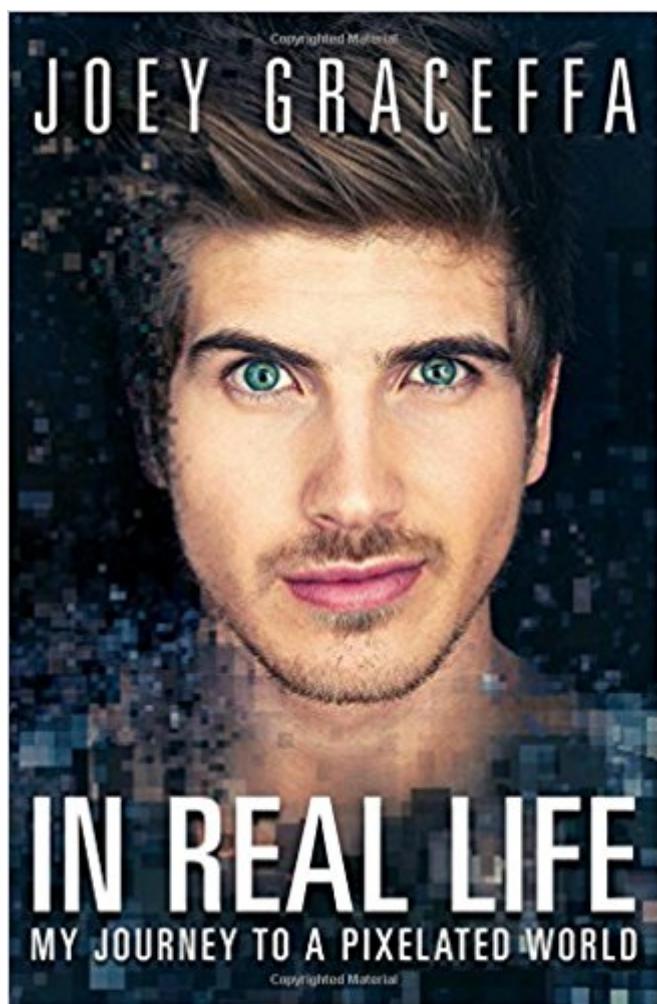


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# In Real Life: My Journey To A Pixelated World



## Synopsis

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.

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"If this isn't bravery, we don't know what is." (Teen Vogue)"Fun, lighthearted, and touching" (The Daily Beast)"In Real Life is not only an eye-opening read, it's a good reminder to young adults that they don't really know the people they follow on YouTube or Instagram as well as they think they do. What happens is a more complicated story." (Metro)

Joey Graceffa is a leading digital creator, actor, and producer, best known for his scripted and vlog work with YouTube. His memoir, In Real Life: My Journey to a Pixelated World, was published in 2015 and became an instant New York Times bestseller. Joey ranked third on Variety's 2015 #Famechangers lists and has been featured in publications such as People, Forbes, Entertainment Weekly, and The Hollywood Reporter. In 2013, between his daily vlogs and gameplay videos, he produced and starred in his own Kickstarter-funded supernatural series, Storytellers, for which he won a Streamy Award. In 2016, he debuted Escape the Night, a "surreality" competition series for YouTube Red that will return for a second season in the summer of 2017. Joey's other interests include a proprietary accessories/home decor line called Crystal Wolf and supporting various nonprofit organizations for literacy, children's health and wellness, and animal welfare. For more information, please visit [ChildrenofEdenBook.com](http://ChildrenofEdenBook.com).

I've been trying to decide how to word this review forever, I've wavered back and forth about how personal I should make it...I decided to go with a more personal review of why I felt so strongly about the book...Warning, this will probably be long..., TLDR at the bottom. My 11 year old started in the special education program at 9 months old. He had a form of infantile epilepsy and it was standard to start early intervention as young as possible to hopefully prevent future issues. Now, at 11, he hasn't had a seizure in 9 years, and he is in his first year of junior high, he is in all grade level classes, and he is doing really well with them, but he does still have an hour of resource room a day, where he can get help on anything he didn't understand in class from a special ed teacher, while doing his homework from the day, and 90 minutes of speech therapy a week. He has always preferred toys, movies, books etc that are geared towards girls. Princesses, ponies, unicorns, rainbows and ladybugs are now, and have always been, his favorite things. We've had many conversations about gender, and after discussing what trans means for awhile, about 4 years ago, he said "but, what if I'm just a boy, and I like being a boy, but I like to do girl things, and wear girls clothes? Aren't their adults who are boys but just like to do and wear girl things?". To which I replied, "well, of course." and turned on an episode of drag race. Tonight I spent nearly an hour doing his hair to get a tiara to stay, as he is elsa for halloween this year. These things, especially the speech impediment and effeminacy, have of course been an issue with his peers, though, he does have an amazingly great group of friends, they've been friends for years now, who always stick up for him, and he has always been great at sticking up for himself, and his friends, as well. So, while I would of

read, and liked, the book no matter what, cause, despite being way too old to be in his normal demographic, I've loved joey since the first time I saw a him, in a colab on another channel. But, the reason I ended up not just liking, but loving, this book so much was that it felt like this was a book written specifically for my kid. That's a very specific, and very small niche, I know, but it definitely is the first book I've come across that fit that particular niche. Not that I even knew I was looking for that. Immediately after finishing it I started reading it out loud to him. He already knew who joey was, cause he loves minecraft, so that was also fun, for him. So, yea... Thanks Joey, you made a kid extremely happy with proof that he wasn't actually alone. I included a picture of him dressed as elsa tonight, and one with his older sister, as they were leaving to go trick or treating. tl;dr- This felt like an it gets better novel, but it also felt like an it gets better novel written specifically for my child.

As a person who is typically older then his normal fan base (27) I couldn't set this book down. The more I read, the more things started to click. I am a huge YouTuber so I have followed Joey along with fellow vlogers for quite some time, and I say this in the least stalker way possible lol. So this book is like a holy grail, it's like having a chance to have permission to read you sisters diary! It's full of advice, and gives some tips about how to handle some situations. He also talks more about his family and friends that you don't get in his short vlogs. It's also definitely not Fifty Shades of Grey but it does go into his love life, and let's just say his soft lips begin kissing something ;) and your going to have to read the book to find out who or what that may be. Overall, this was a great book, I highly recommend it! This book was hard to put down, My dog sat at my side while I read this outside all day (well until it was finished)!

This book is really, really, really good. I love Joey so much. I've been a fan since mid-2012 and even now never thought I can know Joey as much as I do now. As creepy as it may sound, it's like you're hearing a friend tell you stories. You want to react and respond but then it hits you that it's just a book. So I tweet Joey but of course he doesn't respond. This book will make you obsessed with Joey. The writing is fantastic, Joey finds a way to bring you into his world. I'm not a fan of the cover, but hey it's a nice headshot of Joey so really I shouldn't complain! Anyhow, if you're not a fan or are I think you'll enjoy this book. You'll honestly become closer to Joey in a way that only the closest of friends in real life can be. :) I say buy it, better than graces if I'm being honest. (Still love her though) Throwing Shade since 97' @juancamachosd on Twitter

This book is amazing! I have watched Joey's Youtube videos for a few years now and I have always

loved them. This book is so beautifully written and gives a glimpse into Joey's life from a baby until now. It is sad at parts, but the way Joey explains what he went through and experienced as a child, and how that has impacted him, and what others can do going through something similar is just amazing. It made me really appreciate my life and everything I have had growing up. Reading this book also allowed me to get to know Joey better, and now I feel as though we are best friends despite never having actually met him before (That's on my bucket list!). I am a writer myself and have often thought about writing a memoir of my own and after reading Joey's I am inspired. I know it will not be nearly as amazing as this one, but knowing that if he could write a book detailing so many personal things about his life than I can!

Being an older gentleman from Palm Springs I fell in love with Joey's personality on the Amazing Race; he was sweet and funny and confident; after the Amazing Race I watched a few of his You Tube posts and became more curious about the real person and his life, as well as what You Tube is and how it works. I ordered this book the day it came out and read it in a couple of days. It really did connect all the dots and answer questions about who he is and how he got there. I especially admire his independence and his willingness and ability to cross lines that need to be crossed by producing his own film Storytellers, which I hope to acquire and view soon. It will be fun to watch his life as he grows and takes on more challenges; I'm sure we'll see him in a major production film some day soon. T. Johnson, Palm Springs

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