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This Is Really Happening



Synopsis

BuzzFeed senior writer Erin Chack hits you in the guts, the feelings, and the funny bone all at once with this collection of personal essays that sounds like Sloane Crosley for the Snapchat generation. In turns hysterically funny and heartbreakingly poignant, Erin recounts everything from meeting her soul mate at age 14 to her first chemotherapy session at age 19 to what really goes on behind the scenes at a major Internet media company. She authentically captures the agony and the ecstasy of the millennial experience, whether it's her first kiss ("Sean's tongue! In my mouth! Slippery and wet like a slug in the rain."); or her struggles with anxiety ("When people throw caution to the wind, I am stuck imagining the poor soul who has to break his back sweeping caution into a dustpan"). Yet Erin also offers a fresh perspective on universal themes of resilience and love as she writes about surviving cancer - including learning of her mother's own cancer diagnosis within the same year and her attempts to hide the diagnosis from friends to avoid "un-normaling" everything. Perfect for fans of Jenny Lawson, Amy Poehler, and Kelly Williams Brown, this sharply observed memoir introduces Erin Chack as a strikingly original new voice.

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Customer Reviews

I could not stop laughing out loud at this collection of essays chronicling the transitional years of childhood and adolescence. The stories were hilariously honest, realistically relatable and made you root for the author with every awkward encounter. This is the perfect read if you want to feel like you are sharing life with your hysterical soul mate of a friend as you journey through the first days of

school, your first love, your first reality check with situations like a cancer diagnosis, or having to call late into work because you got a menstrual cup stuck. While targeted at a YA books, I feel that it is a book for all ages where you can feel accepted during the perils of adolescence, be nostalgic of the "good ol days" and challenge yourself to live life to the fullest regardless of the lemons tossed in your direction. A millennial guidebook to life and all it's awkward amazement.

Talented, brilliant, incredible, amazing, show stopping, spectacular, never the same, totally unique, completely not ever been done before

Upon reading the first sentences in the very first chapter, I quickly became totally and completely sucked into Erin's stories for the better part of a Saturday. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire book, so I wouldn't have had it any other way!

I bought this book because I know Erin and her family. As I started reading, I found that I could not put it down! I was laughing out loud and couldn't wait to see what Erin would say next. Will there be another book? I hope so!

This Is Really Happening made me laugh way more than it made me cry, and considering the fact that I read most of it on public transportation, I am so grateful for that. I love this book as much as I love it's author, which is A WHOLE WHOLE LOT.

Erin - I LOVED reading this book! I loved reading about your adventures and the amazing things you have done. I thoroughly enjoy your outlook on life and death. I laughed a lot and shed a few tears. I'm happy to know you just a little and now I feel like I know you a little more. Overall, just AMAZING - a must read for sure!

Well-written real life, sometimes hysterical sometimes downright crying stories of a 20-something who experienced cancer at age 19 while attending college. It will NOT disappoint. One minute the visual will make you lose it in hysterics while another will bring immediate tears.

Great book! Everyone should take the time to enjoy a good read.

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