

make them breakfast, I get them to school, and there's a ton of washing going on all the time. My 8-year-old is going through a thing where he's not interested in taking showers. He's so excited to get out into the day. But I'll say, "Let's go, everyone! Um, Cal, did you take a shower?" And he'll say, "I forgot." The first time it happened I thought, Am I going to be Simon Legree and tell him to go take a shower? Then, I thought, Yes, even though he's standing there fully dressed, that's exactly what I'm going to do!

**How do you keep the kids from being overwhelmed by stardom?**

By letting them be regular kids. One of the things I love most about raising them in New York City is that entertainment isn't the only game in town. I would hate for them to feel undervalued if they chose to do something different, say, to become chemists or teachers, which can be marvelously rewarding but in totally different ways than being a movie star is rewarding. I love talking to my kids about what they love to do, what they can achieve, what they value, whether it's Cal and his love for electric guitar or Liv and her gymnastics. Passions are so important for kids to have. My parents told me again and again that I could be anything I wanted to be, and it really gave me the confidence to try. I needed that. That's love. My hope is to give my kids that same reassurance.

**In many ways, you do appear to have everything: great kids, a loving husband, a high-flying career. Is it as easy as it looks?**

Ha! I struggle as much as any woman I know to keep some sense of balance. Isn't that the essential issue for women in modern life? How do you have children, a love life, a job, friends, and not go absolutely insane trying to work it all out? But what I love about this time in history is that women have the option to attempt all those things. Even in my mother's generation, it was rare

for a woman to be a career woman without compromising, say, an intimate relationship. The trick these days is to value that freedom. But is it easy? No way!

**In the past two years, you've worked on seven movies. What's first to go? Do you have time for friends?**

Sadly—and I'm sure REDBOOK readers can relate to this—it's that time that suffers the most when you're working and your kids are little. If I'm working all day, the last thing I feel like doing is being away from my children at night. I don't want to go out for dinner, even

of girl time on a half-hour run. My girlfriend Hope Davis [Moore's costar in *The Myth of Fingerprints*] has a kid who's the same age as Liv, so we try to take them to gymnastics on Fridays, which means for 45 minutes, while the children are tumbling, Hope and I are just talk-talk-talk-talk-talk! That time is so exciting! And if we're lucky enough that the kids feel like coming over and playing at our place or—whoa!—decide to nap, that's another 45 minutes, which is just pure bliss. But, seriously, the time I used to spend saying to girlfriends, "Let's go to the movies" or "Let's go for coffee"—that's gone!



Left: Julianne and Bart with daughter Liv at the NBA's 2006 All-Star Game in Houston, TX. Below: Julianne hits the New York City sidewalks with her son, Cal.

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with my closest friends, if I know I can be cozing up at home instead.

**Are there times when it does work out to see them?**

When my friend Ellen [Barkin] and I get together, it's usually with our kids. We'll go swimming at her pool. Or we'll have a holiday dinner where all the kids get together. I also like exercising with girlfriends. You can get in a lot

**What about your romantic life? When do you and Bart find alone time?**

We figure it out, but it can get tough. Half the time, by the end of the day, you're so exhausted that even if you've made a date, you get in bed and things go kaput. But you never stop trying. Tonight, the kids are going to a friend's house and they might have dinner there, so Bart and I may try to sneak in a little time. ▶