



THE THE STON OF LIVING

An Original Joey Drew Memoir

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1. THE WHAT

What is the "Illusion of Living"? That's the big question, and that's what this book of mine will answer for you. In one way, there's an answer no longer than a couple of sentences to that question. But in another, it is an answer that will probably take several volumes in order for me to truly capture the importance of this concept. It is a life philosophy, but unlike some of our great past thinkers, I did not come to any conclusion through thought and careful meditation. Instead it was born within me. My whole existence has been shaped around this concept. It just took some time for me to learn how to articulate it to others.

In short, in this book I will explain the basic idea behind the Illusion of Living. Do not fret if you do not entirely understand at first; after all, this is a complex philosophy that only the greatest of minds can truly wrap their heads around. But I have always believed that we can communicate to even the simplest person. Communication is everything. And even if you don't understand quite yet at the beginning of this book, by the end, and through your own due diligence, you will have at least a basic understanding. Your mind will be open to such new possibilities in your own life that you will be most gratified for having made the effort here and now.

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We are all dreamers at heart, and I want to make sure that all your dreams will indeed come true thanks in no small part to my unique insights.

So in the briefest of explanations: The Illusion of Living is the art of mimicking real life on the big screen. An understandable concept, I would think, and yet it is not! The more you dig down to the how, the more that you dig down into reality, the more complicated it all gets. Fortunately you have me as your guide. Picture me standing side by side with my greatest creation, Bendy. Picture us together in our exploring ensembles, each of us wearing a pith helmet, a khaki jacket, and trousers. We are here to guide you through as we climb down into the muck of my philosophy and unearth the treasures buried inside.