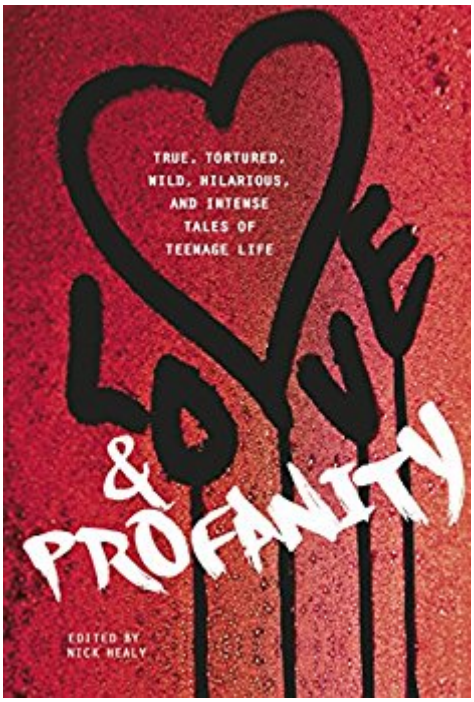
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Here are forty short, brilliant, and unforgettable true stories from writers famous and on-the-rise. Here is the intensity of daily life. Here are transformative moments arising from the mundane. Here are strange and surprising tales that tap into universal truths. Here are teenagers in full splendor and horror. Here they are, bursting with love and profanity.

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Customer Reviews

A great collection of stories and voices from a wide range of up and coming writers. I think everyone can find at least a few stories in here that they can relate to or that will feel terrifyingly familiar to them. Definitely worth picking up!

I thought that LOVE & PROFANITY would be like the Chicken Soup for the Soul series, filled with true banal stories with cute twists and funny endings. I thought the stories would be about teens who were older than me (at 16, I still have a lot to learn about the trials of teenage life), and that I wouldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t relate to them. I was wrong --- the stories struck me as honest and

relevant.Unfortunately, I didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t come to appreciate this until I was a quarter into the book because the introduction was a bit misleading --- it highlighted a few of the stories, but it didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t explain why they were all placed together in the same book. I suppose it was my job to solve the case.The table of contents split the stories up into four groups: ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Love and Profanity,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Love and Physics,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Love and MadnessÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• and ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Love and Apologies.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• Honestly, I could have placed any of the stories into any of these very broad categories. I would have preferred that the editor split them according to the age of the writer, or if they had just been divided into parts one through four.I received the uncorrected proof of the book, which didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t include writersÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ bios or an index. This was troubling at first, but once I got about half of the way through, I was glad I could read the stories without being influenced by the authorsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ backgrounds.Happily, I loved most of the stories and I did figure out why they all fit into one book: they did not tell you what teenage life should be like, but they showed you what it is like. None of the authors begged the reader to learn from their mistakes. Rather, they shared a bit about themselves in hopes that you would listen.From the title and cover I did not know that this book would be one of the sweetest and most terrifyingly authentic things I've read. None of the stories were groundbreaking or shocking; they were simply beautiful and honest. For example, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“ConfessionÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• by Anika Fajardo highlighted the butterflies of a first crush. She wonderfully described feelings that we have all felt before, explaining ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“[t]he thought of saying his name out loudÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •even in the dark, even to my best friendÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •made me feel like I was standing in my underwear in homeroom.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• On a more serious note, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“A Most Dangerous GameÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• by Alexis Wiggins showed me that girls donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t know that the world is a game more dangerous than they think, and they are more naive than they know. After she recalls her childhood of hoping boys would like her, wearing dresses with a stuffed bra and high heels, she tells us about the time she was almost raped, and how the world had ill-prepared her for this. She writes, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“and you felt lighter-fluid flames of anger rise in you at the teacher who taught the wrong lesson. Or at the girl in the back row, in her cheap dress and scuffed heels, drawing hearts around boysÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ names, hoping.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• This story (confusingly categorized in ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Love and Physics) sent chills down my spine.I would love if a future edition updated the introduction and table of contents, so readers donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t feel confused and assume mediocrity. Because really, these are undeniably

genuine and heartfelt stories --- teen readers, give them a try!Reviewed by Maya B.

Love & Profanity edited by Nick Healy(2.84 rounded to) 3 starsThis is another short story analogy/ essay collection that had the potential to be great but fell flat. Love & Profanity revolves around author essays on true events in their lives. I havenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t read any essay anthologies before this, but I know that several out there, like Bully, exist and are highly acclaimed in hopes that young readers will pick them up seeing high profile authorsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ names on the covers. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a good marketing skill, but I donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t think I know almost any of these authors. Almost all of them are names IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve never heard of before and I think that lessened my connection. I have a theory that if I know what an author writes like and follow them on social media then IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ll be more likely to enjoy reading snippets of their teen lives and experiences. Since I knew almost none of these authors, IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m putting stock into that theory for this anthology (IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ll test that theory with Bully later on).This collection is huge- 84 stories- if I counted correctly and most of the essays are brief. I think the longest one was ten or twelve pages so itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s hard to judge writing style completely for every story, but I had my trusty notebook and pink pen handy while reading and was able to chronicle all my thoughts while reading. (ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a good thing I did that since I read this collection literally one year ago.) My formatting will be the essay, rating, brief thoughts, and then some research I compiled on the author.Three Stories About Water & Vomiting by Adam Rex- 1 starI personally wasnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t impressed by this story. I considered it to be lame and irrelevant and probably the worst way to start a collection of essays. The first story should be good enough to make me want to keep going, no lackluster enough to make me question continuing with the collection because it makes me question how good the rest will be.After Teen Years- Besides having a dinosaur last name, Adam doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t focus his genre writings to dinosaurs, but illustrious characters such as vampires and Frankenstein. His most famous novel is The True Meaning of Smekday, which is MG science fiction. He also wrote Fat Vampire, which his only story I ever heard of.Breathless by Heather Sellers- 2 starsApparently this essay touches on all the things that I consider to be very unsafe.After Teen Years-Sellers is predominately a writer of short stories and creative writing non-fiction. Her most famous piece of work is a memoir focusing on her neurological condition that prevents her from remembering peoplesÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ faces.Girl Fight by Joey Franklin- 3 starsInteresting perspective on what a young man thought about the label of ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“fatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• and dating a fat girl.After Teen Years- Franklin made his debut in 2015 with a collection of essays surrounding what itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s like to be a

middle-aged white man with balding hair.Power Drift by Jon Scieszka- 1 starWhat an idiot.After Teen Years- This man writes a lot of essays, and childrenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s stories. He has over 144 distinct works on GR- impressive.Polypropylene by Ali Catt- 4 starsPretty sad that this captures how a lot of teen girls treat each other.After Teen Years-Only featured in Love & Profanity and I canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t find anything about her. Elusive.Why Is It Wet Here? By Carrie Mesrobian- 3 starsA pretty funny story about a party and a party failure.After Teen Years- SheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s the writer of Sex & Violence (which IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m excited to read) and that story from last year that everyone hated called Cut Both Ways.M-E-L-I-S-S-A by Melissa Brandt- 3.5 starsEssay about a girl who is very unattached from her father.After Teen Years- Debut author of a novel called Chased by Fame.I DonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t Believe You by Clint Edwards- 2.5 starsAn embarrassing story about Edwards crapping his pants in high school. Poor soul.After Teen Years- Debut author of a collection humorous nonfiction piece on parenting and marriage.Vietnam, Minnesota by Pete Hautman- 2 starsA story about him befriending a Vietnam vet and going way too fast in a speeding car.After Teen Years- This guy has written a lot of novels in the YA and MG genre. I checked out his novel Sweetblood once at the library during my vampire phase and never read it.Island Girls by Kasandra Duthie- 2 starsThe story focuses on DuthieÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s teen years on two islands.After Teen Years- SheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s featured in this anthology.The Ranks of a Million Guys by Kwame Alexander- 1 starFocuses on AlexanderÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s experience on becoming the number one tennis player in hopes of impressing the girl he likes.After Teen Years- A writer of poems, childrenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s books, and YA fiction in free verse form. This guy won a Newbery!Confession by Anika Fajardo- 2 starsShe confesses her crush to her best friend and then ends the essay with a sentence about dying at the dance?After Teen Years- SheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a nonfiction writer.First Gear by Melodie Heide- 3.5 starsAfter recently losing her mother, Heide finds solace in a guy who kind of likes her back.After Teen Years- According to , her work has appeared in numerous publications. She writes about transient life.The First Time I Had Sex, My Mouth Was Numb by Kyra Anderson- 4.5 starsOne of the most awkward and truthful representations of first time sex plus it has a killer title.After Teen Years- SheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a mother of an autistic child and collaborated on a project about what itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s like.Ambushed by Andrew Gottlieb- 2.5 starsThe story focuses on GottliebÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s experiences working on a painting team during the summer as a teenager.After Teen Years- HeÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a writer of reviews, poems, essays, and memoirs.A Ghost in the Mall by Natalie Singer -4 starsA reflection of Singer going to the mall after school and not being able to buy anything due to her poor family life and being blessed with an okay-face; a very touching story.After

Teen Years- Her author profile is to funny to not just copy and paste: ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Natalie Singer was born and half-raised in Montreal, Canada, before being uprooted and movedÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â ¢at age 16ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â ¢to the mythical, ice-cream-colored land of California, where she had to finish raising herself. There, she discovered burritos, tried to become cool on the streets of San Francisco, and made out with lots of frogs before she finally found a prince. She's now a writer in Seattle.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•A Most Dangerous Game by Alexis Wiggins- 5 starsMy favorite essay of the collection! Essay focusing on the perils of being a young woman and has a chilling scene where her co-worker says that someday heÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ll rape someone and it could be Wiggins.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“It wasnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t men who were hunted.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•After Teen Years- SheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s been writing since she was little, but has yet to publish a novel. I think this is her first time being published in a book!The Causeway by Margaret MacInnis- 3 starsFocuses on when Margaret is eight-years-old and sees her father not being able to do the things he used to because of age.After Teen Years- She has a lot of essays published in review publications and thatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s cool.Orchard by Kim Lozano- 2.5 starsEssay about the time she offers a place to stay for a young lady who seems to be on the run.After Teen Years- SheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s an editor of a literary magazine and teaches creative writing. Her poetry has been published.Weightless by Steve Brezenoff- 2 starsBrezenoff was a wallflower who attended a party.After Teen Years- This is the only author who I knew by name for sure because I used to want to read his book The Absolute Value of-1.After the Party by Geoff Herbach- 1 starI honestly have no clue what even happened in this essay.After Teen Years- He has a lot of published YA novels and his most popular is the title Stupid Fast.On the Third Day by Tom Moran- 2.5 starsDirty fighting!After Teen Years- Has a humorous novel called Dinosaurs and Prime Numbers.How to Succeed by Actually Trying by Dayna Evans- 3 starsDiscusses Evans meeting full potential as an already smart student and pushing herself.After Teen Years- SheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s been published in two essay collections.Ten Years Ago by Sarah Beth Childers- 3.5 starsA deep essay focuses on ten years ago from ChilderÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s perspective and then twenty years as time goes by.After Teen Years- Write short stories and has been featured in two YA ones and her own essay collection.End of the Half by Patrick Hueller- 1 starFocuses on HuellerÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s coach getting mad at his failure of a basketball team.After Teen Years- He has a few published indie works.Suspended by Kyle Minor- 1.5 starsWhen Minor finally got rid of one bully he gets cornered by his brother.After Teen Years- He has several short stories and novellas published into personal collections.Girl/Thing by Anna Vodicka- 3.5 starsThe story focuses on VodickaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s experience as a babysitter and being taken advantage of by the

father.After Teen Years- It says in her profile sheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t miss babysitting. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s funny, but itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s not because of the incident she went through.Saying Goodbye to Anna by Jackie Buckle- 5 starsI just realized the author above the before story is named Anna; did they do that on purpose?Another absolute favorite about ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“AnnaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• or anorexia and it was absolutely harrowing and beautiful.After Teen Years- She wrote something called Half My Facebook Friends are Ferrets and lol.The Catch by Melissa Cistaro- 1.5 starsThe mother finds beauty in fish guts? My notes are so weird. LOLAfter Teen Years- Cistaro is the writer of Pieces of My Mother: A Memoir.The World is in a Stump by Will Weaver- 2 starsWeaverÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s experiences hunting by himself for the first time.After Teen Years- He has a lot of books published and his prominent is Memory Boy.Mosquito Man by Da Chen- 2.5 starsChronicles ChenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s love for the blind manÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s stories in his village and how he became his own storyteller.After Teen Years- He has several published works and his most popular novel is Color of the Mountain.Confessions of a Pretend Boyfriend by Aaron Brown- 3 starsAs a freshman Brown was invited to prom only to be replaced by an army buff once he arrived.After Teen Years- Brown has many published works and his most well-known is The Poker Face of Wall Street.Dating Magic by Laurie Edwards- 3.5 starsA cute story about Edwards trying to get a date for friends and coincidentally ended up meeting a cute guy herself.After Teen Years- She is a nonfiction author who focuses on mental illnesses.Smiling Joe by Joseph Bruchac- 3 starsJoe smiles throughout everything; even when breaking a tooth.After Teen Years- He has multiple published works, and I mean multiple as in 177!Warrior by Trisha Speed Shaskan- 2.5 starsEssay focuses on her skater girl years.After Teen Years- She teaches creative writing to both children and adults.Solo by Esther Porter- 2.5 starsEssay focuses on Porter overcoming her fear of her solo choir performance in high school.After Teen Years- SheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s the author of multiple childrenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s books.Singing Along by Kara Balcerzak- 3 starsTwo unlikely girls build a friendship over a band and experience seeing them live.After Teen Years- The author of childrenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s books and essays.Hard to Swallow by Jenna Scarbroguh- 2.5 starsIn her freshman year of college, Jenna finds a lump in her breast that could be cancerous. I just couldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t connect to this one.After Teen Years- She is currently attending college and I think that this is a very recent diagnosis.Best Friends by Rachel Hanel- 4 starsRepresentation of how one friend symbolizes the good part of life no matter how little time is spent together.After Teen Years- SheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s the writer of several interactive history novels and that sounds really cool!Big Red by Jessica Gunderson- 3 starsStory focuses on what itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s like to take the ACT test the morning

after being drugged at a party.After Teen Years- She writes childrenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s fiction predominately focusing on black people in history.The Later Days of Jean by Rebecca Stranborough- 3 starsA brief look into what dealing with a grandma who has passed away is like.After Teen Years- She writes novels focuses on the worldÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s greatest architectural sites.All Treasures by Patti Kim- 2 starsKim lies about her life throughout high school because she is ashamed her low financial background.After Teen Years- She has two published works.Letter to My Sixteen-Year-Old Self by Alison McGhee- 5 starsEmotional letter about being free when you are older and I just really connected to this.After Teen Years- SheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a NYT #1 Bestselling Author!There were some good ones in here, but also some duds. If you are interested in picking this up I definitely recommend checking it out from the library.Cover Thoughts: This book has three different covers. The one I was accepted for on NG. The one that popped up on my galley copy and then the rereleased cover. I like the newest one best.Thank you, Netgalley and Switch Press for allowing me the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review.

Love & Profanity is a fascinating collection of short stories about love, life, and growing up as seen through the eyes of a teenager. The selected authors tell stories from their respective teenage years and allow for the reader to relate to at least one if not more of the experiences told.Although my high school years are behind me, I found myself able to relate to the stories of lost friendships and peer pressure. The feeling of being the only person in a room full of people. Love & Profanity is written for the young adult audience, but I believe it is a must read for people of all ages. It helps you look back on those formative years and allows you to realize that you survived and that not everything was as awful as it seemed. It may even provide some closure for some readers. I know I found myself relating to the story of a girl who lost her best friend to the "popular" clique. A common occurrence for many a teenager and a story that shows how it can be a haunting loss for some time, even when you believe you've moved on.This is a well written collection of stories and, as I stated, it is a book for readers of all demographics. It is a book of how we all grow up and face life and whatever it may throw at us.http://novelideareviews.blogspot.com/2015/10/love-profanity-by-various-authors.html

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