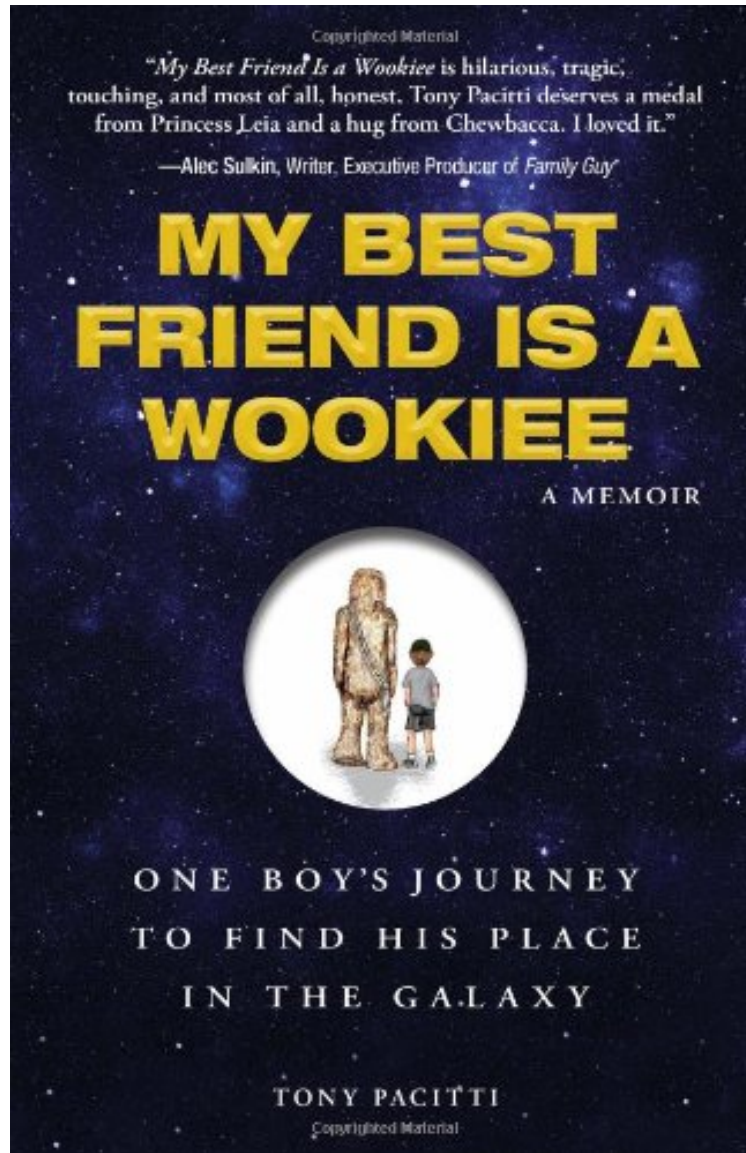


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PugatchTony wrote a coming of age story that any of us can relate to. From the trying to figure yourself out through puberty and discovering girls to hanging on to old childhood pastimes while becoming an adult in college. He writes with a style that comes off as conversation over coffee rather than a book or lecture. How many times while reading page after page I thought, "that happened to me!" From the girl holding you back that all your friends hated to the girl I didn't have the balls to kiss after watching a movie in bed with (her name will be nameless since she is a close friend of Tony's.) I have had the honor to go to the same college, write for the same newspaper, and SouthCoast 24/7 as well, all years before Tony but our experiences were the same, he inspired me to think about writing a memoir myself. Our love for Star Wars always in our hearts, how can we not relate to him. He writes from the heart and naturally that's where it affects us the readers most. It is refreshing to hear another fanboy HATED the prequel trilogy as much as I did. Anyone whom grew up in the 80s or 90s can relate to his story even if they weren't a Star Wars fan. Well done Tony, and please write us another book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. well written and funnyBy C. CancelmiA true fanboy tale! This book brought back so many vivid memories of childhood! If you're a fanboy/fangirl this is a must read!8 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Not Just for Star Wars Fans...By Slick Rick's Ball and ChainAt first I was skeptical that I wouldn't understand this book. I am not a huge Star Wars fan. I haven't even seen all the movies. I was pretty sure this book might be all about Darth Vader and Storm Troopers, and this fanboy's crush on Princess Leia.I was pleasantly surprised at how relatable this book was to someone such as myself. Tony shares his experiences with growing up geek, which is something I think most people have dealt with at one point or another in their lives. From mud throwing bullies, to awkward teenage romances, this book really shows someone growing into their nerdy-ness, and being completely comfortable with it. A hilarious memoir that anyone who is geek (or closet geek for that matter) will love.

In a galaxy far, far away a geek was born.So begins the real-life hero's journey of Jedi Knight wannabe Tony Pacitti. In this hilarious coming-of-age memoir, Tony shows how Star Wars has served as a source of comfort, guidance, and wisdom in his life. From the first thunderous boom of John William's score, seven-year-old Tony takes on Star Wars as his moral compass, his mentor, even his psychologist. Like his hero Luke Skywalker, Tony must then overcome Stormtrooper bullies, Lando turncoats, and Emperor Palpatine authority figures and embrace his own geekiness to grow into a man worthy of riding shotgun with Chewie.With the sense of humor of Han Solo, the willpower of Luke Skywalker, and the wisdom of a (much younger) Yoda, Pacitti uses the Force to follow his heart, overcome obstacles, and live a life worthy of a Jedi knight, endearing Star Wars fans everywhere in the process!

From Publishers WeeklyIn a galaxy right under his nose, a pants-peeing boy of seven experienced a rebirth while watching The Empire Strikes Back. From this "first kiss" a lifelong love affair begins, and Pacitti is entertainingly adept at finding a Star Wars parallel for almost any life experience, including his Jabba-like, playground-ruling enemy from second grade. Just as Luke Skywalker struggled to become a Jedi, Pacitti fights the dark side of depression and heartbreak, finding solace in a distant galaxy where the good guys don't always win. Though the recent prequel trilogy ("six years and seven-ish hours of crap" nowhere near justified by 20 minutes of "kind of neat") proves to be his ultimate heartbreak. Pacitti's prose is often perfunctory and, though he earns his nerd badge, bloated plot summaries and snarky commentary tarnish its shine. But when he taps into his personal experience Pacitti writes with honesty, enthusiasm, and occasional hilarity. Many a Star Wars fan will find charm in this familiar story; those who don't know their Wars from their Trek may be carried along by a deeply-examined connection to pop culture. (Sept.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.About the AuthorTony Pacitti has written for southcoast247.com as a features writer and video game reviewer and has had his short science fiction published at 365tomorrows.com. He has been the writer for the online comics RoboPlanet and The Silencer at Pandemonium Comics.