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From Bullies to Bigfoot: A Geeky Kid's Escape into Imagination
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MY 8-YEAR-OLD SELF: ***A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A GEEKY INTROVERT*** ***(REVISED 2ND EDITION)***

An illustrated memoir where childhood awkwardness
meets cosmic imagination
by Mike Ivy

**A humorous, nostalgic, illustrated romp for
geeks, nerds, and introverts aged 8 to 108.**

Follow the adventures of author/illustrator Mike Ivy's 8-year-old self as he navigates the stress of everyday life and school while living in his own fantasy world as he pursues his ambitions to draw the most epic comic book ever created.

Loosely based on author/illustrator Mike Ivy's childhood experiences and the characters he created at the time, My 8-Year-Old Self began as a series of drawings posted on social media. Ivy's initial idea was to create a character who felt awkward and out of place, which is why he always wears a spacesuit. (Plus, he thinks it makes him look cool!)

Features:

- Expanded with a redesigned layout
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Mike Ivy is an Austin-based artist and former art educator with 25 years of teaching experience. His work blends nostalgia, humor, and the surreal, drawing inspiration from Charles M. Schulz, Edward Gorey, and science fiction.

Mike Ivy is available for interviews, book signings, and school/library visits.

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A whimsical mash-up of geek nostalgia and childhood awkwardness.

- For fans of Charles M. Schulz, Edward Gorey, Jeff Kinney (Diary of a Wimpy Kid), and geek culture.
- Appeals to comic/graphic novel fans, librarians, educators, parents of introverted/creative kids.

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