

# Diaries

## The Diaries of Emilio Renzi: A Day in the Life

Sixty years in the making and the capstone of a monumental literary career, *The Diaries of Emilio Renzi: A Day in the Life* is the final volume of the autobiographical trilogy from the author who is considered Borges' heir and the vanguard of the Post-Boom generation of Latin American literature. Emilio Renzi, Piglia's literary alter ego, navigates the tumultuous ups and downs of a post-Peronist Argentina filled with political unrest, economic instability, and a burgeoning literary scene ready to make its mark on the rest of the world. How could we define a perfect day? Maybe it would be better to say: how could I narrate a perfect day? Is that why I write a diary? To capture—or reread—one of those days of unexpected happiness? The final installment of Ricardo Piglia's lifelong compilation of journals completes the seemingly impossible project of documenting the entire life of a writer. *A Day in the Life* picks up the thread of Piglia's life in the 1980s until his death from ALS in 2017. Emilio Renzi, Piglia's literary alter ego, navigates the tumultuous ups and downs of a post-Peronist Argentina filled with political unrest, economic instability, and a burgeoning literary scene ready to make its mark on the rest of the world and escape the shadows of legendary authors Jorge Luis Borges and Roberto Arlt. Renzi's peripatetic, drinking, philandering ways don't abate as he grows older, and we're exposed to the intrinsic insecurities that continually plague him even as fate tips in his favor and he goes on to win international literary prizes and becomes professor emeritus of Princeton University. His literary success is marred only by the disappointments and tragedies of his personal life as he deals with the death of friends and family, failed relationships, and the constant pecuniary struggles of a writer trying to live solely on his ability to produce art. The final sections of this ambitious project intimately trace the deterioration of Piglia's body after his diagnosis: My right hand is heavy and uncooperative but I can still write. When I can no longer.... The crowning achievement of a prolific, internationally acclaimed author, this third volume cements Ricardo Piglia's position as one of the most influential Latin American authors of the last century. Praise for *The Diaries of Emilio Renzi: A Day in the Life*: "[A] posthumous autobiographical masterpiece.... [P]rofoundly moving. A meditation on both the accumulation and ephemerality of time, Piglia's final work is a brilliant addition to world literature." —Publishers Weekly, Starred Review "Filled with literary aperçus and fragments of history: an elegant, affecting close to a masterwork." —Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review Praise for *The Diaries of Emilio Renzi*: "Splendidly crafted and interspersed with essays and stories, this beguiling work is to a diary as Piglia is to 'Emilio Renzi': a lifelong alter ego, a highly self-conscious shadow volume that brings to bear all of Piglia's prowess as it illuminates his process of critical reading and the inevitable tensions between art and life. Amid meeting redheads at bars, he dissects styles and structures with a surgeon's precision, turning his gaze on a range of writers, from Plato to Dashiell Hammett, returning time and again to Pavese, Faulkner, Dostoyevsky, Arlt and Borges. Chock-full of lists of books and films he consumed in those voracious early years of call girls, carbon paper, amphetamines and Heidegger, this is an embarrassment of riches — by turns an inspiring master class in narrative analysis, an accounting of the pesos left in his pockets and a novel of Piglia's grandfather (named Emilio, natch) with his archive of World War I materials pilfered from Italian corpses.... No previous familiarity with Piglia's work is needed to appreciate these bibliophilic diaries, adroitly repurposed through a dexterous game of representation and masks that speaks volumes of the role of the artist in society, the artist in his time, the artist in his tradition." —Mara Faye Lethem, *The New York Times* Book Review "For the past few years, every Latin American novelist I know has been telling me how lavish, how grand, how transformative was the Argentinian novelist Ricardo Piglia's final project, a fictional journal in three volumes, *Los diarios de Emilio Renzi*—Renzi being Piglia's fictional alter ego. And now here at last is the first volume in English, *The Diaries of Emilio Renzi: Formative Years*, translated by Robert Croll. It's something to be celebrated... [It] offer[s] one form of resistance to encroaching fascism: style." —Adam Thirlwell, *BookForum*, *The Best Books of 2017* "[A] masterpiece.... everything written by Ricardo Piglia, which we read as intellectual fabrications and narrated theories, was partially or entirely lived by Emilio

Renzi. The visible, cerebral chronicles hid a secret history that was flesh and bones.” —Jorge Carrión, *The New York Times* “A valediction from the noted Argentine writer, known for bringing the conventions of hard-boiled U.S. crime drama into Latin American literature...Fans of Cortázar, Donoso, and Gabriel García Márquez will find these to be eminently worthy last words from Piglia.” —Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review “When young Ricardo Piglia wrote the first pages of his diaries, which he would work on until the last years of his life, did he have any inkling that they would become a lesson in literary genius and the culmination of one of the greatest works of Argentine literature?” —Samanta Schweblin, author of *Fever Dream* “Ricardo Piglia, who passed away earlier this year at age seventy-five, is celebrated as one of the giants of Argentine literature, a rightful heir to legends like Borges, Cortázar, Juan Jose Saer, and Roberto Arlt. The *Diaries of Emilio Renzi* is his life's work...An American equivalent might be if Philip Roth now began publishing a massive, multi-volume autobiography in the guise of Nathan Zuckerman...It is truly a great work...This is a fantastic, very rewarding read—it seems that Piglia has found a form that can admit everything he has to say about his life, and it is a true pleasure to take it in.” —Veronica Esposito, *BOMB Magazine* “In 1957, Argentinian writer Ricardo Piglia started to write what would become 327 notebooks filled with the thoughts of his alter ego, Emilio Renzi. Piglia’s final literary act before his death in January 2017 was to organize and publish these works as Renzi’s diaries. *Formative Years*, the first of three volumes, covers the years 1957 to 1967, detailing Renzi’s development into a central figure of Argentine literary culture. In epigrammatic diary entries filled with memorable observations, Piglia details Renzi’s political education, relationships, views on Argentinian politics, and experiences during this remarkably productive era of Latin American fiction. As a fictionalized autobiography, it is, like the work of Karl Ove Knausgaard, of *My Struggle* fame, part confession and part performance. Renzi meets and corresponds with literary luminaries like Borges, Cortázar, and Márquez, and offers insightful readings of Dostoevsky, Kafka, Faulkner, and Joyce. Ilan Stavans (*Quixote: The Novel and the World*, 2015) provides a wonderfully informative introduction. Fans of W.G. Sebald and Roberto Bolaño will find the first installment in Piglia’s trilogy to be a fascinating portrait of a writer’s life.” —Alexander Moran, *Booklist* “Here through the Boom and Bolaño breech storms Ricardo Piglia, not just a great Latin American writer but a great writer of the American continent. Composed across his entire career, *The Diaries of Emilio Renzi* is Piglia's secret story of his shadow self—a book of disquiet and love and literary obsession that blurs the distinctness of each and the other.” —Hal Hlavinka, *Community Bookstore* (Brooklyn, NY) “In this fictionalized autobiography, Piglia’s ability to succinctly criticize and contextualize major writers from Kafka to Flannery O’Connor is astounding, and the scattering of those insights throughout this diary are a joy to read. This book is essential reading for writers.” —*Publishers Weekly* “*The Diaries of Emilio Renzi* is a rare glimpse into the heart of twentieth-century Latin American literature, with the inimitable Ricardo Piglia as tour guide. More than just a traditional diary, Renzi is an illuminating voyage into the hearts of books and writers and history. An inspiring work and an important achievement.” —Mark Haber, *Brazos Bookstore* (Houston, TX) “The great Argentine writer.... In a career that spanned four decades, during which he became one of Latin America’s most distinctive literary voices.” —Alejandro Chacoff, *The New Yorker* “*The Diaries of Emilio Renzi* continue to be a fascinating literary-autobiographical experiment ... and, especially, a wonderful immersion in literature itself. Of particular interest in showing the transition of Latin American (and specifically Argentine) literature—no longer: ‘out of sync, behind, out of place’—Piglia's range extends far beyond that too. Yes, most of this is presumably mainly of interest to the similarly literature-obsessed—but Piglia makes it hard to imagine who wouldn't be.” —M. A. Orthofer, *The Complete Review*

## Diaries of Girls and Women

*Diaries of Girls and Women* captures and preserves the diverse lives of forty-seven girls and women who lived in Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin between 1837 and 1999—young schoolgirls, adolescents coming of age, newlywed wives, mothers grieving the loss of children, teachers, nurses, elderly women, Luxembourger immigrant nuns, and women traveling abroad. A compelling work of living history, it brings together both diaries from historical society archives and diaries still in possession of the diarists or their descendents. Editor Suzanne L. Bunkers has selected these excerpts from more than 450 diaries she examined. Some diaries were kept only briefly, others through an entire lifetime; some diaries are the intensely private record

of a life, others tell the story of an entire family and were meant to be saved and appreciated by future generations. By approaching diaries as historical documents, therapeutic tools, and a form of literature, Bunkers offers readers insight into the self-images of girls and women, the dynamics of families and communities, and the kinds of contributions that girls and women have made, past and present. As a representation of the girls and women of varied historical eras, locales, races, and economic circumstances who settled and populated the Midwest, *Diaries of Girls and Women* adds texture and pattern to the fabric of American history.

## **The Financial Diaries**

Drawing on the groundbreaking U.S. Financial Diaries project (<http://www.usfinancialdiaries.org/>), which follows the lives of 235 low- and middle-income families as they navigate through a year, the authors challenge popular assumptions about how Americans earn, spend, borrow, and save-- and they identify the true causes of distress and inequality for many working Americans.

## **Using Diaries for Social Research**

The author considers the analysis of diaries as a distinctive research technique in its own right. He recognises the increased interest in and relevance of diary methodology within social research teaching.

## **Remarkable Diaries**

Travel back in time and witness both everyday life and great moments in history in this fascinating compilation of diaries through the ages. Bringing together historical and literary diaries, artists' sketchbooks, explorers' journals, and scientists' notebooks, *Remarkable Diaries* provides an intimate insight into the lives and thoughts of some of the most interesting people of the last two thousand years. Discover what it was like to build a pyramid, sail the seas with Magellan, travel into the heart of Africa, or serve on the Western Front. Find out how writers and artists planned their masterpieces, and how scientists developed their groundbreaking theories. Arranged chronologically, *Remarkable Diaries* takes you into the pages of the world's greatest diaries, notebooks, and letters, including those of Samuel Pepys, Henry-David Thoreau, the Goncourt brothers, Virginia Woolf, and Anne Frank. Stunning reproductions of the original notebooks and manuscripts are complemented by extracts and quotations, and illustrated features set the diaries in their cultural and historical context. Essential reading for everyone who is passionate about history and literature, *Remarkable Diaries* provides a fascinating insight into the everyday lives, thoughts, and feelings of men and women through the centuries.

## **War Diaries**

In recent decades, the development of advanced weaponry systems and the instant flow of information have redefined the notion of urban warfare as a local phenomenon with global effects in an increasingly interconnected world. The annihilation of Aleppo and the broadcasted demolitions of Palmyra demonstrate the accelerating politicization of the destruction process. In this timely volume, Elisa Dainese, Aleksandar Stanišić, and a broad range of contributors explore the weaponization of architecture—targeted attacks on art and infrastructure meant to destroy not only physical structures but also political unity and cultural memory. Focusing on regions where planners, architects, and artists are involved in concrete initiatives on the ground, *War Diaries* looks at complex postwar settings to illuminate design responses to urban warfare and violence against the built environment. The essays discuss creative strategies for rebuilding and restablizing damaged sites, often within the context of continuing animosities; the establishment of design coalitions to work with local communities on reconstruction; the designing of emergency settlements; the development of new and customized strategies for rebuilding diverse parts of the ravaged world; and the teaching of culturally sensitive design practices to architects and urbanists, among many other topics. A much-needed contribution to our understanding of postconflict design, this volume maps the creative approaches that specialists have

used to remediate the effects of violence against cities and cultural heritage.

## **Dork Diaries 9**

Springtime brings crazy adventures to Nikki and her friends Chloe, Zoey, and Brandon.

## **The Gratitude Diaries**

In this New York Times bestseller, Janice Kaplan spends a year living gratefully and transforms her marriage, family life, work, and health. On New Year's Eve, journalist and former Parade editor in chief Janice Kaplan makes a promise to be grateful and look on the bright side of whatever happens. She realizes that how she feels over the next year will have less to do with the events that occur than her own attitude and perspective. Getting advice at every turn from psychologists, academics, doctors, and philosophers, Kaplan brings readers on a smart and witty journey to discover the value of appreciating what you have. Relying on both amusing personal experiences and extensive research, Kaplan explores how gratitude can transform every aspect of life, including marriage and friendship, money and ambition, and health and fitness. She learns how appreciating your spouse changes the neurons of your brain and why saying thanks helps CEOs succeed. Through extensive interviews with experts, and lively conversations with real people, including celebrities like Matt Damon, Daniel Craig, and Jerry Seinfeld, Kaplan discovers the role of gratitude in everything from our sense of fulfillment to our children's happiness. With warmth, humor, and appealing insight, Kaplan's journey will empower readers to think positively and start living their own best year ever.

## **The Los Angeles Diaries**

Plagued by the suicides of both his siblings, and heir to alcohol and drug abuse, divorce, and economic ruin, James Brown lived a life clouded by addiction, broken promises, and despair. In *The Los Angeles Diaries*, he reveals his struggle for survival, mining his past to present the inspiring story of his redemption. Beautifully written and limned with dark humor, these twelve deeply confessional, interconnected chapters address personal failure, heartbreak, the trials of writing for Hollywood, and the life-shattering events that finally convinced Brown that he must "change or die." In "Snapshot," Brown is five years old and recalls the night his mother "sets fire to an apartment building down the street." In "Daisy," Brown purchases a Vietnamese potbellied pig for his wife to atone for his sins, only to find the pig's bulk growing in direct proportion to the tensions in his marriage. Harrowing and brutally honest, *The Los Angeles Diaries* is the chronicle of a man on a collision course with life, who ultimately finds the strength and courage to conquer his demons and believe once more.

## **Marie Antoinette: Princess of Versailles, Austria-France, 1769 (The Royal Diaries)**

Newbery Honor author Kathryn Lasky's *MARIE ANTOINETTE* is back in print with a gorgeous new package! To forge an incredibly powerful political alliance, thirteen-year-old Marie Antoinette of Austria is betrothed to Dauphin Louis Auguste, who will one day be the king of France. To prepare the princess for becoming queen, she must be trained to write, read, speak French, dress, act . . . even breathe. Things become more difficult for her when she is separated from her family and sent to the court of Versailles to meet her future husband. Opinionated and headstrong Marie Antoinette must find a way to fit in at the royal court, and get along with her fiancé. The future of Austria and France falls upon her shoulders. But as she lives a luxurious life inside the palace gates, out on the streets the people of France face hunger and poverty. Through the pages of her diary, Marie captures the isolation, the lavish parties and gowns, her struggle to find her place, and the years leading up to her ascendance of the throne . . . and a revolution.

## **Prozak Diaries**

Prozak Diaries is an analysis of emerging psychiatric discourses in post-1980s Iran. It examines a cultural shift in how people interpret and express their feeling states, by adopting the language of psychiatry, and shows how experiences that were once articulated in the richly layered poetics of the Persian language became, by the 1990s, part of a clinical discourse on mood and affect. In asking how psychiatric dialect becomes a language of everyday, the book analyzes cultural forms created by this clinical discourse, exploring individual, professional, and generational cultures of medicalization in various sites from clinical encounters and psychiatric training, to intimate interviews, works of art and media, and Persian blogs. Through the lens of psychiatry, the book reveals how historical experiences are negotiated and how generations are formed. Orkideh Behrouzan traces the historical circumstances that prompted the development of psychiatric discourses in Iran and reveals the ways in which they both reflect and actively shape Iranians' cultural sensibilities. A physician and an anthropologist, she combines clinical and anthropological perspectives in order to investigate the gray areas between memory and everyday life, between individual symptoms and generational remembering. Prozak Diaries offers an exploration of language as experience. In interpreting clinical and generational narratives, Behrouzan writes not only a history of psychiatry in contemporary Iran, but a story of how stories are told.

## **The Diaries of Emilio Renzi**

A family is hunted by a centuries-old monster: a man with a relentless obsession who can take on any identity. The String Diaries opens with Hannah frantically driving through the night -- her daughter asleep in the back, her husband bleeding out in the seat beside her. In the trunk of the car rests a cache of diaries dating back 200 years, tied and retied with strings through generations. The diaries carry the rules for survival that have been handed down from mother to daughter since the 19th century. But how can Hannah escape an enemy with the ability to look and sound like the people she loves? Stephen Lloyd Jones's debut novel is a sweeping thriller that extends from the present day, to Oxford in the 1970s, to Hungary at the turn of the 19th century, all tracing back to a man from an ancient royal family with a consuming passion -- a boy who can change his shape, insert himself into the intimate lives of his victims, and destroy them. If Hannah fails to end the chase now, her daughter is next in line. Only Hannah can decide how much she is willing to sacrifice to finally put a centuries-old curse to rest.

## **The String Diaries**

William Matthews' *British Diaries 1442–1942: An Annotated Bibliography* offers an unparalleled exploration of British diary literature spanning five centuries. This meticulously compiled resource catalogs diaries from diverse perspectives—ranging from monarchs to farmers, scholars to soldiers, and clergy to craftsmen—providing a comprehensive cross-section of British society across eras. With annotations that highlight the unique content and context of each diary, the bibliography serves as an invaluable guide for scholars of history, linguistics, sociology, and cultural studies. This title is part of UC Press's *Voices Revived* program, which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backlist dating to 1893, *Voices Revived* makes high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1950.

## **British Diaries**

Nikki Maxwell is determined to help out Brandon save an animal shelter, but when she and her friends enter an ice skating competition to help raise money for the shelter, Mackenzie has to stick her nose in and cause trouble.

## **American Diaries**

The first book in the doggone awesome, howl-ariously illustrated, bestselling series from the creator of

Middle School! Lovable dog Junior's illustrated diary is perfect for fans of The Owl Diaries, Humphrey, and Mercy Watson. Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy! I've been waiting for ages to tell my story, and now it's finally happening! Being Rafe's dog isn't always easy, but it is always EXCITING! I've got so much to tell you about: How I protect the yard from birds, raccoons, squirrels, raccoons, mail carriers ... and did I mention RACCOONS? Sniffing pooch posteriors for the latest canine news. And the terrifying monster hiding in the hall closet: the vacuum cleaner! These were all the most paw-some parts of my doggie life -- until the evil Mrs. Stricker threatened to send me back to the pound if I didn't learn to behave. Now Rafe (Khatchadorian, of Middle School fame) and I have to go to obedience school and win the trophy for Best Trained Dog . . . or else!

## **Tales from a Not-so-graceful Ice Princess**

A dorktastic new DORK DIARIES book for World Book Day 2015! Nikki Maxwell is the Queen of the Dorks and in this adorkable book she's ready to spill all her top tips to living life the dorky way! Coping with crushes, avoiding BFF dramas, planning pop-star sleepovers, surviving embarrassing families, how to start your very own dork diary, Nikki's here with advice on EVERYTHING you need to know. So whether you're already dorkalicious or a dorky-diva in training, HOW TO BE A DORK is the ultimate guide to being a true dork!

## **Dog Diaries**

In her fictionalized journal, eleven-year-old Minnie Swift recounts how her family dealt with the difficult times during the Depression and how the arrival of an orphan from Texas changed their lives in Indianapolis just before Christmas 1932.

## **World Book Day 2015 Dork Diaries**

Written by two former nannies, Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, The Nanny Diaries deftly punctures the glamour of Manhattan's upper class. Now a major motion picture starring Scarlett Johansson and Laura Linney. Wanted: One young woman to take care of four-year-old boy. Must be cheerful, enthusiastic and selfless--bordering on masochistic. Must relish sixteen-hour shifts with a deliberately nap-deprived preschooler. Must love getting thrown up on, literally and figuratively, by everyone in his family. Must enjoy the delicious anticipation of ridiculously erratic pay. Mostly, must love being treated like fungus found growing out of employers Hermès bag. Those who take it personally need not apply. Who wouldn't want this job? Struggling to graduate from NYU and afford her microscopic studio apartment, Nanny takes a position caring for the only son of the wealthy X family. She rapidly learns the insane amount of juggling involved to ensure that a Park Avenue wife who doesn't work, cook, clean, or raise her own child has a smooth day. When the Xs' marriage begins to disintegrate, Nanny ends up involved way beyond the bounds of human decency or good taste. Her tenure with the X family becomes a nearly impossible mission to maintain the mental health of their four-year-old, her own integrity and, most importantly, her sense of humor. Over nine tense months, Mrs. X and Nanny perform the age-old dance of decorum and power as they test the limits of modern-day servitude.

## **Christmas After All**

Travel back in time and share the experience of everyday thoughts and great moments in history in this fascinating compilation of diaries through the ages. Great Diaries traces the history of the diary from ancient times to the present day, bringing together more than 80 historical and literary diaries, artists' sketchbooks, explorers' journals, and scientists' notebooks. Discover what it was like to build a pyramid, sail the seas with Magellan, travel into the heart of Africa, or serve on the Western Front. Find out how writers and artists planned their masterpieces, and how scientists developed their groundbreaking theories. Great Diaries takes you into the pages of the world's greatest diaries and notebooks, including those of Samuel Pepys, Charles

Darwin, Henry-David Thoreau, the Goncourt brothers, Virginia Woolf, and Anne Frank, and shows you what they looked like. Stunning images of the original notebooks and manuscripts are complemented by key extracts and close-ups of important details. Feature boxes provide additional biographical information and set the works in their cultural and historical context. Essential reading for everyone who is passionate about history and literature, Great Diaries provides an intimate insight into the lives and thoughts of some of the most interesting people of the last 2,000 years.

## **The Nanny Diaries**

INTO POLITICS begins in 1973 with Clark's selection as Tory candidate for Nancy Astor's old seat in Plymouth (rival candidates included future Conservative luminaries Michael Howard and Norman Fowler). Alan Clark describes his election to the Commons in the 1974 general election; his years as a backbencher coincide with Edward Heath as PM, his downfall and the arrival of Margaret Thatcher. This volume ends with the inside story of the Falklands War. In his private life Alan and his wife Jane and their two young sons take over Saltwood Castle, previously the home of his father Kenneth (Civilisation) Clark. His enthusiasms for the estate, skiing, fast cars and girls are never far away.

## **Great Diaries**

Lucy and Ernessa have become inseparable. Ernessa's taken her over. She's consuming her. What I saw wasn't real. And I know it wasn't a dream. Ernessa is a vampire. At an exclusive girls' boarding school, a sixteen-year-old girl records her most intimate thoughts in a diary. The object of her growing obsession is her roommate, Lucy Blake, and Lucy's friendship with their new and disturbing classmate. Ernessa is an enigmatic, moody presence with pale skin and hypnotic eyes. Around her swirl dark rumors, suspicions, and secrets as well as a series of ominous disasters. As fear spreads through the school and Lucy isn't Lucy anymore, fantasy and reality mingle until what is true and what is dreamed bleed together into a waking nightmare that evokes with gothic menace the anxieties, lusts, and fears of adolescence. And at the center of the diary is the question that haunts all who read it: Is Ernessa really a vampire? Or has the narrator trapped herself in the fevered world of her own imagining?

## **Diaries**

These volumes are a first person narrative of a soldier in the West during the Great Sioux War and the Cheyenne Outbreak as well as other important Indian battles. Extensive information is also given about the Native Americans living during those times.

## **Bo's Magical New Friend (Unicorn Diaries, 1)**

A diary account of thirteen-year-old Kathleen Bowen's life in Washington, D.C. in 1917, as she juggles concerns about the national battle for women's suffrage, the war in Europe, and her own school work and family. Includes a historical note.

## **The Moth Diaries**

When Miss Know-It-All's inbox overflows with pleas for guidance, Nikki Maxwell, the school newspaper advice columnist, turns to her best friends for help.

## **The Diaries of John Gregory Bourke Volume 1**

WARNING: You are about to read my UTTERLY BIGGEST SECRETS. Can I trust you? OK then. I'm Ella, and this is my diary. Tune into the top secret thoughts of Ella with five FABULOUS adventures: Diary

Disaster, Friends Not Forever, Super Secret Club, Going Green, and Gym Squad Tumble.

## **A Time for Courage**

Taking a postmodern critical approach, this collection of new essays explores The CW Network's popular television drama *The Vampire Diaries*, taking in the complete original series (2009-2017), its spinoffs, source novels and fan fiction. Spanning three decades, TVD has engaged its predominantly teenage audience with storylines around love, friendship, social politics and gender roles. Contributors traverse the franchise's metamorphosis to suit the complex tastes of an early 21st century audience.

## **Tales from a Not-so-smart Miss Know-It-All**

Nikki Maxwell deals with the trials and triumphs of middle school in this fifteenth installment of the #1 New York Times bestselling *Dork Diaries* series! Ooh la la! Nikki Maxwell and her band are on their way to Paris, but they run into some roadblocks on the way... And Nikki's French skills may not be as reliable as she hoped! Can she get them moving again in time to reach their destination?

## **Ella Diaries 5 Book Set : Top-Secret Selection**

Tony Benn was one of the twentieth century's most charismatic politicians. The Benn Diaries, kept for almost seventy years, are a uniquely authoritative, fascinating and readable record of the political life of our times. This single-volume edition is the selected highlights of the complete diaries from Tony's schooldays in the 1940s until he ceased keeping a record of his day-to-day thoughts in 2009. The narrative starts with Tony as a schoolboy and takes the reader through his experience as a trainee pilot during the war, his tentative first days as a backbencher in Atlee's post-war government, through his battle to remain in the Commons after the death of his father. From cabinet posts and leadership battles, through election highs and lows to becoming a retired widower. Tony Benn was a consistently radical voice campaigning for the causes he was passionate about. This volume is the definitive legacy of the best political diarist of our times.

## **The Vampire Diaries as Postmodern Storytelling**

Teenager Amalia Vargas finds the courage to be true to herself in this spin-off from the Newbery Award-winning author's *Baby-sitters Club* series. When you're thirteen, having a boyfriend in a band is basically the coolest thing ever. But Amalia is starting to feel trapped by her relationship with James, who's jealous when she spends time with anyone but him—even her family and friends. Amalia knows standing up for yourself is important, but every time she takes a step forward something else happens to make her doubt everything—including the place she calls home. Luckily, her friends are there to help her through the hard times . . . The next chapter following Ann M. Martin's bestselling *Baby-sitters Club* series, the *California Diaries* are the first-person journals of Dawn, Sunny, Maggie, Amalia, and Ducky—five teenagers dealing with the ups and downs of growing up. This collection includes the complete set of Amalia's three *California Diaries*.

## **More English Diaries**

Teenager Maggie Blume struggles with not being perfect in this spin-off from the Newbery Award-winning author's *Baby-sitters Club* series. Straight-A student Maggie might seem perfect, but in reality, her life is anything but. There's not much she can do about the demands her dad puts on her, her mother's alcoholism, or her insecurity about following her passion for music—but she can control what she eats. As Maggie's friends begin to worry that she has an eating disorder, she'll have to face the fact that she might have a problem being perfect won't solve . . . The next chapter following Ann M. Martin's bestselling *Baby-sitters Club* series, the *California Diaries* are the first-person journals of Dawn, Sunny, Maggie, Amalia, and



Ducky—five teenagers dealing with the ups and downs of growing up. This collection includes the complete set of Maggie's three California Diaries.

## **Dork Diaries 15**

Teenager Dawn Schafer struggles with big changes on the West Coast in this spin-off from the Newbery Award-winning author's Baby-sitters Club series. Thirteen-year-old Dawn is thrilled to be back in California again after living in Connecticut, but her life and friends on the West Coast aren't exactly like she remembers. As Dawn adjusts to having a new baby sister in her house and attempts to rekindle her relationship with her friend Sunny, the crunchy, health-conscious member of the Baby-sitters Club will have to figure out how she fits in and where she belongs . . . The next chapter following Ann M. Martin's bestselling Baby-sitters Club series, the California Diaries are the first-person journals of Dawn, Sunny, Maggie, Amalia, and Ducky—five teenagers dealing with the ups and downs of growing up. This collection includes the complete set of Dawn's three California Diaries.

## **The Benn Diaries**

Honorable Mention in the ACIS Robert Rhodes Prize for Books on Literature, 2024 An Open Access edition of this book will be available on publication on the Liverpool University Press website and the OAPEN library. Engaging with previously overlooked diaries by women in Ireland, written between 1760 and 1810, this book opens new avenues concerning authorship and female agency, transforming our understanding of women's contributions to both literature and culture. The result of extensive archival research across multiple international archives, this book presents an entirely new corpus that demonstrates the creativity and literary capabilities of women in this period. The surviving diaries showcase these women's engagement with a form that allowed them to explore their subjectivity and to experiment with the presentation of self. This book demonstrates how these 'bagatelles' should be treated as literary works that were shaped by, and in turn influenced, wider cultures of reading and writing, underlining the generic fluidity at play. The diary form forces a dismantling of the neat binaries of public and private, of imaginative and non-imaginative prose writing, complicating our understandings of each. The content of these diaries prompts a re-evaluation of the very contours of Irish writing and what we consider as literature, while allowing us to rediscover the importance of manuscripts to our explorations of literary culture.

## **Amalia's California Diaries**

This owl-dorable collection includes the first five books in this bestselling series: Owl Diaries #1: Eva's Treetop Festival Owl Diaries #2: Eva Sees a Ghost Owl Diaries #3: A Woodland Wedding Owl Diaries #4: Eva and the New Owl Owl Diaries #5: Warm Hearts Day

## **Maggie's California Diaries**

Ireland, 1917. Darcy is a light gray Connemara pony with silver dapples. She's fast and tough, whether she's pulling a load of peat from the bog or riding around the rugged countryside with Shannon McKenna, her human family's eldest daughter. But when Mrs. McKenna needs a doctor, Darcy discovers a skill that will change her and her family's life forever. Like Black Beauty, this moving novel is told in first person from the horse's point of view and includes an appendix full of photos and facts about Connemara ponies and Irish history.

## **Dawn's California Diaries**

Eva and her friends are taking a field trip to the farm, in this New York Times bestselling early chapter book series just-right for emerging readers! Pick a book. Grow a Reader! This series is part of Scholastic's early

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## **Mere Bagatelles: Women's Diaries from Ireland, 1760–1810**

Number ONE Bestseller written by Celebrity Fashion Presenter Deborah Jay Kelly Beauty and Diversity comes in all shapes and sizes. This book celebrates Topical issues such as Racial Integration, Acceptance, Unity and Integration. It addresses life during COVID and how we have adapted to it. Deborah Jay Kelly brings you a cacophony of exquisite photography with the leading photographic gurus in their fields of expertise along with real life diaries from some of the models included in this book, red carpet interviews with delving questions addressed and a symphony of quotes which celebrate our cultural diversity, unity, integration and life during the COVID pandemic. Every person has beauty within them. This is the time to reflect that in a book series bringing together Models, Presenters, Actors, Ambassadors and Entrepreneurs. A group of talented people of all colour, creed and age, showing that beauty comes at any age, any colour and all shapes and sizes. This book honours the power of women and men who stand up in unity and marks the significant changes that the whole of humankind have grown accustomed to. This is the year of change 2021 Welcome to the Model Diaries UK Deborah Jay Kelly is a familiar face to the Stage and Screen with a career spanning 30 years where she started as a leading Journalist in the Media World. Now an Actress, Fashion Presenter, Red Carpet Host, Mature Model, Choreographer, CEO of The AATT and Founder of the advanced stem cell skincare range 'Celebrity Red Carpet Skincare' Her relentless passion to bring integration in Cultural Diversity has led her to have received 78 awards of recognition and distinction. A current Ambassador, she is a Well-known contributor to 15 Minority Charities. She is the Current Title holder of Ms Classic WOW Beauty Pageant making the all important statement that 'age should never be a limitation' CONCLUSION I would like to Thank everyone who participated in this book. It was tough co-ordinating it all to fit in with the COVID restrictions. A special Thank you also to my Publisher who made my dream become a reality. The Book launch (COVID dependent will be a Cultural Extravaganza of Fashion, Entertainment, live interviews and above all Charity. Watch out for the next book in this series where I will again bring our Cultures together, address the topical issues of our present day and continue to spread the powerful message that is 'Our hearts ALL beat as one' [www.themodeldiaries.co.uk](http://www.themodeldiaries.co.uk)

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