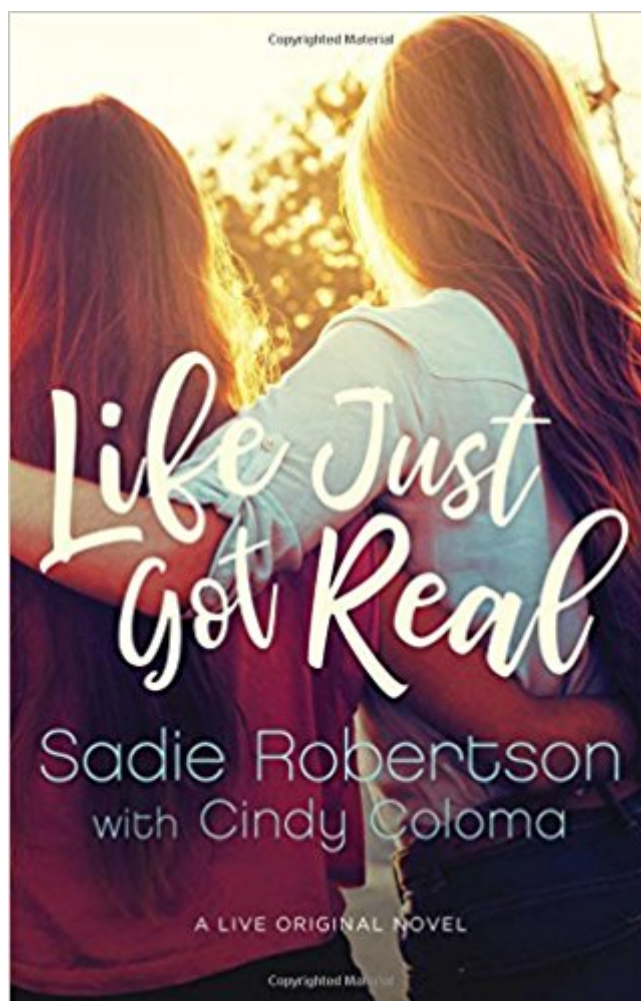




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Life Just Got Real: A Live Original Novel (Live Original Fiction)



Synopsis

From *Dancing with the Stars* runner-up and *Duck Dynasty* star Sadie Robertson comes a fun novel about two teenage girls from different backgrounds and opposite lifestyles who discover there is more to friendship than meets the eye. When things go wrong, it's reality TV's right! Sixteen-year-old A.J. Smith grew up in backwoods Louisiana, repairing cars with her dad and hunting with her brothers. But when her dad dies, her mom drags the whole family to Nashville where everything is different—except A.J. And A.J. knows it will take everything she has to live original. Kate Kelly grew up in Nashville's best schools, jetting around the world with glamorous people and wearing clothes from her mom's trendy boutique. But when A.J. Smith's new girl from the sticks shows up, suddenly she's all the rage: her unusual sense of style, her accent, and especially her dumb converse high tops. Even Kate's brother, Kaden, seems to be under the new girl's spell. But Kate has bigger things to think about, including the reality show *Real Life*. Everyone says the show is her chance to make it big. But then the producers decide to bring A.J. into the show. Because these girls are so different, the producers of *Real Life* know that their conflict will be television gold. So the cameras start to roll. Then Kaden asks A.J. to prom, Kate flips out, and things with Kate's (almost) boyfriend Alex start unraveling fast—all on camera. As the producers try to stir up the drama, Kate's idea of the perfect prom spins out of control. When Kate's life goes disastrously wrong, it is A.J. who steps up to help—no questions asked. A friendship between the two girls just might grow—but only if they both live original and stay true to who God made them to be.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 7-10 • This title tells the stories of two teen girls in alternating points of view. One is rich; the other is not. One is new in town; the other is the established queen of the school. The one thing AJ and Kate have in common is that neither one is quite sure that she wants to be the costar of a new reality show they are being pressured to participate in. Throw in some classes, prom, and, of course, a little romance, and you get what amounts to a very typical YA book, albeit with a strong dose of Christianity. Nearly every trope is included—a goth who gets a makeover, a rich girl who learns a lesson. The thin plot is predictable, the characters are flat, and the writing is unsophisticated. The 18-year-old author, Robertson, is famous from reality television, and her fans will want to pick this up. VERDICT Only purchase if Duck Dynasty has a large following and where her previous title is popular. Otherwise, this is one to skip. • Sarah Jones, Clinton-Macomb Public Library, MI --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Sadie Robertson catapulted into stardom as a young teenager, starring in the hit reality series *A&E's Duck Dynasty*, as well as landing first runner up on *ABC's Dancing With The Stars* Season 19 at just 17 years of age. The now 20-year-old has expanded her platform as a motivational speaker and advocate for her generation. On a mission to empower her peers in the name of positivity, self-confidence, and a call to "live original," Sadie designed and launched a 16-city motivational tour called the Live Original Tour in 2016. She recently announced her plans for Live Original Tour 2017 set for this fall. Sadie has also ventured into acting, appearing in *God's Not Dead 2*, the 2016 film about Columbine shooting victim Rachel Joy Scott in *Not Ashamed*, as well as taking on a starring role in the Hallmark movie, *Sun, Sand, & Romance*. Sadie embodies the creative and entrepreneurial spirit of the Robertson family and has carried her philosophy into multiple business ventures including her own phone app, SADIE, a prom dress line with Sherri Hill, school supplies for DaySpring, jewelry and home goods with Glory Haus, and a fashion line with Wild Blue Denim. She has also partnered with Roma Boots and worked alongside them in their mission to "give poverty the boot" and spends time every year traveling the world serving those in need with One Squad, a group of young people that Sadie created with Help One Now, that seeks to engage her generation in social justice by caring for

children and orphans around the world. A bestselling author, Sadie is currently working on the follow up to her New York Times bestselling book, Live Original: How the Duck Commander Teen Keeps It Real and Stays True to Her Values, which, along with her newest books, Life Just Got Real and Live Original Devotional are available at retailers nationwide. For more information, please visit LiveOriginal.com.

The novel is fun and interesting, with a unique plot. There are some grammar, punctuation, and typo mistakes, but they do not take away from the overall message of the book. Everyone loves a cheesy and heartwarming story at least once in a while, and this one is exactly that. The characters have very relatable struggles, and get through them by leaning on God.

I loved this book! Very encouraging and a fun read! My only complaint was that it wasn't longer! I'd love to see more books in this series

This book was a big surprise. I loved Sadie's writing!

Great book, with a good message for girls in High School.

purchased for granddaughter...she loves reading it so far.

Nice hardback, feels and looks good, I'd definitely be fine giving this to my girlfriend. Thank you

While reading this book, I felt as if I was reading a bit of story of Sadie's life in reading about A.J. A.J is girl from Louisiana who just moved to Tennessee with her mother and brother for a new start as her father recently passed a couple of years ago. A.J will be starting her Junior year of high school at a prep school. This is where she meets the other main character Kate Kelly, Kate is a nice girl, but she is a material girl. She is Junior class president, a girl who is in charge of everything, but at the same time, she lives in a world where she kind of thinks your only as good as your money. Kate is in the running for a reality show, and once A.J appears, they want the reality show to show the two different sides of Tennessee life. A.J also becomes good friends and then by the end of the book, kind of boyfriend/girlfriend with Kate's brother Kaden. At the end of the book Kate and A.J kind of come together. One of my favorite quotes from this book is spoken from A.J and it states,

"Life is like the water in that stream, always rushing past, always moving, different moment to moment." I thought this was his way of telling me to enjoy the stillness of those quiet moments we had together, shoulder to shoulder on the solid bank. But now, I don't think that's what he meant at all. I think he was trying to warn me that life could change, just like that. That currents could shift, and suddenly I could be headed in a direction I never imagined."In reading this, I could really tell that Sadie writes a lot like she speaks. I love listening to Sadie speak as she speaks right from her heart and you can tell she writes the same too.

Bought for my teenage granddaughter who does not like to read that much but she could hardly put it down until she finished.Loved the book!

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