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Not the Life It Seems: The True Lives of My Chemical Romance » Lindsay's Untitled Rock Mag

This review for is a bit of a bitter sweet review. And that band is My Chemical Romance. Now if you are familiar with this band you know that they broke up in March of The book is written by Tom Bryant who is a journalist for Kerrang magazine.

This book embarks on each member of the bands past, present and future. It touches on who they were as people before the band and during. I think it was really well written had enough information on each member without being over informative and that made Not the Life it Seems: The True Lives of My Chemical Romance avoid the dreaded information dumps. Bryant did a really good job weaving together the biographies of the member with the story line of the band.

I also liked his chapter names being song titles that matched with what he was going to talk about next. I thought that was really creative and showed that this band clearly wrote their experiences.

And I think he captured those stories well and added a fun story in here and there to help the mood lighten up a bit. One thing that did Not the Life it Seems: The True Lives of My Chemical Romance not so much bother me but disappointed me was that Not the Life it Seems: The True Lives of My Chemical Romance mentioned before the members of this band have had their fair share of mental struggles and they were really a band to help make a difference for people and in the world.

And being someone who has been saved due to this band that was a little disappointing. Okay now to the touchy part of this band and my life. Now as mentioned I have struggled with depression since a very early age.

I have struggled with self harm and suicidal thoughts since age Now obviously 11 years old is a very young age to have these emotions and thoughts. I was in elementary school and I thought I was the biggest freak around. So couple months passed I had completely forgotten about the DVD part until I was cleaning and found it. They wanted to save lives by letting kids like me with addictions and illnesses that they are not alone.

I could write a novel myself on how this band saved and always saves my life, but I feel like this has gone on for long enough and so I will say, this band saved countless lives and makes even the misunderstood feel understood. They always will have that special place for me. Although it is about my all time favourite band it mentioned very little about the the members really wanted to help others with their music and to me that was a vital part of MCR, so because of this I am taking away.

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He sheds light on the personal demons the bandmates battled and the haunted recording sessions that resulted in the brilliance of The Black

Parade. He also explores the genesis of their music, the constant reinvention that culminated in the visual splendor of *Danger Days: The True Lives of the Fabulous Killjoys* and the strains that led to their split in *Insightful and revealing*. *Not the Life It Seems* presents one of the most adored rock bands of this century, their story an *Not the Life it Seems: The True Lives of My Chemical Romance* saga of self-belief and the pursuit of dreams.

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The book is focused and interesting. It gives good insight, not just on the band members, but on the scene surrounding them. Definitely a must-read for fans of this iconic band. Apr 24, Peri W 3 rated it it was amazing Shelves: favoritestop-favoritesthe-greatest-books-of-all-time. This was an amazing book. I cried a total of four times, because I didn't know that the story of the band was actually like this. You know you've hit rock-bottom when you read a book about your favorite band.

Jan 31, Kai rated it it was amazing. I clung to this book in middle school. I've grown, the band has aged, and the world is so different. I think we're all in a pretty damn good and deserving place for this.

I feel a huge sense of clarity and the breakup is no longer a gaping wound shared by millions of listeners. Bryant offers a unique perspective by virtue of sheer proximity as a journalist who first interviewed them during *Revenge*, reviewed *Danger Days*, and essentially checked in with them every few steps of the way. His research and thoroughness is fantastic, and he offers a ton of stories that have never been told before.

For instance, it's the only place you'll hear about Alex Saavedra punching Gerard in the mouth despite his abscessed tooth to make him sing better. But it's also the most detailed account of how brutally *The Black Parade* tried to kill this band, uncomfortable truths about the pervasive problems that brought about the band's end, and a ton of other things I wouldn't have known about otherwise. For a fan of the band I obviously can't recommend this book enough - but it's also such a simply fascinating and vivid biography, I'd recommend it to the most casual of readers.

It's a superb account of the most special band of our lifetime. View 1 comment. Aug 19, Tess rated it it Not the Life it Seems: The True Lives of My Chemical Romance amazing Shelves: favorites. Probably more than I'll ever be able to.

Stay tuned! Edit: So originally I said that I would eventually get around to writing a review for this, but then school took over, and then the band actually got back together lol, and now I have no idea what I was even gonna say.

Basically, MCR is one of my all-time favorite bands and it was great getting to learn more abo 4. Basically, MCR is one of my all-time favorite bands and it was great getting to learn more about the meaning behind each song and how the band got started! A lot in here I already knew, but there was definitely plenty of unknown facts to keep me *Not the Life it Seems: The True Lives of My Chemical Romance*. Apr 15, Elon Slootweg rated it it was amazing Shelves: books-i-ownfavorites.

This one was an experience. Tom Bryant grants us all access to something fans of *My Chemical Romance* have so desperately been waiting for, for so long - information.

This book gives us an idea, a view of the band behind, as well as in front of, the scenes. It explains, soothes and hurts those who have been heart-broken ever since the break op of the epic band.

The last chapter, the last words, left me in tears, but they were good tears, because it hurt, but at least there was something like clos This one was an experience. The last chapter, the last words, left me in tears, but they were good tears, because it hurt, but at least there was something like closure, something like understanding. I have been searching for that for a while, because the band meant and still means a lot to me, so thank you Tom, thank you band, and thank you sister who bought me this book.

Aug 07, flora rated it really liked it Shelves: music. Sep 28, Gabi rated it really liked it. I do really like this book because the author goes into great depth of the history of the band and the members of the band and their *Not the Life it Seems: The True Lives of My Chemical Romance* but there is one aspect of the book that is hard to look over and that is that the author tends to repeat himself very often.

He will state something in one paragraph and a few paragraphs later he will restate it worded differently and this can get annoying after a while. I do recommend this book but only if you like the band. If you didn't already know background of the band or don't like their music then you might find yourself not caring and bored with the book. Nov 13, Lauren Evatt rated it it was amazing. I thought this biography was quite a bit of fun to read and was very insightful.

As a fan of *My Chemical Romance* I found the descriptions of how they made each of their records to be very informative. I enjoyed reading the many quotes and interviews and adored the photos in the middle. I also thought that the author did an excellent job of conveying what was going on around MCR at the time *Not the Life it Seems: The True Lives of My Chemical Romance* is really helpful for someone who wasn't there when it happened.

Overall I loved this book and would I thought this biography was quite a bit of fun to read and was very insightful. Overall I loved this book and would not only recommend this book to fans of the band but to anyone who wants to read the amazing journey of a great punk band from New Jersey.

I would read this book while listening to your favorite MCR playlist and enjoy! Mar 07, Megan rated it really liked it Shelves: physical-books-i-

have. I'm a My Chemical Romance fanatic.

I thought I knew every single detail about this band. With that being said, I learned so much from Tom Bryant's book about them. The only reason I gave this book 4 stars was because I felt he could have dug deeper. There were no new revelations on why Matt Pelissier was kicked out of the band, why Bob Bryar was kicked out of the band, why they parted ways with their manager, or what happened involving Mike Pedicone.

I wish Bryant had dug deeper. I got this book not weeks after finally calling myself a Killjoy and fully intended to read it after I had finished the other 10 or so books on my shelf, well I started it 10 minutes later. I started listening to MCR religiously a couple weeks after the reunion - so yeah, I'm really new - and I ordered my copy of the book around 2 weeks later.

I've always kind of known that if I like something I become completely obsessed with it soon after but when I had listened to all of their songs and already I got this book not weeks after finally calling myself a Killjoy and fully intended to read it after I had finished the other 10 or so books on my shelf, well I started it 10 minutes later. I've always kind of known that if I like something I become completely obsessed with it soon after but when I had listened to all of their songs and already had merch by Not the Life it Seems: The True Lives of My Chemical Romance 7 I knew it to be true.

This book rewarded me with long short awaited knowledge and I am so grateful that this book showed up recommended to me. But what really gripped me was the description of what went into each creative process specifically, the black parade - which, oh my god, nearly took everything from them.

Didn't finish, sadly. It was interesting and had some neat tid-bits, but was pretty repetitive.