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When Annie discovers she's pregnant by her boyfriend, she's devastated. She has never felt so alone. With no one she can talk to, she pours her heart out to her diary, confiding her feelings of panic, self-doubt, and the desperate hope that some day she can turn her life around. She decides she wants to keep her baby and dreams of loving and caring for this little person. But after the baby is born, it's in her diary that she faces the agonizing question: Can she really raise this child on her own?

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Ashley says

I really liked this book because i liked the book go ask alice. They are simaler in a way. I can't imagine being in the situation that the girl in the bbook is in. I like to read dairy books because ever since i read The Diary Of Anne Frank I've been intrested in theese kind of books particularly because no matter who they are I like to find out what it would be like to even have to imagine how it would be like.

Smiley08 says

Annie's Baby: The Diary of Anonymous, a Pregnant Teenager is a book written by Beatrice Sparks. This is a very sad and hard to understand type of book. It is about this regular girl in school with friends and everything was just normal. One day some really cute guy started talkin to her because of some excuse that he was new and was looking for some friends to be with and just chill.

He was really nice and sweet to her. All of the sudden it all changed between them two. He was pressuring her to have sex with him. She didn't want to. That didn't stop him. She was so submissive and apologized for anything she did "wrong."

After a while they had sexual relations. She ended up pregnant. He left her because he didn't want the baby. Then some time passed and went back together. He asked her to do something really wrong. This was the worst decision she ever made.

This is one of the best books. I really liked it. The thing i did not like at all is what she did to her baby. Also she apologized to him everytime even though she wasn't doing anything wrong. The pointof it is that here attitude towards him was at good at all

Kaylee says

The Books title is Annie baby author is Beatrice sparks its about a fourteen yea old girl Annie That meets a guy name Danny. She never knew a guy that popular would talk to a unpopular girl like her they started being friends at firth because he needed friends because yes ben through a lot like she has and she been having problems seeing him because he's been busy with football and seeing his father. She's been feeling jealous.

I think this book will get better because something might happen later on

Flakita94 says

Annie's Baby, edited by Beatrice Sparks, is a very sad, annoying, and realistic book. This book is basted on a fourteen year old girl. She has a normal and ordinary life. Her friends are the best and she is pretty intelligent. One day after soccer practice a very cute boy approached her. He told her that he was new and was looking for a friend to hang out with. They were normal friends and talked once in a while. They started seeing each other more often and got really close. At the end they started going out.

At first he was really seat and nice to her. Everyday she started to fall more, and more in love with him. He asked her to go to a party with him that one of his friends were having. She decided to go and she had a good time with them. On their way back home he pulled the car over. When he did that he was insisting on them to have sex. She was telling him no and trying to push him off her. He them hit her and called her offensive names. She thought that everything was her fault and tried to go apologize to him. When she did he embarrassed her in the hall of the school and everyone started laughing. After a while he called to apologize and she ended up forgiving him. After that everything started getting from bad to worse. He would abuse her and she would get really hurt. One night he took her to his house before they go on their date. He was acting all sweet to her but once they got in her told her to start striping for him. She was feeling really bad and wanted to leave. She couldn't go anywhere and was trapped. He raped her that night and kicked her out of the house. He lived very far away from her house and it was getting dark. She was going to go back to his house to apologize but before she new it he was of in his car.

She felt so abused and depressed but she just couldn't live with out him. They got back together and not only did he have sexual relations with her but he kept on hitting her. At the end of all those times she got pregnant. She had to change her whole life as soon as she found out and in the end she does something that could really affect her life forever.

This book has been one of the best books I have ever read. It shows the things a teenage girl can go thought when having a baby. I would really recommend this book to anyone and even more teens. I recommend it more for teens so that they can see how it is to have a baby at a really young age.

Lucia says

Lucia Rios

Annie's Baby is a really interesting book. Annie's Baby is a book of Annie's diary entries. She writes about her struggles of growing up as a teenager. She's starts out like any other teenager. She has friends and does a decent job in school. She also tries to meet new boys. But her life at home isn't too good. Her parents are divorced and she lives with her mom. She finds security while writing her feelings in her diary. Her diary is like her best friend.

She makes friends with this boy named Danny that eventually turned into her boyfriend. One day she finds out that she is pregnant with his baby while only being 14 years old and Danny being 16. Annie was a victim of an abusive relationship. Her boyfriend practically forced her to have sex with him. She doesn't want to tell her boyfriend she's pregnant because she is scared of what he'll do to her but she still feels the need to tell him. After she tells him, he leaves her because he thinks that the baby is not his and that she just wants to put that responsibility on him. Of course she writes it in her diary because she doesn't trust anyone enough to tell them. She lost her friends after she started dating Danny and she can't tell this news to her mom. She thinks her mom will hate her and leave her on the street. Annie has no idea how she will handle school while being pregnant. So she considers having an abortion. She regrets it at the last minute and finally decides to tell her mom. Her mom tries to do whatever she can to help her pregnant daughter.

Annie can't go to her school anymore. So she has to go to a special school where they give help and advice to teen moms. She struggles to make new friends and wonders if she can ever turn her life around and be normal again. She wants to be like every other 14 year old she knows. But she can't because she now has to raise her child. Everyday, she asks herself if she can take care of the baby on her own.

I feel like Annie went through a lot. She was struggling with her life and she wrote it in her diary but she also made a lot of stupid choices. Annie praised Danny and she did whatever he asked of her. When Annie started to notice that he was being abusive, she just went along with it. Annie could have broken up with him or told someone like the police or a grown up. She could have done something about it. Having sex is not bad in my opinion but you need to always use protection which in this case, Annie didn't. Danny felt like he was to

much of a man to use protection which is not true. This book can be very frustrating sometimes because of the bad decisions Annie makes. But overall, I recommend this book to everyone. Some people may not like it because they don't understand what the person in this story has to go through. This book is very useful to inform yourself about these kinds of situations. They inform you about teen pregnancy, abusive relationships, and safe sex.

Sophia says

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The first time I pick up this book, I thought it was just a regular teenager book but as I read more and more and the conflict started to build, and I couldn't wait to turn to the next page. Trust me, the first couple of pages may sound boring but as you read more and more, you will be hook up. After you read this book, you can see how the protagonist suffered and the depression she went through. However this dairy is fascinating, realistic, and depressing.

The pregnant girl, Annie is just a normal 8th grader until she meets Danny. She is in love with Danny and then she is pregnant by him. As he announces this horrifying news to her boy friend, he abandons her. Lonesome, she wants to disappear from this situation. As her belly grows and grows, this secret is stretch and ready to pop out any in second. She can't hold it any longer and tell this to her mommy. However her mommy is very understandable and loving and helps Annie goes through a motherhood experiences. This novel is based on a true diary and it was wonderful how the protagonist went over her fear and took the courage to face her future. Picture the protagonist giving birth to immature child and taking responsibility, lovely and sweet. Annie's Baby will also teach you lessons and the importance of the love of a family. Realistically, speechlessly, emotionally, she escaped the horror of her depressing moments.

I think this is a very, very nice book since I personally like to read diary book or something like a first person narrator. Well I think this is a good idea that they published this book and gives reader a whole new idea of another person's world because not all people are the same and they are not going in to the same experience as us.

This book got me addicted and I highly recommend to pre- teens and teens since the target to this book are teenagers like us. This is one good dying book you will ever want to read, and you will enjoy the lesson you'll learn in this book. Hurry up and go to your local library and borrow one or purchase one.

- Sophia Lim 902D

Shayla says

I read this book because it relates to a school project I'm currently working on, and also because I thought that I would give Ms. Sparks yet another chance to redeem herself. Nope. I've read three of her so-called "edited" books and my respect for her as a writer decreases more and more with every page. In this particular "diary", the main character annoyed me even more than Nancy in "It Happened to Nancy", a feat that I once deemed impossible. Than again, those two books are basically the same; a fourteen-year-old girl with divorced parents gets raped by her older boyfriend. The only difference is that Nancy gets AIDS and Annie gets pregnant. Annie was dim-witted, annoying, and sometimes downright rude.

Raven Tiger {Paint me like one of your 19th century gothic heroines!} says

When I got this as a blind item for a quarter at my local library, I thought, well this sounds like it could be a good snark read, and I might be surprised.

The more time it sat on my book shelf the less I wanted to put myself through that. I'm just being honest. So I'm re-donating it to the library. I hope the next person enjoys this OR/AND snarks it (for me). :)

I'm not saying it was a bad book, I just have low-expectations for it. Who knows I may regret re-donating it.
>:D

Jessica says

The book that I read was Annie's Baby: The Diary of Anonymous, A Pregnant Teenager edited by Beatrice Sparks. Beatrice Sparks is known for the understanding of young people. The main character Annie then falls head over her heels for this new popular and rich, 16- year old, Danny. Even though Annie is only 14-years old and he is older than she is, she begins to think about this kid all the time. Once Annie and Danny started dating, she thought he was the perfect man because he cared for her, made her feel special, and always showed love and respect. After months of dating, she found out that Danny was the complete opposite of what she thought of. After all his insults and mistreating she still stood with him, and he did not mean the things he did and said and believed he will change. Her main problem came when she found out that she was pregnant, and Danny was the father. She then went trough a face that she did not know what to do with the baby, because her relationship with Danny was not the best, she was young, and her mother is hard to talk to.

This book contains many emotions. This book is composed of diary entries, and these writings usually express one's true and inner feelings. This book pulls a reader in because of its detail and the feelings it portrays. The details make you feel like as if you were in the characters shoes. This book also had the common mistakes teenagers make, and it makes the book feel as if one wrote it. This book is one of those that one can relate too and understand easily.

The book is targeted towards teenagers, especially female because the diary entries are portrayed through a female mind. People who like to read about love, this book might be for you. In the book, there are many topics revealed but the one that can apply to everyone is blind love. Blind love it self can be seen differently, this makes the book interesting. This book is also for those teenagers who need to see examples of what no to

do in life. In conclusion, you must read this book because it can be portrayed differently and it relates to teens.

Olivia says

As a teenage mother, I can say that this book is as far from realistic as it could be. I have never in my life met a mother who would have thoughts about their child the way Annie felt for hers. I was fifteen years old when I got pregnant and yes it was undoubtedly hard, it still is, but I have never ever wished my daughter were never born. I have questioned whether someone else would be better for her than me, but I think that is normal for all new mothers in general. This book is degrading to all teenage mothers, it was written to make everyone see us as scum of the earth. If it even is a real story, that girl was the most incompetent fool I have ever heard of.

Nancy says

This book was a very sad and a very realistic book. Again, this girl is a girl who is a real person and goes through a lot in her lifetime. This book is about a 14 year old girl. She had a lot of friends, she was pretty, and she was really intelligent. This cute boy approaches her and tells her that he was new and that he wanted to look for someone to hangout with. Therefore, she insisted and they became closer and closer and closer. Sooner or later she goes out with him. They had a pretty strong and good relationship as for now. He invited her to a party and she goes to the party with him. As he takes her "home" on the car he pulls over and asks her to have sex with him. She denies it and then he insults her and abuses her as well! At that time she really really wanted to apologize to him. She did and she embarrassed him in front of the whole school which was pretty great for him. After a while he just forgave her and things were good at that moment. He then continues to abuse her and hit her. It was way worse than she thought it was. There was this one night where he took her to this house and he was really nice to her at first. But only at first only. When they entered the house he told her to strip for him. She didn't want to but she knew she was trapped. she denied it once again and he abuses her and kicks her out the house. It was dark and that house was far from her home. Imagine that. They then got back together again and they had sex. And still he kept abusing her. At the end she gets pregnant and she now has to take care of her baby. But he leaves her knowing that now she is pregnant with his child.

I think that this is a depressing book because she gets abused so badly by her boyfriend and she really did love him and gave her all that she got. And all he did was abuse her and hit her and beat her up. It doesn't even seem fair to her because he treats her like a dog and he gets what he wants all the way. He leaves her with a baby and now shes all alone but with the help of her family.

Josephine says

A teenage girl named Annie falls in love with a boy. She then got pregnant and her life becomes miserable. she wasn't expecting that to happen until she went to the doctor's and found out. This happened because her boyfriend was drunk that night and he started to abuse Annie. Annie tries not to let her mom know. I learned that you have to be careful with a person or else something really bad might happen.

Lacey Louwagie says

I always find published diaries a little hard to swallow, because I think it's rare that real diaries have the sort of story arc that these stories often adhere to. About ten pages into this book, something about it felt very "off" -- the diary entries didn't sound like diary entries, and the teen author didn't sound like a teen. The narrator's infatuation with a new boy in her class--and her incredibly low opinion of herself--was so over-the-top that you just knew this was going to be some sort of after-school special cautionary tale. That's when I remembered hearing rumors that *Go Ask Alice*, also edited by Beatrice Sparks, wasn't a real diary. I did a bit of internet research and discovered that my gut instinct about *Annie's Baby* was right on -- it's not a real diary. And there is nowhere -- nowhere -- in the book where it is catalogued as fiction.

And this pisses me off to no end, that Dr. Sparks thinks she can make up whatever drivel she wants and then sell it as a "real teen's story." It's like she knows that she doesn't have the credibility to tell this cautionary tale as an adult -- but she's not willing to publish the story of a REAL teen mother, either. Because a real, live girl wouldn't tell it the way that Dr. Sparks WANTS it to be told.

All-in-all, this story reads like something straight of the the "Abstinence only" curriculum, complete with the girl feeling dirty and ashamed for having sex, being totally appalled by the thought of abortion, and feeling complete disdain for mothers who are on welfare. At the end of the book, she gives her baby up for adoption, after raising her for several months and realizing that she just can't cut it as a mom. This is the part that struck me as LEAST believable, since 97% of teen moms do keep their babies, and I doubt many of the remaining 3% give children up for adoption without making that decision during their pregnancy. But, seeing as this isn't a real-life story, Dr. Sparks thought that giving the baby up was the "best" option and since she was writing the damn thing herself, why not tie it up with neat hospital corners?

Boo for adults that lie to children.

Teresa says

I have to say, Dr. Beatrice Sparks has failed miserably at impersonating a pregnant teen. It's just disgusting how she tries to 'warn' teens by pretending that these 'diaries' come from peers instead of an over-the-hill ultra-conservative psychiatrist. There are far better ways to teach teenagers to not have unprotected sex than lying to them and trying to scare them straight.

Max Ostrovsky says

Terrible! Extremely terrible!

I thought, at the least, it would be a cautionary tale for young teens. It tries to pass itself off as an anonymous, implying non-fiction, memoir. It is so hyperbolically unrealistic, I refuse to believe it is anything other than bad fiction. Extremely bad fiction.

This is a story of an extremely insecure 14 year old girl who gets into a relationship with a hyperbolically

monstrous older boy (at her junior high?) and gets pregnant. First of all, I don't get how she is insecure. She is an athlete, she has great friends, she is active and has the support of her religious community, she has an extremely supportive mother, who as a teacher (repetitively mentioned Teacher of the Year for the state), knows teenage behavior and should have been able to identify warning signs.

But you know what? I can buy to a certain extent her insecurity due to her age. But she instantly grabs the attention of a good looking guy. And this happens again later on in the very short book. She often talks about her own attractiveness, thinness, athleticism, and puts down others as ugly. The insecurity seems contrived, artificial, and completely unsupported.

And for this book being as short as it is, it piles on so many very complicated issues, each deserving of its own focused attention. If this book just focused on teen pregnancy, as I thought it would, the length would have been appropriate. But besides teen pregnancy, the book dives into and failingly tries to address verbal and physical abuse, rape, rough sex, sadism, contraception, STDs, peer pressure, gender roles, relationship dynamics, education services for teen mothers, government support services for teen mothers, economy, abortion, politics of abortion, politics of government support, self-esteem, social inequities, premature birth, postpartum depression, illiteracy, and adoption. Each one could have easily filled a 200 page memoir. Instead, all are crammed in.

And everything possibly wrong a boyfriend can be is all stuffed into a very two dimensional and incredibly unrealistic character. I can't even call him a stock character, a trope, an archetype, or even a plot device. He lies, he manipulates, he is verbally abusive, he is physically abusive, he is a rapist, he is rich, he is spoiled, he stands the narrator so she has to walk home, he ignores her if he doesn't get his way, and I think he's even filled with demon DNA.

I'm sure that guys like this can exist. But as a character in a very short book, nothing is addressed fully and satisfactory. Each negative point about him could have been its own book. He raped the narrator and she STAYED with him, blaming herself. That, in itself, is its own incredibly huge issue! That, in itself, could make its own book! But, no! It's a mention! And there is only the scariest implication that the pregnancy stemmed from the rape - and even that I'm grasping for.

The book, in no way, realistically addressing any of the issues it brings up, or all the negatives that the guy is completely made of. I don't understand why she would even stay with him after the rape. The book didn't even attempt, that I'm aware of, to explain why she would want to stay with him.

Individually, the book could have focused on any aspect of him and would have been a superior story by truly addressing the issue, addressing the issues of why someone would stay with an abuser, addressing the issues of why a person would be insecure, especially when there is so much going for them. There are people out there like that - they seem to have everything, but inside, they are down on themselves. And that, in itself, could have been its own story. But, no!

Then there is the writing style that is inconsistent. The narrator alludes to the Scarlet Letter, which would not be unbelievable for a 14 year old if it had established her as the kind of character who would have read it on her own. Her diction is inconsistent. She'll use a word multiple time that later she'll say she doesn't know and learn. Not just bad story telling and characterization, but bad editing for not catching that (I wish I could remember what specific word).

I could go on and on about the awfulness of this book, which I already did mentally while reading it, and afterwards when I wanted to erase it from existence. I'm done thinking about this book.

Happy thoughts.
