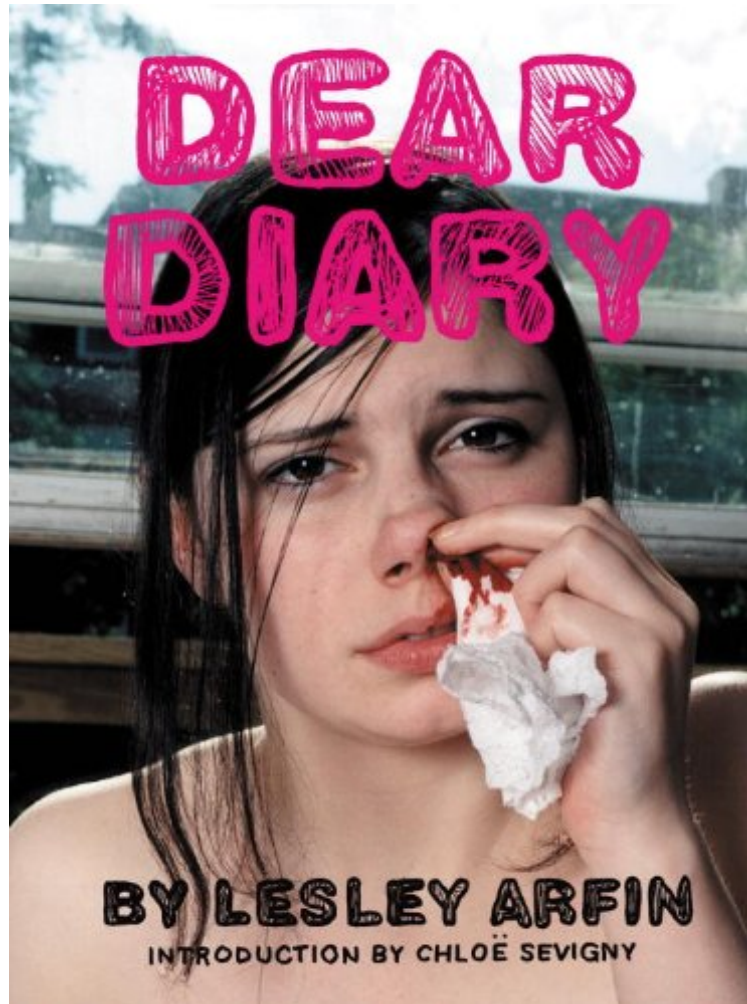


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Lesley Arfin : Dear Diary before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dear Diary:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good ReadBy Ramona L.Havent read anything in years and I read this in 3 days. Very easy to read. I love how the diary entries really give you a glimpse of what goes on in the mind of an addict. I also found that I could relate to it in some of the things she talks about like dealing with friendships, boyfriends, and growing up feeling as tho you need to fit in.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy get it...Raw, honest and a fresh way to tell the story of an addict who is desperate for redemption.35 of 39 people found the following review helpful. I'm on the fence here....By Stephanie CakeI can't say I hated Dear Diary but I'm not a total convert like all the other reviewers here.There are definitely some sections - particularly her middle and high school entries - where I felt like "OMG, that's EXACTLY how I was feeling at that age." And her updated

commentary on some of those passages is really spot on and, in some cases, very funny. I also thought her description of her first time in rehab had some bittersweet, and in one case, hilarious, moments. But on the other hand, as another reviewer mentions, I have a really hard time with her claim that she published the book to let girls know they aren't alone in what they might be going through. Nothing in her "update" commentary is particularly dissuading about drug use... or even tormenting your friends, for that matter. She seems to have taken thinly veiled delight in the fact that, although her middle school friends tormented and ousted her, they were also tormented and ousted by each other. While she is a decent writer, and the entries aren't quite as boring as one reviewer would have you believe, I was ultimately left with the feeling that I really don't like or care about Leslie that much. She may be sober now and she may have gone through the school of hard knocks like a real champ but she still comes across like an immature, spoiled upper middle class Gen-Xer. Ironically, she pretty much admits this.

A collection of a girl's funniest diary entries from 12 to 25 years old. She updates each entry by tracking down the people involved and asking awkward questions like, "Do you remember when I tried to beat you up?" Sometimes old friends apologize. Sometimes they become new enemies. No matter who she talks to about the days we all discovered sex, drugs, and rock 'n roll, one thing becomes abundantly clear: Boys are totally immature. "Here's your chance to have all the benefits of a tortured adolescence without the shitty childhood. Congratulations!" —Sarah Silverman

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About the Author
Lesley Arfin was born in Long Island, New York, in 1978. After a few botched attempts at academia she settled on writing, or, more specifically, writing a regular "Dear Diary" column for Vice Magazine beginning in 2002. The column was an instant success, giving Vice a much needed "chick angle," and launching Arfin's writing career. She has since gone on to write for a variety of other magazines including Jane, Nylon, and i-D. Dear Diary is her first book.