

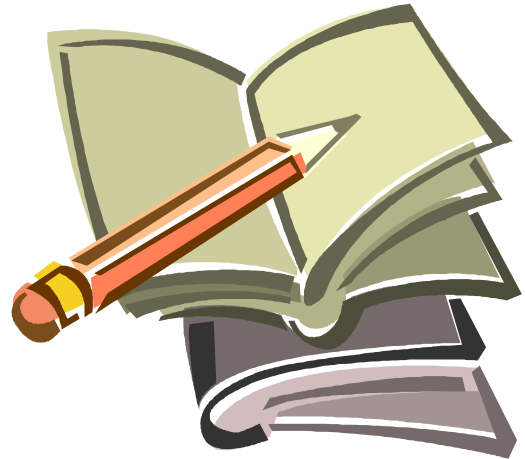
# Diaries and Letters

- J/BIR ***Attack of the Mutant Underwear*** by Tom Birdseye. 5<sup>th</sup>-grader Cody Carson keeps a journal of his hopes for a fresh start in a town where nobody knows about his humiliating mistakes of the past, but before school even begins, it all catches up with him.
- J/BLO ***A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-32*** by Joan W. Blos. A 14 year old girl keep a journal of the last year she lives on a family farm, dealing with her father's remarriage and death.
- J/CAS ***Jorah's Journal*** by Judith Caseley. Jorah writes in her journal about moving, a new school, and finding a friend.
- J/CLE ***Dear Mr. Henshaw*** by Beverly Cleary. 10-year old Leigh writes to his favorite author about the problems coping with his parents divorce, being the new boy at school, and finidng his own place in the world.
- J/CON ***Diary of a Monster's Son*** by Ellen Conford. Bradley Fentriss keeps an account of life with his loving but somewhat unusual father.
- J/CRE ***Absolutely Normal Chaos*** by Sharon Creech. 13 year old Mary Lou writes in her journal about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousins search for his biological father. Then read ***Walk Two Moons and Chasing Red Bird*** with some of the same characters.
- J/CRU ***Fiona's Private Pages*** by Robin Cruise. 11 year-old Fiona describes her triumphs and struggles with friendship in her very private journal. Also try: ***The Top-Secret Journal of Fiona Claire Jardin***.
- J/CUS ***Catherine Called Birdy*** by Karen Cushman. A young woman in medieval times writes in her diary about all the men her father tries to make her marry.
- J/DAN ***P.S. Longer Letter Later*** by Paula Danziger and Ann M. Martin. Two girls write letters after one has moved away and they discover how each of their very different lives are changing.
- J/GOR ***The Secret Life of a Boarding School Brat*** by Amy Gordon. 7<sup>th</sup>-grader Lydia chronicles her experiences, secret feelings, and changing outlook of life.
- J/GRI ***Jazmin's Notebook*** by Nikki Grimes. Jazmin, an African-American teenager who lives with her older sister in a small Harlem apartment in the 1960s finds strength in keeping a journal of her life.
- J/GUT ***Race for the Sky: the Kitty Hawk Diaries of Johnny Moore*** by Dan Gutman. 14 year-old Johnny cannot think of anything important to write until two "dingbatters" from Ohio arrive in 1900 and try to build a flying machine.
- J/HES ***Letters from Rifka*** by Karen Hesse. In letters to her cousin, a Jewish girl tells of her family's flight from Russia in 1919.
- J/HES ***The Music of Dolphins*** by Karen Hesse. A young girl who was raised by dolphins writes in her diary about her experiences of her new life on land.
- J/HES ***Stowaway*** by Karen Hesse. A journal relates the experiences of a young stowaway from 1768-1771 aboard Captain James Cook's voyage around the world.
- J/HES ***The Great Green Notebook of Katie Roberts: who just turned 12 on Monday*** by Amy Hest. In a series of journal entries, letters, pictures, and drawings, Katie relates her feelings about her growing up experiences.
- J/JAC ***In Ned's Head*** by Soren Olsson. 11 year-old Ned uses his diary to record his wild thoughts about his eventful life.
- J/KAL ***The Diary of Chickabiddy Baby*** by Emma Kallok. 11-year-old Prudence keeps a diary of her summer vacation, including crushes, squabbles, and a secret admirer.
- J/KLI ***Regarding the Fountain*** by Kate Klise. Letters and newspaper articles centering around the purchasing of a fountain for a school. Also try: ***Trial by Journal***.
- J/KNI ***Charlotte in Paris*** by Joan Knight. The young daughter of American artists living in Giverny, France, in 1893, records in her journal her exciting trip to Paris to attend an Impressionist art exhibition.
- J/LEW ***Dilly's Big Sister Diary*** by Cynthia Copeland Lewis. When her brother Matthew is born, Dilly's parents giver her a diary to record her feelings about him. Also try: ***Dilly's Summer Camp Diary***.

- J/LOR ***My Palace of Leaves in Sarajevo*** by Marybeth Lorbiecki. 10 year old Nadja writes to her cousin about the horrors of war in Yugoslavia.
- J/MAR ***So Much to Tell You*** by John Marsden. A girl who refuses to speak reveals her feelings and thoughts in her diary.
- J/MOS ***Amelia Hits the Road*** by Marissa Moss. A 10 year old keeps a journal on her family vacation out west. Also try, ***Amelia's Notebook***.
- J/MOS ***Max's Logbook*** by Marissa Moss. Max's log book of observations, drawings, experiments, and inventions reveals the rich world of his imagination and his feelings about his parents' divorce.
- J/PFE ***Dear Dad, Love Laurie*** by Susan Beth Pfeffer. Laurie's letters to her divorced father chronicle her year in 6th grade and her efforts to enter the gifted and talented program at school.
- J/PLA ***Castle Diary: the journal of Tobias Burgess, Page*** by Richard Platt. 11 year-old Tobias records his experiences of being a page in his uncle's castle in 13<sup>th</sup> century England.
- J/PLA ***Pirate Diary: the journal of Jake Carpenter*** by Richard Platt. The fictional diary of a 10 year-old boy who, in 1716 sets off from North Carolina to become a sailor, but ends up a pirate instead.
- J/ROC ***For Your Eyes Only*** by Joanne Rocklin. Two sixth graders reveal much about their families, personal feelings, and writing poetry in their journals.
- J/ROO ***Good-Bye for Today: the diary of a young girl at sea*** by Peter Roop. 9 year-old Laura writes about things she and her family face while sailing aboard her father's whaling ship.
- J/SOR ***The Secret Letters of Mama Cat*** by Jody Sorenson. During her first year in junior, Meredith deals with moving, her sister going to a school for the deaf, and the death of her grandmother as she writes her letters.
- J/WAR ***Venola in Love*** by Cheryl Ware. Venola describes her boring-turned-exciting 7<sup>th</sup> grade year through diary entries and email letters.
- J/WES ***The Diary of Melanie Martin, Or...*** by Carol Weston. 4<sup>th</sup> grader Melanie writes in her diary, describing her family's trip to Italy and all that she learned.

- J/YEE ***Millicent Min, Girl Genius*** by Lisa Yee. In a series of journal entries, 11 year-old Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of the summer.

Also try the "Dear America" series, "American Diaries" series, "My America" series, "Royal Diaries," and "Princess Diaries" (Meg Cabot).



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