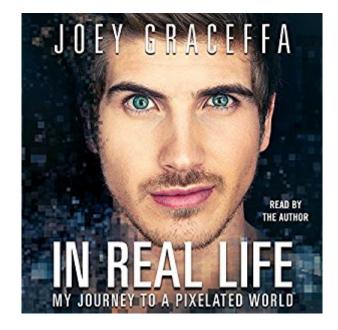
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Synopsis

A confessional, uplifting memoir from the beloved YouTube personality. Joey Graceffa has captured the hearts of more than a million teens and young adults through his playful, sweet, and inspirational online presence. Yet Joey wasn't always comfortable in his skin, and this memoir features the YouTube darling at his most candid, taking us on his journey from pain to triumph. Joey opens up about his most intimate struggles with familial hardship, educational setbacks, bullying, and rejection, sharing his story in the hopes that his young listeners will remember that it's cool to be different, that growing up can really freaking suck, and that even if it sometimes feels like too much, things can and will get better. As Joey likes to say, "You're all beautiful for spacious skies, and don't let anyone ever tell you you're not!"

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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.

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