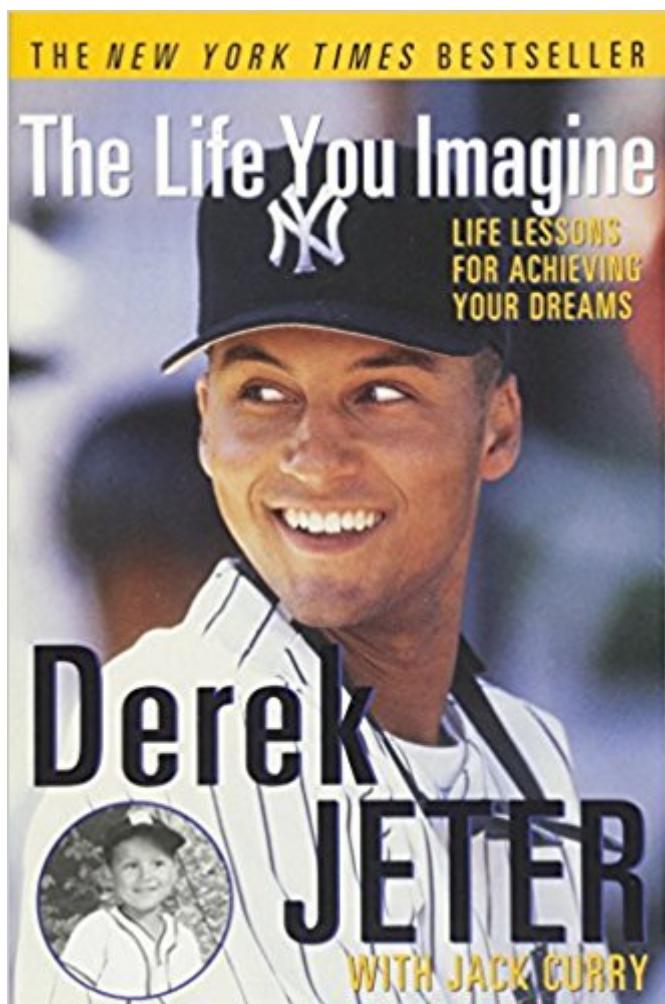


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The Life You Imagine: Life Lessons For Achieving Your Dreams



Synopsis

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. In this inspiring, information-packed book, Derek provides you with the ten lessons that have guided him throughout his life on and off the field, from his dream of being a gifted, hardworking athlete to his goal of becoming an active community leader. Using personal stories from his own life as a student athlete in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and as a Yankee team player, Derek writes about the simple steps that put him on course for success, including:^{*} Setting your goals high and finding the right role models^{*} Being serious but still having fun * Challenging yourself daily and not being afraid to fail^{*} Surrounding yourself with a strong supporting cast Filled with rare family photos and pictures of Derek playing for the Yankees, *The Life You Imagine* is an intimate look into the life of a superstar athlete -- including the remarkable relationship he has with his family, what it's like to play with the Yankees, and how he's used his baseball celebrity to found the Turn 2 Foundation, a drug and alcohol prevention program for kids.

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This year's most valuable player on the All-Star team and a shortstop for the New York Yankees,

Jeter would seem to have the perfect life. His skills on the field are stellar, and he's already been compared to some of baseball's most legendary players. Teammates and fans respect and adore him. In this affable volume, Jeter, who says he hopes he can set a good example for young people, shares some of his personal history as he outlines the 10 principles that led to his success. Jeter's life was not always idyllic: his mother is white and his father African-American, and they, along with Jeter and his sister, Sharlee, endured slurs and taunts while growing up. Yet Jeter clearly found a bulwark of affection in his parents, who set high standards for him and refused to let him stint on his academic work even as they wholeheartedly supported his athletic pursuits. (In fact, Jeter and his sister had to sign contracts spelling out the daily chores and other work they were expected to do.) Among the lessons his parents helped Jeter learn: set high goals, don't be afraid to fail, find role models and think before you act. For example, in the chapter "Have a Strong Supporting Cast," Jeter discusses the importance of selecting friends who encourage your ambitions and provide frank criticism of your mistakes; he offers many anecdotes of his own friends, including manager Joe Torre and his high school sweetheart, Marisa Novara. Jeter and Curry, a sports reporter for the New York Times, clearly assume the audience for this book will be teenagers who are looking to emulate Jeter's success. In fact, Jeter's story and his genuine concern with "being the best" and "doing the right thing" should motivate readers of all ages. (Sept.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you dream it, it will happen. That is the mantra of Derek Jeter, the superstar shortstop of the New York Yankees. How did this scrawny kid from Kalamazoo, Michigan, come to be a starter with the most storied franchise in baseball history? He breaks the answer down into what he calls 10 lessons. His stability, he says, comes from his parents, hard workers who backed Jeter in whatever he wanted to do. Although he seems a bit wet behind the ears in some respects--can anyone be that nice?--Jeter does have a refreshing, matter-of-fact tone when he reflects on the game, his teammates, his family, and how he thinks others can achieve their goals. Even with all his success--Minor League Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and two World Series rings--Jeter remains humble, at least on the outside. "Whenever someone tells my father how humble I seem, he'll chuckle and point out that I have more inner arrogance than anyone." Expect interest wherever there are Yankee fans. Mary Frances WilkensCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I would recommend parents to read the book to there children at bed time. I would also recommend

young prospects to read the book. I've passed the book to my son who has been debating whether to continue pursuing his dream of one day representing the great players who have stepped on and off the field (Mr. Jeter). I hope this book helps explain to my son what my wife and I have always said (You can become whomever you want if you set your mind and heart to). There is no free lunch in life, one must work hard, have dedication, and most of all, be humble.

First personal development book I bought my boyfriend (he's a HUGE Jeeter fan) and he absolutely loved it!! Not only do you get to learn more about him from childhood on but you also learn a lot of amazing lessons along the way. Very inspirational!

What a great read and inspirational read for all ages. My 12 year old HATES to read. His language arts teacher requires a min of 800 pages read per quarter. I picked this book in hopes he would enjoy the read given he idolizes Jeter. I've read my sons written responses on this book and it's clear how much positivity he absorbed. I even see a slight change in how he looks at things....especially baseball. My son has played since 5 and always with drive and passion. Lately, he has not been himself on the field. After reading the book I can see a change in his confidence level. This book will not make you a better player.....not saying that. What I'm saying is the vision this book provided brought back a level of confidence to my son that he lost. I'm now reading the book. What a great journey by a legendary player. RE2PECT!!

I am 26 now (the same age DJ was when he put this book together). I am a former college baseball player and an avid fan of the game. I read all the time now and my book range from war stories, various biographies, to the occasional novel. I want to make two quick points about this book:1) Please don't think that this is a book for just DJ fans or Yankee fans or even baseball fans. This is a great book on life lessons. It's not an autobiography, but I guess it could pass as one until he writes a true autobio once his career is complete. I wish I had read this book in 2000 when it first came out because I was a 16 year old kid playing high school ball. I would have learned a lot. Funny thing...my Mom actually bought the book for me in 2000 or 2001. It sat on the shelf because it "wasn't cool" to read. Wow, I have sure have changed since then. Thank goodness.2) It is refreshing to hear a story of working hard, doing the right thing, and believing in your dreams WITHOUT having any religion crammed down your throat. I don't think God, Jesus, or any religious character is mentioned at all this book. The reason why I am excited about this fact is that you CAN live a purpose driven life, treat others well, and do the right thing without doing it for a god of some

sort. For people like myself, I like to think that I do the right thing because..well..it's the right thing. Not because a figure in the sky tells me to. Do not mistake this for a religious rant. It's not. It is just an interesting point about this book.

Come on Yankee fans, its about the Captain. everyone Yankee and Baseball fans alike should read this book, you will get a very different perspective of the family morales and how close a family can really be.

Thumbs up!

This is for young people and adults alike. Derek Jeter is a role model anyone can look up to, for sure. It is a great read, especially if you are a baseball fan. He set his mind to something and saw it through. Had good family values that he hold true to until today. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants a good reading book for anyone who enjoys a good wholesome read, sports, family values, the Yankees, Jeter, etc. A must have in a book collection. He is a man you can look up to and I am older than his mother! I am proud of you Derek, even if the Yankees aren't winning, you will always be "My Captain".

I hated baseball and especially the Yankees all of my life. And I was born in Manhattan and raised in the Bronx. This book changed everything. Really. I was so impressed and amazed at the upbringing of this young man, that I actually started watching baseball games to see how he had turned out. Apparently he is doing just fine. This book should be mandatory reading for every young person 12 years old and counting. It is enjoyable, amusing and informative, without being preachy. It makes you think about your own actions, your own words and how they affect those around you, and ultimately yourself. I am so jealous that I didn't have parents as dedicated as Derek Jeter's. They are truly the inspiration of this story. And they must be so proud of their son, and their daughter. This book changed my life. I love baseball. But mostly I love the family unit that developed a promising young athlete into the successful, centered and grounded young man that is Derek Jeter. Terrific work. Excellent outcome. Wonderful book.

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