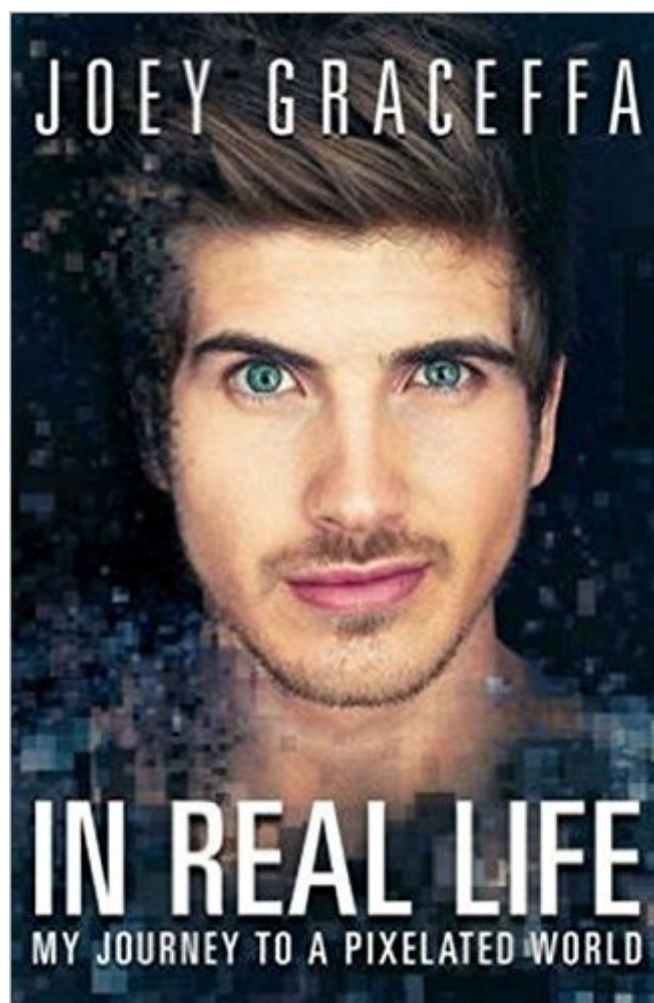


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# In Real Life: My Journey To A Pixelated World



## 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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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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