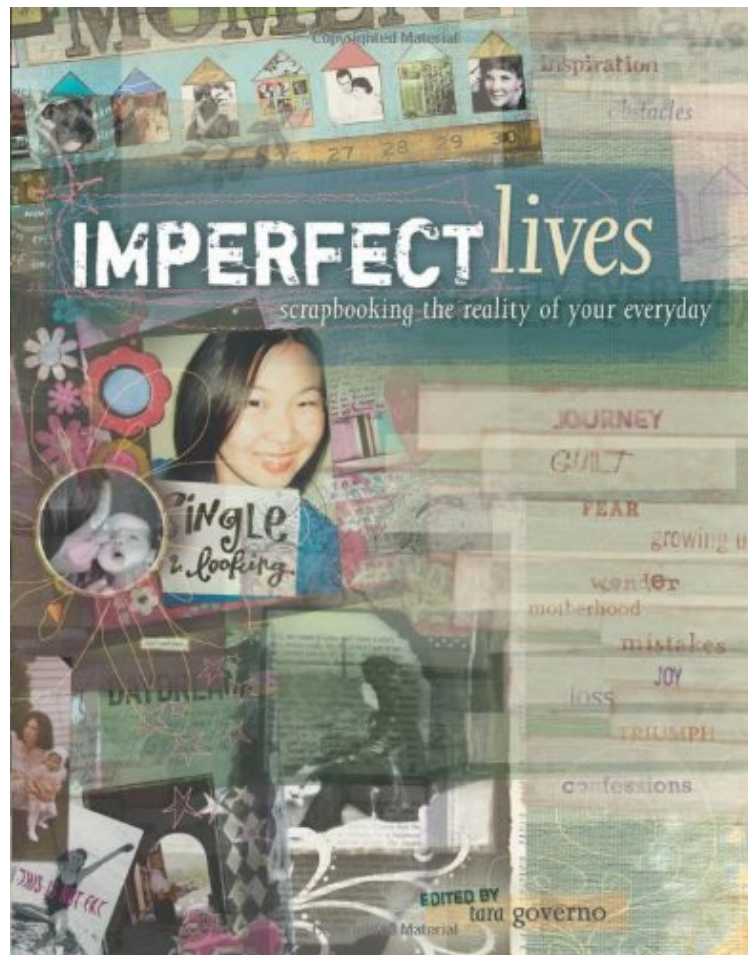


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intense and disturbing and not your typical birthday or wedding events. The women are open and honest about their struggles and their pages reflect that. For that alone, this is a great book to purchase if you want to capture more than the typical events and need some samples. The book is also really well designed, and the scrapbook pages are photographed beautifully. Now to the thing that irritated me about the book. Almost every layout is from a stay-at-home mom who loves being a mommy and scrapbooks to keep her sanity while she takes care of her 3.2 wonderful children and even more wonderful husband. All use the same type of paper (7 gypsies) and lots of embellishments, and the pages start to look the same. Having said that, it is still a worthwhile resource, and I am happy to add it to my collection. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. changed the way I viewed my scrapbooking By Paula I really liked this book. Before reading this book my scrapbooking was centered around making decorative and interesting frames for my favorite photos. I wanted to highlight the photos and make the subject seem more special. After reading this book I realized that scrapbooking the bad and the good is a way to capture every part of my and my families life. It would be a much better family treasure to have all parts of our lives represented. The journaling which I always avoided because I didn't want the pages just to be about my thoughts; I have now come to realize would be greatly enhanced by at least a description of what was going on at the time the photo was taken. I definitely recommend this book.

Images in scrapbooks often portray a picture-perfect world. Children are cute, adorable and angelic, motherhood is effortless and continuously rewarding, and marriage to that perfect man is pure bliss. Children smile lovingly into the camera, women give thanks for their wonderful families and the world is a beautiful, harmonious place. Oh, please! Let's get real! Real life is never that easy - but it's much more interesting. Imperfect Lives takes you where other scrapbooking books dare not and offers a chance to document the poignant beauty and truth of our everyday lives. In this book 60 talented women take on the creative challenge of scrapbooking the realities of motherhood, the hard work of relationships, the inevitability of aging and other real-life situations that have made them grow as people and artists. Inside, you'll find: Layouts that exemplify the whole range of life experience, from loss and illness to births and triumphs "The Story Behind the Layout" where the artists share what compelled her to create the layout Page after page of inspiration and encouragement for capturing the "imperfect" slices of our everyday lives Imperfect Lives celebrates scrapbookers who have the courage to tackle honest, raw and realistic subjects. So take a look at your life and start celebrating what's real.

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