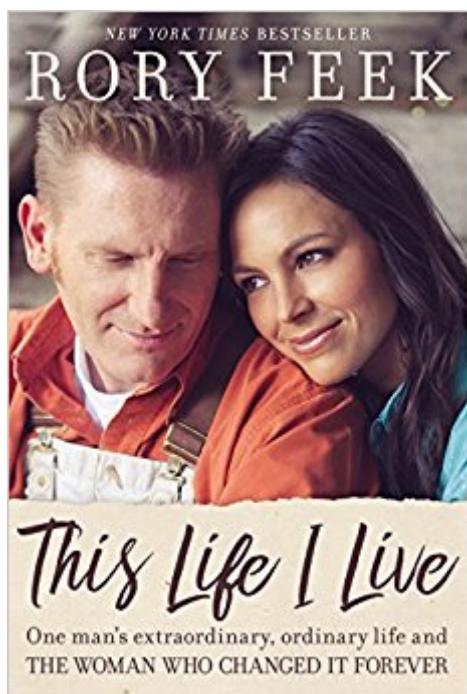


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This Life I Live: One Man's Extraordinary, Ordinary Life And The Woman Who Changed It Forever



Synopsis

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The story she said he was born to write. Her story. His story. The love story of Joey and Rory. By inviting so many into the final months of Joey's life as she battled cancer, Joey and Rory Feek captured hearts around the world with how they handled the diagnosis; the inspiring, simple way they chose to live; and how they loved each other every step of the way. But there is far more to the story. "My life is very ordinary," says Rory. "On the surface, it is not very special. If you looked at it, day to day, it wouldn't seem like much. But when you look at it in a bigger context—as part of a larger story—you start to see the magic that is on the pages of the book that is my life. And the more you look, the more you see. Or, at least, I do." In this vulnerable book, he takes us for the first time into his own challenging life story and what it was like growing up in rural America with little money and even less family stability. This is the story of a man searching for meaning and security in a world that offered neither. And it's the story of a man who finally gives it all to a power higher than himself and soon meets a young woman who will change his heart forever. In *This Life I Live*, Rory Feek helps us not only to connect more fully to his and Joey's story but also to our own journeys. He shows what can happen when we are fully open in life's key moments, whether when meeting our life companion or tackling an unexpected tragedy. He also gives never-before-revealed details on their life together and what he calls "the long goodbye," the blessing of being able to know that life is going to end and taking advantage of it. Rory shows how we are all actually there already and how we can learn to live that way every day. A gifted man from nowhere and everywhere in search of something to believe in. A young woman from the Midwest with an angelic voice and deep roots that just needed a place to be planted. This is their story. Two hearts that found each other and touched millions of other hearts along the way.

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Customer Reviews

A true renaissance man, Rory Feek is known as one of Nashville's premiere songwriters, entrepreneurs and out-of-the-box thinkers. He is a world class storyteller that crosses all creative mediums from music and film to books and the internet. As a blogger, Rory shares his heart and story with the world through his thislifeilive.com blog that has over 2 million Facebook followers. The love story of he and his wife, her recent battle and loss to cancer, and his vignettes of unwavering faith and hope in the face of tragedy inspires millions of readers who follow along with each post. As a songwriter, Rory has written multiple number-one songs, including Blake Shelton's "Some Beach", Easton Corbin's "A Little More Country Than That", and Clay Walker's "Chain of Love", and had dozens of other songs he has written recorded by Kenny Chesney, Randy Travis, Reba, Trisha Yearwood, Waylon Jennings, and many others. As an artist, Rory is one-half of the Grammy nominated country-music duo Joey+Rory. He and his wife Joey Martin toured the world, sold hundreds of thousands of records, and have their own weekly hit television show that airs all across the country on RFD-TV. Their latest album "Hymns That Are Important To Us" sold 70,000 copies the first week and debuted at number one on Billboard album charts. As a filmmaker, Rory just finished directing his first feature-length film, "Josephine", an epic love story set during the declining months of the Civil War, with a screenplay that he co-wrote with Aaron Carnahan. Rory has three other screenplays in process. He also writes, shoots and edits their music videos, and is the creator of the television shows and specials in which he and his wife appeared. He and his 2 year-old daughter Indiana live an hour south of Nashville in an 1870's farmhouse near their family-owned diner, Marcy Jo's Mealhouse.

I briefly hesitated to buy this book only because I read Rory's wonderful blog closely over the last year and a half and didn't know if the material would be much different. However, I'm glad I purchased the book. I needed something positive and inspirational, and it is positive and

inspirational--and the material IS different from the blog. He intentionally doesn't rehash material that he's shared previously on the blog, which I appreciate because I enjoyed reading about his younger years, not just because I wanted different material as a consumer. I think the book could have been even more thoroughly developed regarding his later childhood years (the ones he can remember the most) and mid-adulthood, and the end of the book is a bit abrupt, even though it concludes nicely. I assume that it is a bit abrupt not only because the last few years of his life are well-documented on the blog but also because he wants to respect his wife's privacy and dignity. As a reader, I understand both reasons. But, I still would have enjoyed reading more about his pre-Joey adulthood, as it would have been interesting and would have filled out the book a little more. I do enjoy a robust memoir. Rory's writing style is easy and pleasant, and it reads like he didn't fight the page or the words much in trying to tell his story clearly, which is enjoyable and which speaks of a natural storyteller and writer. I will likely read it again soon because his descriptions of his inner world when he was fighting to be a better man and to fulfill his life's purpose spoke to my current mindset. I need it, and I appreciate it.

What a wonderful, strong, brave couple. I was really taken with Rory's story of a poverty stricken childhood that let him to be a womanizer, drinker and cheater but little by little he sees the error of his ways and eventually with a lot of introspection (and with the love of a good patient woman) becomes a good, solid, responsible & honorable God fearing man. This book caused me to look at myself and to be more tolerant and kinder to people.

Beautiful book. I have been following this couple for a couple of years. The joy of their love and their faith will go on for ever. I loved the way Rory was able to be so honest but yet keep his words respectful both to his family and Joey and for the sake of little Indy. I would recommend this book to all who love in faith and those that don't.

Joey and Rory's story has continued to blossom, even though Joey is no longer on Earth; her presence is constantly radiating love over her family. Indy definitely has her Momma's love and strength in life. Beautiful family. If you don't already follow Joey+Rory's Facebook site or read Rory's blog, you are missing out on the true essence of love and life.

So true, so real, so unexpected, but so glad he wrote this book and was so honest. Most people don't want to share the "real" person behind the persona, Rory did not hold back. Such a great

reminder of how God can take the messes we make of our lives and truly make them shine for Him and His glory. God makes it all work out for His good.

Written in a conversational style the author takes us inside their lives, sharing an unvarnished version of lives redeemed by the direct intervention of the risen Savior. Looking past the grime and grit of ordinary lives we see living proof that God can redeem even the most hopeless story. Every story is a hopeless one without His intervention.

This is one hard book to read. I am still mourning Joey. Even though I only knew her through their music, I did meet her once and she was as sweet and genuine as she seems. Reading this book will bring you lots of surprises, things you couldn't possibly know about both Joey and Rory (unless you are a friend or family) and reading it helps to understand their relationship with each other and with God. A must-read.

It was very interesting book and I certainly enjoyed his view on faith and religion. I pray for him as he faces his future without his beautiful wife. I both this book as a gift for a friend who is not a believer. However, I read it before I gave it to her so I think this might be a great opportunity for her to understand Christianity.

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