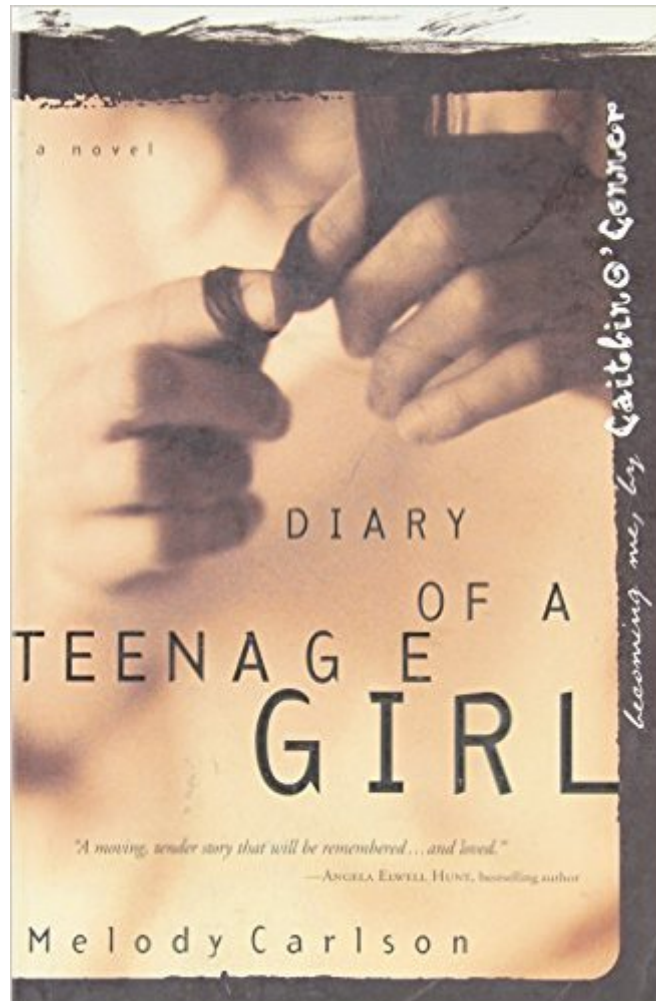


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Becoming Me (Diary Of A Teenage Girl: Caitlin, Book 1)



Synopsis

In the fictional Diary of a Teenage Girl, sixteen-year-old Caitlin O'Conner reveals the inner workings of a girl caught between childhood and womanhood ... an empty life without Christ and a meaningful one with Him. Through Caitlin's candid journal entries we see her grapple with such universal teen issues as peer pressure, loyalty, conflict with parents, the longing for a boyfriend, and her own spirituality. Readers will laugh and cry with Caitlin as she struggles toward self-discovery and understanding God's plan for her life. And they'll be deeply moved by her surprising commitment regarding dating.

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Customer Reviews

I wanted something to read one day, and my daughter had this book (and the others in the series) laying around....so I read them all. This is a WONDERFUL series! The books seem to be "light" reading. My daughter doesn't read a whole lot..but she did read this series and enjoyed each book. The subject matter is just about everything a teenager (or their friends)will experience. Caitlin and her friends don't always make the right choices and there isn't always happy endings. (I don't want to give away any story lines or endings!) My daughter felt the story lines were fairly true to real life...and gave her an "insight" how to deal with different circumstances. As a mother, it gave me the insight as to what a teenager is thinking, feeling, and possibly experiencing.

At least, it was for me. Last summer (2002), I became a Christian. Not just going to church every Sunday kind of Christian. I mean, a full out want to know all I can Christian. I had never felt like that before. And I owe it all to this book. I read this book that life-altering summer and couldn't put it down. I spent the whole day reading it. Caitlin's struggles were like mine -- I could relate to the character, which compelled me even more. The way the book touched me is indescribable. But I thank Melody Carlson for writing such a memorable, life-touching novel for teenagers. It changed my life, my way of thinking.

Caitlin O' Conner was a regular girl not popular and not unpopular. She had one best friend and all she needed was one. She didn't see why you had to a lot of friends when all you needed was one true friend. Her best friend's name was Beanie. She had one religion, as a Christian, her family got along with each other fine, no relationships, one crush. Along with Caitlin's normal life she was turning 16 and along with that came troubles. On her 16th birthday she had started to become apart of the popular crowd, and from then on things went wrong, her friendship with Beanie, her religion, her family life, and BIG problems with boys, girls were getting pregnant, and she didn't know if she was going to have sex or not she was scared that it would effect her religion, friends and family. The diary of a teenage girl was the absolute best book that I have ever read. This book had a huge impact on how I see the world, or at least the part I see everyday. The book changed my thoughts because I saw things a little bit different. Maybe it was because I am a teenager myself, and I can understand some of the problems she had. I would highly recommend this book and especially if you are a teenager. I guarantee you will see things in your environment differently. Like I said I am a teenager and it made a huge impact on me.

One of my friends gave me this book telling me to read it. After I finished I had to buy all the others in the series. Caitlin was my role-model and she will be yours too when you read this amazing book. Her faith in Christ helps her in any situation. A great book for any teenage girl.

diary of a teenage girl by melody carlson is based on a teenager trying to get through the obstacles and issues which many teens face. she will do anything to fit into her high school community and be popular. what i liked especially about this book was how it dealt with many of the things teenagers go through such as wanting to fit in, choosing from right and wrong, parental problems; to more extreme things like teen pregnancy. i liked how this book was about a normal teenager instead of

some perfect person who was nothing wrong in their life. I didn't like how a lot of it was about God and her praying. I found there was no need to end each chapter by her praying and whenever something went wrong she would say something to God like "God help me to get through this" on page 53. I believe the message that the author is trying to get across is that sometimes when you make mistakes some are permanent; and you just want to be careful of what you do. Something not as severe that happened was when Caitlin met the most popular girl in the school and a popular guy started to like her and she just forgot all about her best friend but Beanie forgave her. I would recommend *Diary of a Teenage Girl* to spiritual people. This book is a lot about religious beliefs. There are a lot of insightful thoughts shared in this story about an average girl trying to make it through her hectic teenage life.

I purchased this book for my 14 old daughter for which it did not entirely grab and keep her attention. I did read the book and thought it was O.K.. It gives insight into a teenage Christian girl's thoughts on the importance, or so she thinks, of being popular, dating for the first time, deciding not to date because it threatens her ability to remain true to her strong beliefs, teen pregnancy via Caitlin's BFF, and insight into her thoughts on why not to abort a baby, teenage girls' relationships with parents, the vulnerability of parents in the world, parents who make the wrong choices, and about forgiving others. Although Caitlin is about 3 years older than my daughter I felt a lot of the topics may very well be relative to her high school world. I have been very open and honest with my daughter regarding these issues therefore felt comfortable giving the book to her. In giving her the book I also had hopes that it may give her early insight into these matters from the perspective of another (fictional) teenage girl.

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