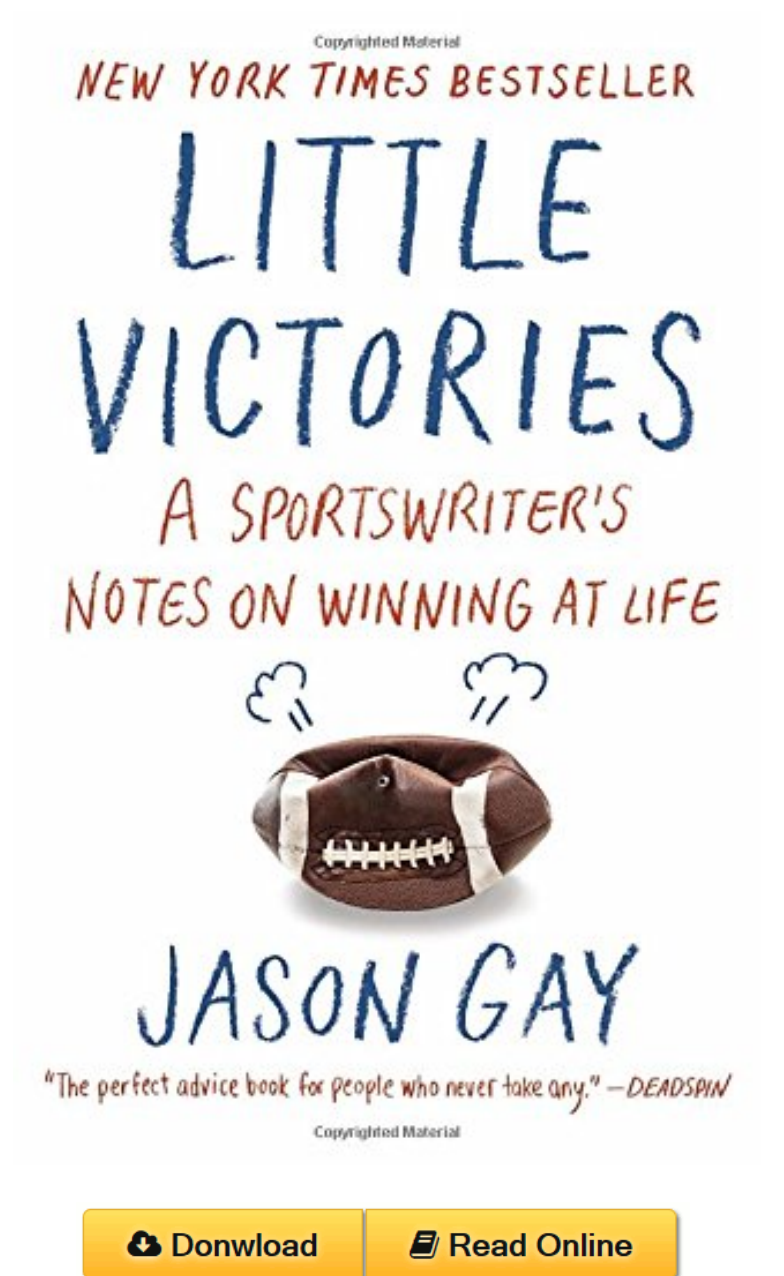


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Jason Gay : Little Victories: A Sportswriter's Notes on Winning at Life before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Little Victories: A Sportswriter's Notes on Winning at Life:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Jason Gay's writing reminds me of what's good about sports; here, he mixes it with tales from his life By Andy Orrock I enjoy Jason Gay's writing in the Wall Street Journal and his appearances on 'Men In Blazers.' He reminds me of what's good about sports. In these days of meldonium cheats,

spousal batterings by our heroes, fixed football matches and other depressing realities, Jason connects me to why I loved sports growing up and to the joy that hasn't yet been sucked out of big time sports today. "Little Victories" combines that passion for sports with stories from Jason's personal life, notably his battle with testicular cancer and his father's death from pancreatic cancer. In the wrong hands, these could make for excruciatingly uncomfortable reading. In Jason's hands, the tone is pitch-perfect -- celebrating his Dad's life while mourning his passing, and taking the good away from his own battle. Lest you get the wrong idea, "Little Victories" is most of all a very funny read. Here's one passage I pulled that is representative of Jason's humorous take on an aspect of parenting: "If you have young children, you know it is impossible for them not to be drawn to and completely fascinated by a smartphone. And yet if you hand a child a phone in a public setting, people look at you like you've just given your kid a sack of enriched uranium. You are lazy, you are ceding parenthood to the machines, you are not actively building organic fun. The parenting magazines and blogs tell you to set limits, and this is useful advice, but I am not setting limits on, say, an airplane. If it means a peaceful cross-country flight without dirty stares from every other passenger, I will let a two-year-old watch Scarface." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Funny guy By cfreedhunt Not a story, more of a Life Guide book - I have read him in WSJ - very amusing. I wonder if he does stand-up? He has had an interesting life and shares it well. I would buy more books from this author. I also bought one to send to my brother, who is a big sports fan and first told me about Jason Gay. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. It's not "water-skiing kittens", but it'll have to do By Customer Great little book! Truly funny yet thoughtful and sometimes poignant. I've always enjoyed Jason Gay's writing in the Wall Street Journal, but this was even better as I felt I really learned about him as a person. And he seems to be a genuinely kind and 'real' person; the kind I like to learn from and be around. Even though I'm more of a 'water-skiing kittens who solve mysteries' genre kind of guy, I loved the book and think most people, including older teenagers, would as well.

Some days success isn't about doing it all—it's just about getting out of your pajamas before 2 P.M. In his hilarious debut, Wall Street Journal writer Jason Gay embarks on a comic journey through family and fatherhood, sickness and health, heartbreak and joy. Jason Gay sets the example for how to . . . * Build the perfect wedding playlist without being a music snob. * Go home for the holidays without abandoning your family at a highway rest stop. * Support kids' sports without brawling with another parent in the parking lot. * Make ten million dollars in fifteen minutes. (Okay, that's a total lie.) Whether you're a recent grad, a Little League coach in the making, or a wise grandparent who has seen it all, Little Victories will remind you to celebrate the small moments, perfect and imperfect alike. Finally, this is one book that loves you for who you are—and especially for who you aren't.

.com An Best Book of November 2015: Jason Gay, a popular and funny columnist for the Wall Street Journal, was driven to write Little Victories after his father's diagnosis of cancer. But Little Victories isn't just another treacly exhortation to enjoy this precious existence or else. It's a curation of snapshots of Gay's "many life mistakes," demonstrating that life's little victories are made up of "small, perfect moments," even—or perhaps especially—when we ourselves are not perfect. Anxious parents in particular will benefit from Gay's philosophy, whether it's his thoughts on youth sports to how to set limits on kids' usage of digital devices: "If it means a peaceful cross-country flight without dirty stares from every other passenger, I will let a two-year-old watch Scarface." Some chapters are laugh-out-loud funny (the family Thanksgiving chapter should be required reading at this time of year); some are poignant. All are self-deprecating and wry. There are a lot of books out there on how to stop and smell the roses. This is a crowning addition to that genre, making us laugh at our ridiculous human self-importance and showing us how to savor the everyday little victories. —Adrian Liang "Hilarious.... [A] tasty collection of advice." --People "A hilarious, heartwarming set of essays covering such mundane topics as parenthood, exercise, office life, travel, and the holidays. . . . Readers will alternately feel the urge to laugh and cry at Gay's irreverent, witty writing. His insights on each topic are spot-on yet gentle. Any readers who pick up this book will finish it convinced that . . . [it] will make their lives more enjoyable, and perhaps even make them better people." --Publishers Weekly "A title for everyone, not just sports fans, and all will root for Gay and his "little victories" and feel inspired, too." --Booklist "[Gay] balances insights with a droll, self-deprecating outlook...no small feat given the difficulty in providing guidance that is at once relevant--neither too specific nor too vague--and also genuinely funny." --Kirkus "Little Victories manages to be hilarious, helpful, and profound, in one unpredictable mix. It made me happy." --Gretchen Rubin, bestselling author of The Happiness Project "I loved this book. Jason Gay's Little Victories is funny, wise, direct, deceptively straight-forward and incredibly moving. As soon as I was finished reading it, I put it in the mail to my father, along with a reminder of my love. Such reminders, after all, are what we are here for, as this story—well—reminds us." —Elizabeth Gilbert, bestselling author of Eat, Pray, Love and Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear "Jason Gay's rules for living will make you laugh out loud, and also make a whole lot of sense. This is an advice book that doesn't take itself too seriously and is all the more valuable for it." —Charles Duhigg, bestselling author of The Power of Habit "The thought of leaning in makes my neck ache, and taking seven steps to accomplish things only makes me want to lie down. Thankfully, Jason Gay has written a life guide for people like me—and you. He can't get the hang of grilling

corn—and he's okay with that. He's faced cancer, unemployment, the death of a loved one, and fathered two kids after many setbacks—I think pretty much all at the same time—and has written a unique, heartfelt book about what he's learned from it all. Thanks to Jason, I've crossed trekking to the South Pole off my to-do list. Instead I'll focus on something that'll really make me happy: eating brownies while listening to some pre-1978 Stevie Wonder. See? You can do this! We all can!” —Diane Muldrow, bestselling author of *Everything I Need to Know I Learned from a Little Golden Book*

About the Author Jason Gay is a sports columnist at *The Wall Street Journal* and the MVP of Super Bowl XLIX*. He has written for publications including *Vogue*, *GQ*, *Rolling Stone* and *The New York Observer*. He lives in Brooklyn, New York, with his family and a passive-aggressive cat.* Okay fine. Tom Brady was the MVP of Super Bowl XLIX.