

# REVIEWS

## THE DIARY OF STEPHANIE DANE

By Teens Read Too on May 1, 2009

Reviewer: Marta Morrison

I enjoyed reading THE DIARY OF STEPHANIE DANE.

This book was a diary written by the title character about her years in high school. She explains how she thought that school was a big deal, but everyone else thought that it was boring and not important.

She describes her years dealing with all of the problems high schoolers have, such as pregnancy, violence, and just handling life.

I liked this book but felt that it just brushed the surface. It covers four years in 68 pages. A lot of horrific things happen to the friends of the main character but we never can connect to her feelings. I wish Mr. Bell would have written a book with more depth, covering Stephanie and her life away from school. Stephanie is a survivor but we don't know why.

Although a quick and enjoyable read, it's not as well-developed or as in-depth as many other titles written on the same subject and in the same diary format.

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## MOVING 4WARD

By dead pool on July 10, 2014

Wow. I had to stop reading several times through this short book to take a deep breath. The author very bravely tells his story of battling (and sometimes conquering) his many addictions. The writing is refreshing in its simplicity. He is a real person speaking conversationally, sometimes fast to get it all out. This is a very powerful memoir that I suggest to anyone who seeks self-forgiveness.

## MOVING 4WARD

By Devin Woolsey

I was able to relate to many of the examples provided in the book. This book was enjoyable for me.

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## ESSAY FROM DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES: LITERARY BETRAYAL

By Ashley Worthington

All grammatical errors aside, I REALLY enjoyed the plot behind this book. I am rating this book 5 stars because it has moved me; something every good book should do! So thank you Casey Bell, for writing an incredibly moving story that has inspired me to write my own! Best of wishes to you!!!

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## ESSAY FROM DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES: LITERARY BETRAYAL

By Victoria Vargas

I wanted to give this book 4.5 stars but since I could not 4 will have to do. I read this book not expecting much from the description on the back. However after reading the essays in the "1st book" you can't help but continue on to the "2nd book". I wish there had maybe been a bit more closure at the end \*SPOILER\* with how each individual decided how to handle Dean/Manny's very public apology\* However the writing is strong when it needs to be and weak in the same respect (not in a bad way) mostly I noticed this in the 1st part. I was able to easily get used to it knowing they were essays and not a continuous story. I was touched by both parts and how well the point of cause and effect came across in this book. Definitely a fan of Casey Bell now and looking forward to reading more from this author.