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Dear Diary

Books for Teens Written in Diary Format

Go Ask Alice, by Anonymous

A fifteen-year-old drug user chronicles her daily struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.

The Princess Diaries, by Meg Cabot

Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.

Catherine, Called Birdy, by Karen Cushman

The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Effie's House, by Morse Hamilton

A teenage girl with a terrible secret runs away from home, seeking counsel from the father she will not believe was killed in Vietnam.

Alice, I Think, by Susan Juby

Fifteen-year-old Alice keeps a diary as she struggles to cope with the embarrassments and trials of family, dating, school, work, small town life, and a serious case of "outcastitis."

So Much to Tell You, by John Marsden

Sent to a hospital by her mother, Marina, a disfigured Australian girl who refuses to speak, reveals her thoughts and feelings in a diary.

Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson, by Louise Rennison

Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.

Nell's Quilt, by Susan Terris

Urged at the age of eighteen to marry a man she doesn't want, Nell delays the event by working on a quilt, slowly starving herself, and observing the unhappy lot of many women in turn-of-the century Massachusetts before arriving at a decision to rescue herself from the brink of death and take charge of her life.

The Secret Diaries of Adrian Mole, aged 13 3/4, by Sue Townsend

Follows the ups and downs of one British teenager's life in diary form.

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