



## It's Not Necessarily Not the Truth: Dreaming Bigger Than the Town You're From

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William Morrow, 2009. Paperback. Book Condition: New. A D V A N C E R E A D E R' S Edition. William Morrow 2009 A D V A N C E R E A D E R' S Edition New/ SOFTCOVER. Prerelease version. ReviewThe actress best known for her portrayal of outrageous, uncouth Joy on My Name Is Earl, revisits her bucolic North Carolina childhood and her quest to become a professional model and actress.Pressly copiously details the idiosyncrasies of her large, boisterous clan, a tight-knit collection of big personalities that includes a critical, charismatic grandmother, a courageous gay uncle and a disappointed mother, a would-be dancer resigned to her role as a small-town dance instructor and family woman. In graceful, articulate prose, the author portrays this quintessentially Southern brood with clear-eyed affection and understanding, but she lacks the chops to bring her relatives to life as compelling characters. Instead, she delivers anecdotes, family lore and a plethora of "colorful" Southern idioms, all in the service of trite life lessons and sentimental reveries. Reading them is like sitting through a garrulous stranger's vacation slides; she had a great time, but the experience doesn't translate. Pressly left her insular world...



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