! From road-tripping all over the US, to running across fields in Austria and getting lost on Korean subways, we always know how to make the most out of every opportunity we are given to see the world. **Adventures with a kid – now THAT’S a real adventure!**

## FOOD!

We love to explore new restaurants and cook for each other and our friends. We especially love tasting pastries and ice cream everywhere we visit! Ed’s the more adventurous eater and will (probably) try almost anything! **What taste buds will we unlock in our child? Only time will tell!**

## POP CULTURE!

We especially love movies from the 90s and early 2000s (both Ed and Jordan can almost quote “Clueless” from beginning to end), listening (and horribly singing along to) music of all kinds, Korean dramas and spy thrillers on Netflix (Ed) and old black and white movies and 90s sitcoms (Jordan.) **We’re sure we will find endless ways to embarrass our child with our tastes in music!**



Seoul,  
South Korea



Seoul,  
South Korea



Joshua  
Tree



Vienna,  
Austria



# WE



# Ice cream



# HAWAII



One of our favorite places on this earth is Hawaii! Whether it's laying on the warm sands at the beach, snorkeling, hiking up trails to beautiful waterfalls or experimenting with shave ice flavor combos, we always make every island getaway a new and exciting adventure. **We can't wait for our little one to experience that spirit of "Aloha"!**



In a cone, in a cup, in a sundae or on a stick - we love ice cream in all its delicious forms! We're always on the hunt for local frozen treats on our travels - finding hidden local gems and hand-churned goodies. What kid (of any age!) **DOESN'T LOVE ice cream? We're so excited to share that sweet passion for ice cream with our kid(s)!**





# Family and Friends

Jordan and Ed both come from very close-knit families.

Jordan's parents, Terri and Reggie, are both native-Texans. They love to garden, host dinners and travel in their RV along with their dogs, Piper and Paisley. Jordan's older brother, Dusty, works in IT and loves to game. His younger sister, Kelsey, is a nurse and her partner, Mark, is a swim instructor. They love to cook and host get-togethers and are both really great at trivia. Everyone lives in Leander, about 40 minutes from Austin, and we love to get together regularly for family meals and game nights. Jordan also has loads of aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews that he is very close with.



Thanksgiving with Jordan's family



Ed's friends at their annual holiday bowl!



Ed's family at the wedding



Ed's mom and dad!

Ed's parents, Sook and Woo, were both born in South Korea and emigrated over 50 years ago! They live in Chevy Chase, Maryland and are both retired. Ed is the baby of the family and his oldest brother, KC, lives in California with his wife Francesca and their dogs. He has three grown kids, Alex, Kathy and Kevin who are all spread out around the country. Ed's older sister, Sue, lives around the corner from their parents with her husband, Sydney. Her youngest son, Nathaniel, just headed to college this year in New Orleans, and his older brother, Matthew, is already a senior at Emory College in Atlanta. Ed is super close with his nephews and has watched them grow from cute little kids into responsible adults.

**Both sides of the family can't WAIT for our new addition!  
Everyone's already making name suggestions and planning out their visits!**



# Spotlight on Sue!



Name: **Sue**

Relationship: **Ed's older sis**

Occupation: **Lawyer**

Loves: **Her dog Hopper**

**Aunt Sue can't wait to meet her future niece or nephew! (She's secretly hoping for a girl so that she can dress her up like she couldn't do with her two boys!)**

# Spotlight on Kelsey!



Name: **Kelsey**

Relationship: **Jordans' baby sis**

Occupation: **Nurse**

Loves: **Making pasta from scratch!**

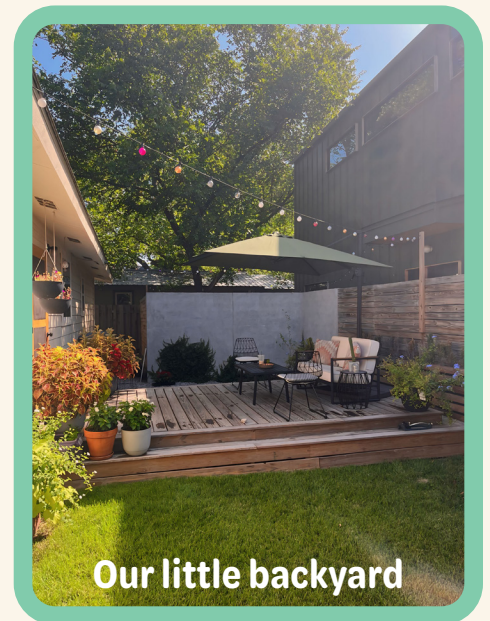
**Aunt Kelsey and her partner Mark live together in Leander with two dogs and two cats! She LOVES kids and can't wait to babysit!**





# About Our Home

We live in a sweet little one-story, three-bedroom, two-bathroom house nestled in the diverse and vibrant South Austin area. Our neighborhood is super community-oriented with lots of tree lined streets, tons of people on walks with their dogs, and plenty of kids running around and riding their bikes. We have a cute backyard where we grow blackberries and where Linda, our dog, has space to run around and get her zoomies. Everything in our home is focused around our central living space, where we love to cook and eat and hang out together. **We can't wait to cozy up with popcorn on the couch with a little one for family movie nights!**





# Kids & Dogs

We are ALWAYS surrounded by kids and dogs. Between the two of us, we have too many nieces and nephews to count - and that's not including all of our friends' kids!

**We love spending time with the little ones as much as we can - let's call it "preparation" for the future!**

We also LOVE dogs. Both of us have grown up with dogs all our lives and in 2019, we added our little LINDA to the mix. Linda is the sweetest half Dachshund/half Schnauzer, who loves to cuddle up on the couch, bark at dogs on TV, and run around our backyard. Her favorite snacks are Milk Bones, rotisserie chicken and carrots!



Ed and his Godson Ben!



Jordan with Linda on her gotcha day!

Jordan and Ed with their friends' twins!



Ed and Linda hanging on the couch







**Jordan with the kiddos!**



**Jordan's niece and nephew!**

## **Our Thoughts on Parenting**

For us, parenting is about **creating a warm and nurturing environment where our children will feel cherished and supported.** We strive to be role models, offering gentle guidance and limitless love as they navigate life. We believe in the power of positive reinforcement and celebrating their unique qualities and achievements. **Being a multi-racial family, we want to instill pride in self, empathy towards others and respecting all the differences that makes each person special.** Our greatest joy will be watching them grow into compassionate, confident people, and we will cherish every moment of this beautiful adventure. ♥

**Ed on a walk with his niece Lula!**



**Ed being silly with his godkids!**







We would like to take a moment to say thank you for considering us as potential parents for your baby. Your strength and courage in making this decision is truly inspiring, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to be part of your journey.

**If you choose us, your little one will be welcomed into a home filled with warmth, laughter, and adventure. We'll be there for every milestone, big and small, and we'll make sure they grow up surrounded by love, support, and endless opportunities to explore and learn. Open adoption is very important to us both and we hope to maintain a great relationship with you moving forward. All that FaceTiming we did while we were dating has prepared us for "keeping in touch!"**

Thank you again for flipping through these pages. Your decision means the world to us, and we promise to always cherish and honor the gift you're giving.

*With love and gratitude,  
Ed and Jordan*





*Thank  
You!*

