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A confessional, uplifting memoir from the beloved YouTube personality.

It's not where you begin that matters.

It's where you end up.

Twenty-three year old Joey Graceffa has captured the hearts of millions of teens and young adults through his playful, sweet, and inspirational YouTube presence (not to mention his sparkling eyes and perfect hair). Yet, Joey wasn't always comfortable in his skin, and in this candid memoir, he thoughtfully looks back on his journey from pain to pride, self-doubt to self-acceptance.

To his fans, Joey is that best friend who always captures the brighter side of life but also isn't afraid to get real. In the pages of his first book, he opens up about his years of struggling with family hardships and troubles at school, with cruel bullying and the sting of rejection. He tells of first loves and losses, embarrassing moments and surprising discoveries, loneliness, laughter, and life-changing forks in the road, showing us the incalculable value of finally finding and following your true passion in this world. Funny, warm-hearted, and inspiring, Joey Graceffa's story is a welcome reminder that it's not where you begin that matters, but where you end up.

In Real Life: My Journey to a Pixelated World Details

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Hannah R. says

It was a good book but it took a while to become interesting

Nicole King says

I really want to read This book I am reading girl online and it looks great sooo joey I hope you write more books I don't even have to read it to now its good

Kade Boehme says

Cute, well done little inspiring memoir. Def good read for the young adult/late teen crowd. Good job Joey G.

Spencer says

You have the power and control to be whatever you want to be, no matter where you start out in life.

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Let me start off by saying that I love Joey Graceffa. I've been watching his videos since 2013, and I think he was one of the first YouTube-rs I ever watched. So, you would think that I would know that he would be releasing a book, right?

I literally had no clue. When I saw it just sitting on the shelf while perusing our local book store, I was like:

GIF's aside, I was *SO* happy to see it. I'm not necessarily a non-fiction fan, but I have been enjoying memoirs lately. And, it's Joey Graceffa, so of course I picked it up! I really liked it, too! I had no idea at all what Joey had been through; He had an alcoholic mother, he was getting teased and bullied constantly, he was in special-ed classes, he was trying to make a name for himself, he was having issues with his sexuality, and he was getting rejected by his dream college. I think that made him stronger, though. The world is harsh, but it made him stronger after everything he went through. In contrast to everything he was going through, he still was having fun. There were so many funny stories, awkward moments, awkward dates, and fun experiences.

Joey Graceffa is wise beyond his years. I really have a deeper appreciation for his videos because whenever the cameras turned off, he was still going through a lot. I really liked this book though; it's very well written. 4 Stars!!

Now, this is the portion that I'm most excited for: Joey-y stuff! You can stop reading now if you want. If you don't want to, here be pictures of one of my baes.

A picture of Joey and his book. Good job, Joey!

The following are just pictures of his attractiveness. I might have a slight problem. ^-^

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I'll mention it one more time. I love Joey Graceffa. <3

### **Leah H. says**

As I expected I would, I really enjoyed this book! It was really interesting learning about his life before YouTube, and how he got to where he is now. I recommend this to anyone who enjoys Joey's YouTube videos, anyone interested in YouTube in general, or to anyone looking for an engaging biography.

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## **Natasha says**

Why the hell did I subject myself to this? It was so much worse than I thought it would be.

Update:

I should add why I read it when I knew I wouldn't like it. Well, honestly Joey was a huge part of my life in 2012-2013. I stopped watching in October due to that whole driveway incident and he had been getting on my nerves for a while. But even still, I'd been curious. Why not give it a try? My library had it on eBook which was even better. But the writing was subpar, there were scenes written that sounded so fake (like his tongue getting stuck on an icy-pole?????) and he obviously couldn't remember exactly what people said but the way he wrote how people spoke was so irritating! No one talks the way he wrote them. I was expecting at least three stars but no, this book was awful and torture to get through.

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## **Bangadybangz says**

This is just what I needed right now. So full of the warm fuzzies ??

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## **Katie Rose Sorensen says**

I had never heard of this guy, nor seen any of his YouTube videos, but I read this to preview it for one of my 7th grade girls, and I was very pleasantly surprised. It's a compelling, real life story, even though it sounds like something an author would make up for a YA fiction book - main character is bullied because he acts feminine, mother has to go to rehab because of alcoholism multiple times, little brother has autism, boy learns to accept the fact that he's gay, has awkward first dates and first kisses and first break-ups. It wasn't a fantastic work of literature, but it was a decently well-written memoir of being young in today's world, and I think a lot of teens will love it and find some great messages.

As far as a recommended age, it really depends on the kid. It's written at about a 5th-grade reading level, but that might be a bit young for some of the themes, which including graduating, going to college, then leaving college to move to LA and pursue your dreams. The dating and relationship content is quite mild - there's kissing, making out, cuddling, even sleeping in the same bed as another guy, but nothing beyond that. No sex, and even several mentions of Joey saying he's going to wait for it to be special and wanting to take things slow with the guys he meets. There's a little bit of swearing. But I think the positive messages far outweigh any questionable content.

Each chapter ends with advice boxes - how to deal with bullies, ten reasons to be friends with your siblings, why your own imagination is better than your ipad, how to get out of a toxic friendship, favorite bands, favorite love songs, favorite break-up songs, cool websites for LGBTQ people. I remember loving that type of thing when I was younger.

My 7th grader is a struggling reader, and it can be hard to find something she's excited to read. Which is part of the reason I'm giving this 4 stars - anything that will get kids reading and is full of practical, positive messages is worth 4 stars in my book! I happily bought the book for my 7th grader, and I think she'll love it.

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### **Brigitte Cormier says**

This was one of the best books I have ever read! It's a memoir, but it makes you have all the feels just like a contemporary. I couldn't help grinning from ear to ear and cheering him on on all his adventures. Please pick Joey's book up. Even if you're not a subscriber to his channel, this book is definitely worth a read.

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### **Jessica says**

I just want to give Joey a hug. I loved it.

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### **Mazzy says**

I enjoyed the book guilty pleasure style.

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### **Hannah says**

Can I hug you Joey? This by far is the best book I've ever read by a YouTuber!

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### **Ally C says**

This is probably one of my favorite books, I have always had an interest in this book sense it came out, I recommend this book to every one

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### **Peter Monn says**

The fact that this "memoir" has received anything more than 1 star is hilarious. Horribly written and almost impossible to get through without throwing it in the trash. Please don't write an updated memoir in five years.

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### **Farith says**

#### **4.5 stars.**

I didn't expect to like this book. I mean, I'm not a HUGE fan of Joey Graceffa but I've seen his videos. I thought this book was going to be very superficial but no. I also didn't know that he had a very hard childhood so when he talked about it in this book I felt bad for him.

The message of the book is great: loving yourself and not caring about what other people say. I know it's an overused quote, but at the time when I was reading this book, it was something that I actually needed and I'm glad I picked it up when I did.

A lot of people have been struggling about reading YouTubers books. Sometimes we have to leave out the writing style and all the details that a professional author can give us and focus on the great story that's behind the book.

(Just leaving this gif here cause cmon joey is bae)

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