

Teen Success Stories
(by publication date)

Fiction by Teens

Amanda Marquit (18 years old) *Shut the Door* 2005

C. H. Doherty-Wayne (16 years old) *The Book of Broken Hours* 2004

Flavia Bujor (15 years old) *The Prophecy of the Stones: A Novel* 2004

Robert Geile (18 years old) *On Our Way: A Collection of Short Stories by Young American Filmmakers* 2004

Kelly McWilliams (15 years old) *Doormat* 2004

Chrisopher Paolini (18 years old) *Eragon (Inheritance, Book 1)* 2003

Amelia Atwater-Rhodes (14 years old) *In The Forests of the Night* 1999; *Demon in My View* 2000; *Shattered Mirror* 2001; *Midnight Predator* 2002

Benjamin Lebert (16 years old) *Crazy* 2000

Christina Gunn (16 years old) *Lily* 1999

Isabelle Carmody (15 years old) *Obernewtyn* 1999; *Farseekers* 2001

Kimberly Fuller (16 years old) *Home* 1998

Megan McNeil Libby (16 years old) *Postcards From France* 1998

Jenn Crowell (17 years old) *Necessary Madness* 1997; started *Letting the Body Lead* as a teenager, but was published in 2002

Dav Pilkey (19 years old) *World War Won* 1987

Gordan Korman (16 years old) *This Can't Be Happening at McDonald Hall* 1978

S. E. Hinton (16 years old) *Outsiders* 1967

Maureen Daly (17 years old)

"I wrote *The Outsiders* because I (1) like to write (2) was mad about the social situation in my high school where everyone got in their little group and wouldn't make friends outside it and (3) I wanted to read it. There was no realistic fiction being written about teen-agers when I was in high school--everything was *Mary-Jane Goes to The Prom*." ~ S.E. Hinton
<http://www.sehinton.com/>

Seventeenth Summer 1942

Walter Farley (15 years old) *Black Stallion* 1941

Miles Franklin (16 years old) *My Brilliant Career* 1901

Mary Shelley (19 years old) *Frankenstein* 1816

Non-fiction by Teens

Ned Vizzini (started in jr. high) *Teen Angst? Naaah... A Quasi-autobiography* 2000

Katie Tarbox (15 years old) *Katie.com: My Story* 2000

Zack Hample (18 years old) *How To Snag Major League Baseballs* 1999

Dave Lindsay (15 years old) *Dave's Quick and Easy Web Pages* 1999

Irwin Cait (13 years old) *Conquering the Beast Within: How I Fought Depression and Won* 1998

Mark Pfetzer (17 years old) *Within Reach: My Everest Story* 1998

Gil C. Alicea (16 years old) *The Air Down Here: True Tales From a South Bronx Boyhood* 1995

Teen Voices

Gayatri and Michelle Patnaik, eds. *The Secret Life of Teens: Young People Speak Out About Their Lives* 2000

Carol Cassidy *Girls in America: Their Stories, Their Words* 2000

William S. Pollack *Real Boys' Voices* 2000

Audrey Shehyn *Picture the Girl: Young Women Speak Their Minds* 2000

Anthony Allison *Hear These Voices: Youth at the Edge of the Millennium* 1999

Marina Budhos *Remix: Conversations with Immigrant Teens* 1999

Desetta, Sybil, Wolin, eds. *Struggle To Be Strong: True Stories By Teens About Overcoming Tough Times* 1999

Pearl Guyo Gaskins, ed. *What are You? Voices of Mixed Race Young People* 1999

Laurel Holliday *Why Do They Hate Me? Young Lives Caught in War and Conflict* 1999

Sara Shandler *Ophelia Speaks: Adolescent girls Write About Their Search for Self* 1999

Mary Motley Kalergis *Seen and Heard: Teenagers Talk About Their Lives* 1998

Timothy McKee: interviewer *No More Strangers Now: Young Voices From a New South Africa* 1998

Timothy McKee: interviewer *Dear Diary I'm Pregnant: Teenagers Talk About Their Pregnancy* 1997

Teen Poetry

Betsy Franco, ed. *You Hear Me? Poems and Writings by Teenaged Boys* 2000

Dave Johnson, ed. *Movin': Teen Poets Take Voice* 2000

Tupac Shakur (19 years old) *The Rose that Grew From Concrete* 2000

Esther Watson, compiler *Pain Tree and Other Teenage Angst-Ridden Poetry* 2000

Lee Francis, ed. *When the Rain Sings: Poems By Young Native Americans (ages 7-17)* 1999

Lydia Okutoro, ed. *Quiet Storm: Voices of Young Black Poets (ages 13-21)* 1999

Teen Diaries

Zoe Trope (17 years old) *Please Don't Kill the Freshman* 2003

Anonymous *Annie's Baby: The Diary of Anonymous, a Pregnant Teenager* 1998

Zlata Filipovic (13 years old) *Zlata's*



Spotlight on Zoe Trope

Zoe Trope is the pseudonym of a girl who published a 13,000 word chapbook memoir of her freshman year. The chapbook became popular, and she signed a contract with HarperCollins. Trope expanded the book to cover her life up to the end of sophomore year, and it was published when she was still in high school. The work is written in diary form, with an abstract prose style full of vibrant and startling images. Zoe Trope writes about some things that all teens go through, such as feeling like no one understands them and some things that few teens experience... such as her transgender first girlfriend becoming her first boyfriend.

Please Don't Kill the Freshman. HarperCollins, 2003. (age 17)

Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo

1994

Latoya Hunter (16 years old) *Diary of*

Latoya Hunter: My First Year in

Junior High 1992

Evelyn Lau (18 years old) *Runaway:*

Diary of a Street Kid 1989

Anonymous *Go Ask Alice* 1971

Anne Frank (14 years old) *Diary of a*

Young Girl 1952