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The photo above is Julie Cabral's younger sister Iris. At 19 years-old, Cabral has already published a photography book. [The book](#), which is untitled, was originally going to be about her father who left her family when she was young. The project pushed Cabral to reconnect with her dad. "I wanted to see if he could send me pictures of himself because I forgot what he looked like," said Cabral.

But as the project evolved, it morphed into something different -- a photo book about all the people she's been able to love because her father left, including her stepfather, her littlest sister, and her boyfriend Jonathan.

Cabral is a photography major at Santa Monica College, and is also taking photography classes at [Venice Arts](#) in Venice, CA. As you skim through the images from Cabral's collection, there are several black and white portraits of her little sister Iris and her boyfriend Jonathan. Iris is doing goofy things with her toys, or making faces at the camera, and each image is accompanied by one or two lines about their relationship.

There are no pictures of Cabral herself -- she says she is represented in the landscape photos at the beginning and end of the book. "The first one is Santa Monica Pier. I always went to the beach when I was little. Every time I'm at the beach, I feel calm. Nothing is bothering me. There's no problems. That's what I like about it," she said.

She's working on another photo book now about her stepfather who is currently being detained by Immigration Services. "I really do care about him, but there's always been this gap between us. Now he's been gone for three months, and my little sister is like, 'Where's my dad?' It's heartbreaking for me to see her like that because it reminds me of me," said Cabral.

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