



**Our Teenage Years: Growing Up In A Small Town In The 80's (My Life Book 1) by T. J. Wray**

This is the first book in the (My Life) series.

This book is about two best friends growing up in their teenage years in a small town.

All the wild adventures and stories from my childhood.

After my parents divorced and we went on the run for 11 years.

This book includes my first job, girlfriend, prom, driver's license, my first car and many other first we all did in our teenage years. But really this book is just about LIFE.

It will make you laugh and it will make you cry.

Please enjoy. This book is FREE on (Kindle Unlimited).

**Reviews:**

**Oct 10, 2018 by Shirley Revill**

She rated it was amazing (review of another edition)

In my local library there are many books of memoirs on the shelves. The majority of those books are about the rich and famous.

This book however contains the memoirs of a very ordinary man who was anything but ordinary. No matter what life threw at T.J he was always positive, worked hard and achieved.

This book will make you laugh and make you cry. I couldn't stop laughing at the memory of the fishing trip and the alligator.

Thank you for sharing your memories with everyone T.J. A very special book that I enjoyed reading.

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### **Review From Reader (Goodreads.com)**

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This book was sent to me for a fair and honest review and is not biased in any way.

Book Quote:

I was here, but know I've gone.

I left my name, to turn you on.

I'll be back before you know it.

This don't rhyme, cause I'm no poet.

T.J.

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### **Leslie Ray Rated It (Goodreads.com)**

It was amazing (review of another edition)

My first thought after reading this book was that this is proof that no matter what someone has been through, they can overcome and continually strive to move in a positive direction. The narrator (and author), T.J., describes his adventures and "misadventures" in a small town in Oklahoma in the 1980's. Most of these were with his best friend Terry. The friendship and unbreakable bond he had with Terry is a gift that few people are lucky enough to experience in life.

If anyone remembers the 80's, they will certainly be able to reminisce as the author relays his anecdotes from this period in time. These were times where there were no cell phones, high schools had "smoking areas", Jazzercise was the hot new workout trend, and there was no internet.

There is a common thread throughout the book based upon the life lessons that are relayed either directly or indirectly by the author through the stories. They are worth noting and were some timely reminders to me of what is really important in life. I want to thank T.J. for this as I needed these reminders in so many areas.

I received a complimentary copy of this book. However, the above review is honest and unbiased.

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### **Adrian Rated It (Goodread.com)**

Really liked it (review of another edition)

So on the face of it TJ and I have very little in common; I grew up in London, he grew up in small town America; I grew up in just one house, he lived in many whilst a child; I grew up as an only child in a stable loving family environment; he grew up in a single parent environment with his sister; I was born in the (very) late 50s, he was born in the late 60s; he grew up in a strict religious environment; me, well I grew up in a mixed religious environment, so have my own views on religion that verge from Greek Orthodox to Judaism.

Now having said all of that, many of the stories in this book were echoes of my own childhood. As a child we were able to travel around London very cheaply but also very safely, we had tremendous adventures. I also grew up in a time when houses were not nose to tail for 50 miles. We had green spaces, fields and stretches of the Thames where we could, well we could just play without worry. I used to go out in the morning on my pushbike with my best friend and return home for tea, checking my Timex to ensure I wouldn't be late.

I may not have been able to ride a motorbike that young (17 in this country) but i have ridden one ever since, and like you TJ, I have been over the bonnet of a car that pulled out in front of me. Hospital beckoned!!

TJ's adventures made me smile, made me laugh, made me sad, made me nod my head in agreement and made me wince. In fact, from Page 116 for 4 pages I think, I almost felt like I was reading my own life story. I too split my head open with the flat end of an axe (unfortunately I was 53, so should have known better) I just took too big a back swing and it hit the top of my head with some force. As TJ says, there is an amazing amount of blood. For various reasons I could not visit a doctor so cleaned my head with Vodka, and made a bandage out of cotton wool and sellotape. Needless to say, I still have a scar.

And to follow on, yes, I have had kidney stones twice, please tell me I will not get a third. I do not know what it compares to but it is no fun believe me, and I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy (well maybe I would in my darkest moments).

So, all in all, amazingly I could relate to 90% of this book, and to be honest it felt like I was reading a book written by a close friend. A close friend who went through an awful lot more and tougher times than I did, but still came out smiling and regardless of religion (race, colour, creed or nationality) with a proper sense of right and wrong and the understanding that treating people with respect and tolerance is the way to make the world better.

Thanks, TJ, for sharing that with us all, it was a blast. And now bring on the 90s.

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**Sep 26, 2018 by Dianne (Goodreads.com)**

It was amazing (review of another edition)

T.J. Wray is going to tell you a story about his life as a teen and you know what? It is going to make you laugh, break your heart and have you thinking back to your own life as a teen!

Our Teenage Years: Growing Up In A Small Town is the story of what made T.J. Wray the father and man he is today. It's the story of friendship, dysfunctional families and having to grow up far beyond one's years too fast. It's also the story of love and loss and mistakes and triumphs.

Remember your first girlfriend? Your first car? Your very best friend? How about your first taste of responsibility, your first job? T.J. Wray remembers and he wrote it all down, the good, the bad, and the ugly and he did a marvelously entertaining job of it!

Told completely in his own words, no fancy phrases, just from the heart writing, this story is sweet, heartwarming and a testament to the strength of the human spirit to overcome obstacles and pushing forward without whining or blaming the world for their lot in life.

Seriously, we read fiction to be entertained, this is our chance to read a true story filled with heart as one man exposes his very soul in an effort to entertain and give each of us a chance to look back on the life that we, too, survived and grew from!

A real hidden gem that deserves to be read from an author who puts on no airs!

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**Nov 09, 2018 by IJ (Goodreads.com)**

It was amazing (review of another edition)

This was T.J.'s first book that he has written, and I believe that he 'hit it out of the park'!  
It takes place mostly in Oklahoma in a small town with folks with big hearts.  
T.J. had it rough, no other words to describe it, but does he cry and moan about it... NO.  
there are so many lessons to be learned and remembered by reading this book.

Not too many characters, mostly just T.J. and his friend, but many tragic things that happen along the way in this young man's first 18 years of life. And many laughs too. I think I almost peed my pants about Kanye East!  
If you want to have a great afternoon and evening, shedding some tears and laughing out loud, certainly crack this book open.

We all have memories, some good and some bad, but do we have the guts to tell it like it is and not try to sugarcoat it, not many of us.

He alludes to another book that picks up in the 90's and I sure hope that he is working on it, because I truly want to know the 'rest of the story'.

Please read this, and take this young man's advice.

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**The 90's: Life on the Road (My Life Book 2) by T. J. Wray**

This is the second book in the (My Life) series. The first book was about my Teenage Years. This book is about more grown up and adult experiences. Marriage, children, and jobs.

After breaking my back and going through major back surgery, I had to spend a year and a half in rehab and physical therapy learning how to walk again.

Then I needed a new career, and a new adventure. This book will take you down the road to that adventure.

Please Enjoy

**Reviews**

**Dianne (Goodreads.com)**

It was amazing

If you were to think back on your life, first starting out as an adult, what would you remember? Would you have experiences to share? T.J. Wray has taken his life experiences as an adult with a young daughter to care for and written them down in a comfortable, easy speaking way.

This is a brief but true story of his experiences as a trucker, and anything else he could do to shoulder his responsibilities and he tells it in such a way that one knows it comes from his heart. His words aren't polished or fancy, but his keen sense of humor and determination come through on every page and in every word as he bares another slice of his life to us, the good, the bad and "adult."

There is no bitterness, no sob story, just the hard facts and his simple truths. I cannot tell you how impressed I am or how T.J. Wray made me feel as if I were sitting right next to him as his story unfolded!

I can't recommend his books highly enough, for their sincerity and for the fact that he has a reason for writing them that is so heartwarming. Maybe it's time for some reading from the heart, to get to know another human being who has no airs to put on!

Genre: Non-Fiction, Travel Biographies, Memoirs

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**About The Author:** T.J. Wray grew up in a small town. He grew up quick and got his first job at only thirteen years old. He knew people depended on him to do his job every day. So, for two years he never missed a day. No matter the weather conditions, he always got the job done. He learned responsibility for his actions at a very early age.

He was very active in his church and with his youth group. He learned a lot from the positive role models in his church, like his youth pastor and his Sunday school teacher. He didn't drink or party in high school. He was responsible and went to work after school. He got his driver's license at age fourteen and drove himself everywhere, while the other kids still rode the bus.

Even though he was a teenager, he was an adult. He said in a small-town people wave as they passed by and said hello as they passed on the sidewalk. He said in a small-town people 'actually shook hands'. In his teenage years, he was an avid fisherman. He once said he would "rather fish, than breath". There's nothing that compares to hooking a largemouth bass. He was quoted as saying, "If they don't ride motorcycles and go fishing in heaven, I don't want to go!".

Nowadays, he lives in the Big City. He says nobody knows anybody, and they don't want to. Everybody is always in a big hurry and would rather run over you then wait for one minute for you to move. No one ever seems to slow down and enjoy life, in the big city. He says he really misses life in a small town.

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