

What People are Saying

Just when you think we have reason to fear the future, pick up these books and see what the hopes, dreams and courage of young people can do for the soul.

– **Bill Moyers**

This series is the answer to anyone who complains that American teens don't express their ideas very well or that they don't have many ideas worth expressing. The essays, stories, poetry, and art in these pages let us see things through fresh and unspoiled eyes.

– **Charles Osgood**

No one knows teens better than teens themselves. I was struck by the honesty of the writing in this work. These are truly valuable books for every teenager. And for every parent.

– **Todd Strasser**

Teen Ink brings out the best in America's youth – they show a conscientiousness in their words and acute awareness of the obstacles they face. They speak unapologetic truths from their hearts.

– **Rev. Jesse Jackson**

In our society, we spend a great deal of energy talking "about" and "at" teenagers. The voice that is often missing is that of the teenagers. These books offer a poignant selection of teen voices speaking for themselves.

– **Alvin F. Poussaint**, Harvard Medical School

Warning – *Teen Ink* will expose you to the thoughts and feelings of real teens who are good, and sensitive, and intelligent, and brave and truthful. It is not for the faint of heart. Be prepared for reality literature from young writers that will make your heart sing.

– **Cathy Greenwood**, English teacher

What I read in these pages is lifesaving stuff. Not only is much of it astonishingly good from a craft point of view, but it gives teenagers voice.

– **Chris Crutcher**

Teen Ink is a forum for teens that the entire family can enjoy, learn from and use to communicate real emotions among themselves.

– **Chevy Chase**

It's hard to describe how good it feels when you realize that someone across the country is dealing with the exact same thing as you. *Teen Ink* does that for me.

– **Merrell Hambleton**, age 14

The five books in the Teen Ink series are a compilation of some of the most heartfelt and compelling pieces published in Teen Ink Magazine over the last fourteen years, combined with essays from students worldwide about what matters in their lives. Pieces were selected from over 400,000 student submissions to the magazine.

These essays give young people the opportunity to look within themselves and decide which ideals are important to them.

– **Barbara Bush**, Former First Lady

No adult reader can remain untouched by the drama in teens' lives; their writings provoke our compassion and insight. Teens themselves will savor every word from compatriots who so eloquently tell the truth, leaving no young reader alone. All these short pieces are smooth and succinct; a few emerge as works of art.

– **Cathi Dunn MacRae**, *Voices of Youth Advocates*

As a parent and a storyteller, I find great hope for the future based on the depth of feeling and creativity in these unique books.

– **George Lucas**

No topic is too personal or controversial to write about: drugs, suicide, divorce, unwed motherhood. In addition to students' trials, this series records their triumphs, offering a wide-ranging portrait of adolescence that refutes stereotypes.

– **Marilyn Gardner**, *Christian Science Monitor*

Teen Ink is an original, honest and refreshingly un-cheesy approach to "keeping it real." Teenagers are infinitely more savvy, insightful, sensitive and talented than given credit for. *Teen Ink* gives them a much needed opportunity to set the record straight.

– **Sarah Brennan**, TEENREADS.com

Teen Ink invites young authors to write down and share their ideas, beliefs, feelings and aspirations. At a time of technological upheaval, this seemingly traditional practice may constitute the most radical innovation.

– **Howard Gardner**, Harvard University Graduate School of Education

Teen Ink is a companion. With its diverse selections and uplifting pictures, poems and stories, it has become a shoulder to cry on whenever I feel alone or misunderstood.

– **Jeanette Wheeler**, age 16

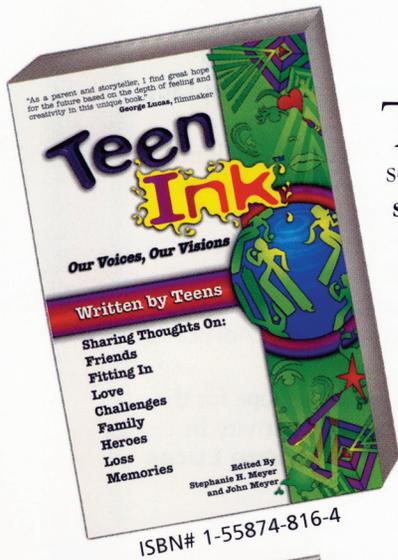
I've had the pleasure of working with *Teen Ink* for the past decade, and I can't think of anything that does a better job of confirming the power and promise of teen voices. We are producing some great kids in this country, and if you don't believe me, read *Teen Ink*.

– **Michael J. Dukakis**

It is good to have a book that teens can relate to.

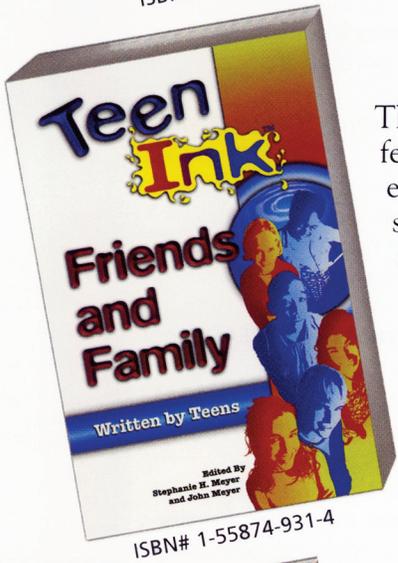
– **Britney Spears**

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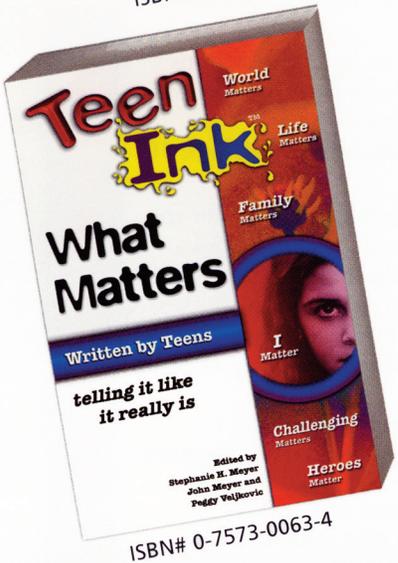
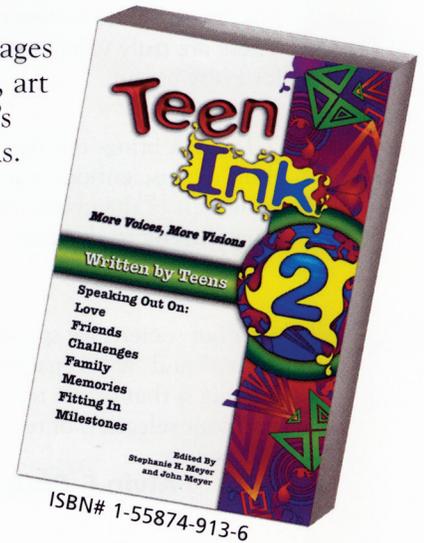
They race from school to work to sports practice to play rehearsal ... and sometimes, into your library. Grab teens' attention with *Teen Ink* – the only book series written entirely by teens. This is the real deal – teens recognize the truth when it comes from their peers, and these five books are all about truth – good, bad and otherwise. And, even better, it's not just teens who will be grabbing these books off your shelves. Any adult who has ever wondered what is going on inside teenagers' heads will have their questions answered in these books.

Each book includes 350 pages of personal stories, poems, art and photography – and it's all created *entirely* by teens.



These well-crafted stories are filled with feelings derived from real-life events – emotions not of the surface, but of the soul. They represent the honest and compelling moments that define the teenage years.

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I started writing when I was a teenager. But I'd be embarrassed to compare my work to this. So much talent on these pages! I wish *Teen Ink* was around when I was a teen!

– R.L. Stine

Today's young people have so much to say to one another. I applaud *Teen Ink* for providing a forum for their voices.

– Lois Lowry

Teen Ink is solid, lively and extremely candid. The writing is first-rate and fills an important need.

– Jonathan Kozol

