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But if it hadn’t been for her strange background—the awkwardness continued when she started college at sixteen, with Mom driving her to campus every day—she might never have had the naive confidence to forge her own path. Like when she graduated as valedictorian with a math degree and then headed to Hollywood to pursue a career in acting despite having zero contacts. Or when she tired of being typecast as the crazy cat-lady secretary and decided to create her own web series before people in show business understood that online video could be more than just cats chasing laser pointers.

Felicia’s rags-to-riches rise to internet fame launched her career as one of the most influential creators in new media. Ever candid, she opens up about the rough patches along the way, recounting battles with writer’s block, a full-blown gaming addiction, severe anxiety and depression—and how she reinvented herself when overachieving became overwhelming.

Showcasing Felicia's "engaging and often hilarious voice" (*USA TODAY*), *You're Never Weird on the Internet (Almost)* is proof that everyone should celebrate what makes them different and be brave enough to share it with the world, because anything is possible now—even for a digital misfit.

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Editorial Review

Review

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“[An] inspirational comic memoir . . . to set alongside Tina Fey's *Bossypants*, Amy Poehler's *Yes Please*, Mindy Kaling's *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?*, Lena Dunham's *Not That Kind of Girl* and Sarah Silverman's *The Bedwetter*. Young people of both sexes and every gender should find much to empower them. (Older people, too, for that matter.)” (*Los Angeles Times*)

“Written in her engaging and often hilarious voice, it's just downright fun to read.” (*USA Today* (3.5 out of 4 stars))

“At last, *You're Never Weird on the Internet (Almost)* reveals the secret origin story of everyone's favorite geek super heroine! Felicia Day's memoir is honest, hopeful, and hysterical. It's the story of a girl who grew up lost and lonely—then became a self-made internet rock star. Reading it will make you feel like you can take on the whole Empire yourself.” (Ernest Cline, author of *Ready Player One*)

“Relentlessly funny and surprisingly inspirational to anyone who grew up a geek and continually doubts themselves to this day. That's a pretty wide audience, if I had to guess. . . . Day's fans will obviously like the memoir, but it has more than niche appeal. It's not meant to be a self-help book, but I found that's the effect it had on me all the same.” (*Forbes.com*)

“Quirky, uplifting and full of stories about embracing your inner nerd. Day has proven herself to be as talented in front of the camera as she is behind it. It's evident that she's a brilliant businesswoman whose avatar has secured a residence in digital media past, present and future.” (*Associated Press*)

“Charming and funny.” (*Marie Claire*)

“Day writes charmingly. . . . [She] is delightfully good company and has an interesting story to tell.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)

“A super (and superquirky) memoir.” (*Booklist*)

“Day's writing is warm and charming. Fans of her work will gobble this up, but anyone who has ever despaired of finding their passions would benefit from a read as well.” (*Library Journal*)

“An illuminating, frank look at the commercial realities, injustices and insecurities that everyone trying to earn a living online must confront. . . . Day's unflinching look at the traps she fell into as a ‘success’ are a welcome addition to the canon of ‘how I made it’ stories, and a reminder that we live our own bloopers and experience other people's highlight reels. . . . It's a must-read.” (*BoingBoing*)

“Whether you nerd out on video games, makeup, or musical theater, you'll find it an entertaining source of personal inspiration.” (*Refinery29*)

“Throughout the entire book, Day offers up all kinds of amazing life advice that will truly impact others, especially young girls, women, those who don’t feel accepted, and those who are struggling in life.” (*Bustle*)

“Reading Felicia Day’s memoir is like going on a road trip with an old friend you never knew you had. This is the perfect book to prove you aren’t the only misfit in the world, and to remind you that that’s a very good thing.” (Jenny Lawson, author of *Let’s Pretend This Never Happened*)

“Smart, brave, emotionally raw, and hysterically funny. This is one of the best books ever written about what it’s like to be a human being on the Internet.” (Lev Grossman, author of *The Magicians*)

“Everything Felicia creates seems to succeed. This book should be no different. It’s a great read—far from ‘horrible’ and worth every ‘Penny.’ See what I did there? It’s a play on . . . never mind.” (Neil Patrick Harris, author of *Choose Your Own Autobiography* and Day’s costar in Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog)

“*You’re Never Weird on the Internet (Almost)* is exactly like Felicia herself: intriguing, funny, vulnerable, and uniquely cool. If you’ve ever been awkward, ever doubted yourself, ever second-guessed who you are, this book is for you. Reading it is like having the quirkiest, most hilarious, most brilliant person you’ve ever met grab you by the shirtfront and say, ‘HEY. IT’S OKAY TO BE YOU.’” (Deanna Raybourn, Rita Award-winning author of *The Dark Enquiry*)

“Smart, funny, endearing, nerdy, and maybe also a little bit brave—in other words, very much like its author.” (John Scalzi, Hugo Award-winning author of *Redshirts*)

“Felicia Day gives us an achingly funny, honest, open look at being ‘situational famous,’ (I love that phrase), plus the vital art of finding your creative joy, and weathering the storms that follow. It’s a wonderful book. Buy it before I grab *all* the copies.” (Rachel Caine, author of *The Morganville Vampires*)

“Math nerd defies physics! Felicia Day, who is woven from moonbeams, has written a book that seems lighter than air, but that ends up punching you firmly in the emotions. Felicia lays out a hilarious tale of how her unique upbringing, eclectic skill set, and killer work ethic led to *The Guild*, one of the pioneering works of online creativity. In the process, she pulls you inside her delicate skull, so that the final moving chapters aren’t as much read as they are experienced. An excellent book.” (Jane Espenson, writer for *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Once Upon a Time*, and *Husbands*)

“*You’re Never Weird on the Internet* is fun, hilarious, and impossible to put down. Reading it is like getting a mega-shot of courage -- to be exactly who you are and no one else, to pursue your dreams fearlessly, to embrace your weirdness and wield it like a superpower. If you want to live a life true to yourself and not what others expect of you, you won’t find better inspiration than Felicia Day. If you’re not one of Felicia’s millions of fans yet -- you will be.” (Jane McGonigal, author of *Superbetter* and *Reality is Broken*)

“I came for the delightful snark, I stayed for the disarming frankness and the hard-won insights about the Internet -- Felicia Day uses the Internet to distribute entertainment, but she understands that it’s really there to be the nervous system of the twenty-first century.” (Cory Doctorow, co-editor of *Boing Boing* and author of *Little Brother*)

About the Author

Felicia Day is a professional actress who has appeared in numerous mainstream television shows and films, including a two-season arc on the SyFy series *Eureka*. She is currently recurring on The CW show *Supernatural*. However, Day is best known for her work in the web video world, behind and in front of

the camera. She co-starred in Joss Whedon's Emmy Award-winning Internet musical, *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog*. She also created and starred in the hit web series *The Guild*, which ran for six seasons and is currently available for viewing on every major digital outlet, including Netflix.

In 2012, she launched a YouTube channel called Geek & Sundry. The network has garnered more than 1.3 million subscribers to date and more than 200 million views. In 2014, the company was purchased by Legendary Entertainment. Day continues to act as CCO and develop web content and television projects with Legendary as a producer, writer, and performer. She is also extremely active on social media, has over 2.3 million Twitter followers, and is the eighth most followed person on Goodreads, where she is also the founder of Vaginal Fantasy, a romance and fantasy book club with more than 13,000 members.

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