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Publication Date: June 5, 2001 Ever wonder what it would take to turn all of your dreams into reality? In The Life You Imagine, All-Star New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter shows how you can use the same game plan that helped an eight-year-old boy who fantasized about playing baseball for the Bronx Bombers grow up and become MVP of the 2000 World Series. With the help and support of both of his parents, Derek developed a practical program that would assist him in achieving all of his personal and professional aspirations-and now he shares his secrets to success so that you can get closer to living your dream, too.

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James Hanley says

The Life You Imagine: Life Lessons for Achieving Your Dreams, by Derek Jeter and Jack Curry, is a mix of a biography, and an interview. I would recommend to anybody that likes baseball, or any sport for that matter, because these lessons apply for a lot of things. When you hear the first few chapters of the book, you hear how hard his life was, he couldn't walk on the same side of the street as his dad, because his dad was black. His lessons teach you that you can overcome any obstacle. His most important lesson is that you can be anything or anyone you want, as long as you work hard, and try your best in everything you do. This is a great book, because lots of kids can relate, the only difference is that he overcame them and became a multimillionaire. His head never got swollen, and to prove it he set up a charity. I would recommend this book, because it teaches a lot.

Alex says

A book about inspiration and how to reach your goals and the life about Derek Jeter.

Riley says

My favorite baseball player is Derek Jeter and this was one of my favorite books

Andrew Marotta says

In the Book The Life You Imagine By Derek Jeter a biography, a story of a Young man with a big dream is told. Derek Jeter the author and main character of the book talks about life in general and gives many helpful tips on how to get through it and be more successful. Derek talks about how his life was hard in the beginning and how he fought through to get what he wanted. Derek had a dream of playing Professional Baseball and he tells us his story on how he is going to do it.

Derek Jeter walked into his parent's bedroom at eight years old and proudly announced that he was going to play Major league Baseball for the New York Yankees. Derek's parents told him what any parent would, and that was you can accomplish anything you put your mind to. From this day on Derek tells us about how he went from a little kid to possibly stepping on a major league diamond. Derek was the best player on his high school team and after his successful high school career he graduated and went straight from Kalamazoo to a minor league baseball team up in New York. Derek told us things about setting your goals high and dealing with growing pains and even things about listening to everything you are told. Derek goes on throughout his story telling us helpful things on how to be successful. Derek got a call one day after one of his minor league games from someone really important and special that Derek has been waiting to talk to his whole life. This man's words are going to change Derek's life forever.

I loved this book about Derek Jeter, he is one of the people in the world that I look up to, and also he is my favorite baseball player. I loved how many tips Derek gave in this book and I loved his whole story on how

he worked hard and never gave up. I enjoyed reading this book and learning things from Derek Jeter. I plan on trying to be just as successful as him.

T. A. Hampton says

If there is one word to define Derek Jeter, it would be passionate. From this book I gathered that he is (or was, I suppose, since he's now retired) an extremely hard-working and dedicated baseball player. He is passionate about what he does, and in this book endeavored to share that with others with the hope of inspiring others to pursue their own dreams. He makes some very good points and illustrates them well with anecdotes from his own personal experience. The writing style, however, is a bit rambling and repetitive. Overall, an enjoyable read.

David says

Liked it

HORSE says

I thought this book was good. It explained how Derek Jeter really followed his dreams and started his passion at a young age. I think the main character strength that stood out to me was his personality and how he handled certain things. Derek did everything in his life with a purpose, so he could one day accomplish his biggest goals. By working hard he was able to be a star player in Major League Baseball.

Andrew Brockley says

this book is a great book for baseball fans with dreams and for yankee fans it shows the amazing road of derek and how he got to the majors by his goals.

Sean Gardocki says

How far would you go to achieve excellence? How hard would you push yourself so that you are standing alone on top hovering over everyone knowing you earned your way here with all the hours you put into completing this goal.

Derek Jeter was just an ordinary boy who dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player one day like most kids would. But Derek wasn't just dreaming this he strived for this, expected this. Derek was always a good baseball player his whole life. Always practicing to achieve his goal and become a dominant baseball player. As he got older he got better and better because of all the long hours of hard work he put into this game. Jack Curry who wrote this book really captured what Jeter was trying to say throughout his life. I

think that he really summed up the message Derek Jeter is trying to show people in this book very well.

Derek Jeter may not be the world's most famous ball player, or be the highest paid athlete but one thing is for sure, if you work as hard as this man you will achieve whatever you lay your eyes on . In my eyes Derek Jeter is one of the most influential athletes to look upon as your role model, on and off the field.

This book showed many themes in it. Some of these themes were hatred, joy, loss, respect, honesty, determination, regret, and most of all love. Derek showed respect most when he was talking or with his parents because he understood what they've done for him and he knows what he must do to respect them whether it is following the agreement they made or from going to them for help. Loss, Derek had some tough times in his life whether it was from leaving his family to go play baseball or from the passing of his very close, respected, and most of all loved grandfather. But Derek fought through the loss because he knew what his grandfather wanted him to do and that was to accomplish his dreams.

Love is the one thing that kept him moving through his career in baseball. He loved four things in his life and that was God, family, friends, and baseball. These are what kept him from quitting or giving up hope. All the practice that he put in would not go to waste. His loved ones were with him everyday pushing him to the limit so that one day they can say that he accomplished what other people doubted and that was to play baseball for the Yankees. This is all significant to our day in age because everyone is trying to complete their goals whether it's getting good grades, a good job, being a good person, or whatever it is the point is that you have to give it your all and have no regrets and hopefully be happy with the outcome.

Caden Smith says

Characters and people

This book is a biography about Derek Jeter. All the people in the book are believable and they all have a reason for being mentioned in the book. The only person that is really talked about the whole book is Derek Jeter, but he is a very complete person. Derek Jeter has a very interesting background. His will and determination is part of the reason he was so successful in the major leagues and he is successful in life. Throughout his life he was a little bit of an underdog. When he was younger he told his parents that he was going to be a pro baseball player for the New York Yankees. The interactions between Derek and other people in the book are normally very positive and outgoing. In the biography Jeter is a very outgoing and happy guy. Derek Jeter never let anything get in the way of him achieving his dream.

Theme or Message

This book talks about many themes and life lessons. The first lesson the character learns is to never give up. Throughout his whole life Derek has had to deal with adversity. People and scouts would say "your too small" or "not a power hitter." It didn't matter what people said to him, Derek kept going and pursuing his dream to play in the Mlb. Another lesson Jeter learned is that family is the most important thing in life. No matter what he went through Derek's family was always there for him. When he told his parents that he wanted to be a pro baseball player, they encouraged it. Instead of telling him he couldn't do it they told him he could. Derek's family is one of the main reasons that he is where he is in life. The last lesson that was in the book is you always have to work hard. Derek didn't have the physical tools or advantages that some did, but he worked extremely hard to overcome that. A lot of people have talent, but are not willing to put in the work to get better. Derek Jeter never stopped working hard and is now one of the best pro baseball players ever.

. Derek Jeter got to where he is today through hardwork and determination. Overall this was a really good

read. I recommend this book to anyone who likes sports and autobiographies.

Dante says

when your younger your always told that if you work hard you will get to where you want to be. In this book The Life You Imagine , Derek Jeter shows to kids how his dreams came true. This book is about a autobiography of the New York Yankees short stop and how he got there. Throughout his life his parents were always rough on him with school and his grades, although Derek was an A student. When he was younger him and his parents developed a program that was to help him achieve his goals in life. I believe that Derek and his fellow co writer did a very good job of keeping the reader engaged in this story. The way they made this a page turner really kept you on the edge of your seat just waiting for something to happen. A well written story but I wouldn't call it beautiful, This isn't about a cite seer talking a tour on Hawaii, This is about a kid trying to form his life with baseball just from a small town(Kalamazoo, Michigan). I think the lesson in this book is if you stay on top of things you will achieve your goals, although there will be some bumps in the road you will get through it if you keep grinding. I believe the strangeness in this book was really good science setting, Almost feels like it forces you to keep reading. The weakness in this book are the similes. They don't have that rich description of everything. This book reminds me of my parents because Derek and mine , are both a like in ways where they want me to work really hard an they believe in me to achieve my goals. I would recommen this book to Miles Bergman and any other people that want to learn more about The Captain of the New York Yankees.

Grant Hidalgo says

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The Life You Imagine

I decided to read the book because Derek Jeter is my favorite player ever, and I wanted to learn more about his life growing up. It lived up to my expectations for sure. I did have a connection with this book, because it really shows how much Derek loved the game, which I do too.

If you don't believe in yourself, why should anyone else believe in you? We can be our own best friends or our own worst enemies. I have always vowed to be my own best friend by exhibiting a positive attitude."(76 Curry)

How do we form and shape our identities?

This quote shows that we form and shape our identities in one way. The best way to form our identity is by having confidence in yourself. If you don't have any confidence in yourself, then you won't be able to do anything in life. By having confidence, your identity changes and makes you a more positive person.

I recommend this book to any sports fan. Anyone who loves to hear how a legend grew up, would love this book. It just shows the life Derek had before he was a pro and legend. Also, I recommend this book to anyone who loves to hear a great story from starting as a kid who loved to play a game, to an adult who still plays the game the same way he did as he was little.

Payton B says

I am a huge fan of Derek Jeter, I believe the way he carried himself on and off the field was commendable. I am a bigger fan of him after reading this book. however, with this being said I gave this book only three stars. his was for a couple reasons. I personally felt that the book was written at a lower level than what I read at, so if I had read it earlier in my life I might have enjoyed it more. My second reason for giving the book three stars was because I found it extremely repetitive. I believe this was due to the fact that he was trying to make his points more memorable but it was a little much for me. With that being said I did enjoy certain parts of the book and did learn from reading the book.

Caden Bernardo says

I thought this book was good. It explained how Derek Jeter really followed his dreams and started his passion at a young age. I think the main character strength that stood out to me was Purpose. Derek did everything in his life with a purpose, so he could one day accomplish his biggest goals. By working hard with purpose, he was able to be a star player in the MLB.

Kurt Picarelli says

This book explained the life of Derek Jeter and how he always followed his dreams. He explained how to never give up and how important it is to be close to family and friends. From reading this story, I learned how to stay focused on my dreams regardless of what happens, and that dreams are important to have. My favorite aspects of the book were the parts when it talked about Jeter's struggles throughout life and how he overcame them such as being a very scrawny player in high school and having to bulk up in order to become even better. Also one of his early minor league seasons, he committed 56 errors in the field and batted around .200 and he was able to work even harder to have a better season the following year. In my opinion, the book as a whole was very good and I am glad that I read it because he is very influential. I would recommend that anyone in middle school or older should read this book so they know ahead of time what can happen in life and how to stay focused on what they want to accomplish in life. Personally I rate this book as a 5 because it was a fun book to read and portrayed a very powerful message.
