

“Something For Joey” teleplay by Jerry McNeely and Novelization by Richard E. Peck is a heart warming true story of courage and love between John Cappelletti and his brother Joey. The book starts with John Cappelletti’s first year of university and he is playing defensive back on the football team instead of his usual running back and his brother Joey a 9 year old at the time is diagnosed with Leukemia. Joey loves nothing more than watching his brother John play football but one day Joey gets chicken pox and was then sent into a comma for many months. Doctors suggested that the best medication for him to awake was just love from his family, and the day Joey started to come out of his comma was one of the days John was home from university and he was sitting beside Joey talking to him. The next fall John Cappelletti moved from defensive back to running back on the Penn State football team and he had an outstanding season that made Joey incredibly happy every time he watched his brother play. Joey’s condition was slowly getting worse and his family was afraid that he could die any day now. It was now the fall of 1973 and John Cappelletti was the star player on the Penn State football team it was near Joey’s 11<sup>th</sup> birthday and all he wanted for a present was for John to get 4 touchdowns that game, which he did, and after that every touchdown that John got was a present for Joey. That year John Cappelletti won the Heisman trophy for the most outstanding college football player and during his acceptance speech he dedicated his trophy to his brother Joey in one of the most touching Heisman receiving speeches of all times.

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