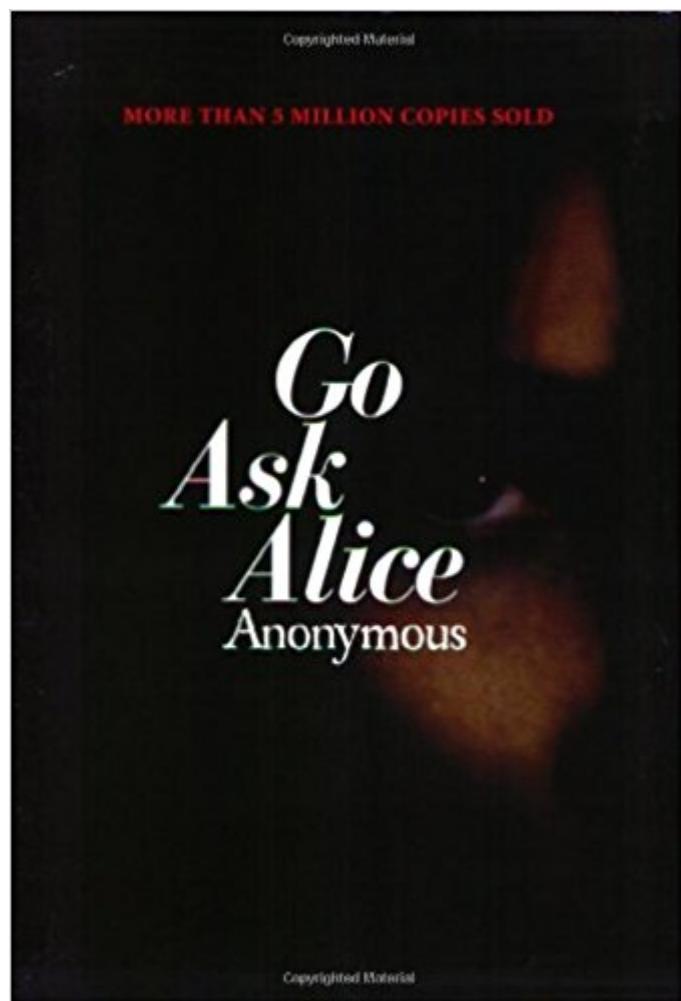


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## Go Ask Alice



## Synopsis

A teen plunges into a downward spiral of addiction in this classic cautionary tale. January 24th After you've had it, there isn't even life without drugs.... It started when she was served a soft drink laced with LSD in a dangerous party game. Within months, she was hooked, trapped in a downward spiral that took her from her comfortable home and loving family to the mean streets of an unforgiving city. It was a journey that would rob her of her innocence, her youth -- and ultimately her life. Read her diary. Enter her world. You will never forget her. For thirty-five years, the acclaimed, bestselling first-person account of a teenage girl's harrowing decent into the nightmarish world of drugs has left an indelible mark on generations of teen readers. As powerful -- and as timely -- today as ever, *Go Ask Alice* remains the definitive book on the horrors of addiction.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The torture and hell of adolescence has rarely been captured as clearly as it is in this classic diary by an anonymous, addicted teen. Lonely, awkward, and under extreme pressure from her "perfect" parents, "Anonymous" swings madly between optimism and despair. When one of her new friends spikes her drink with LSD, this diarist begins a frightening journey into darkness. The drugs take the edge off her loneliness and self-hate, but they also turn her life into a nightmare of exalting highs

and excruciating lows. Although there is still some question as to whether this diary is real or fictional, there is no question that it has made a profound impact on millions of readers during the more than 25 years it has been in print. Despite a few dated references to hippies and some expired slang, *Go Ask Alice* still offers a jolting chronicle of a teenager's life spinning out of control. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"The Boston Globe" ...a book that all teenagers and parents of teenagers should really read."School Library Journal" This novel in diary form powerfully depicts the confusions of adolescence. Its impact cannot be denied."Library Journal" An important book, this deserves as wide a readership as libraries can give it."The New York Times" [This] extraordinary work for teenagers is a document of horrifying reality and literary quality.

This book is phenomenal. I think it reaches out to the audience it is intended for perfectly, such as teenagers struggling from peer pressure. I loved how raw and open it was and it really gives insight to the mind of a teenager and the world they live in. However, I do not like how to book ended. It did not really give information to her recovery from drugs, why her recovery went downhill and how she ultimately ended up overdosing. I think the ending was cut off very abrupt and short with little to no detail of what the teen was going through. One thing I do enjoy a lot about the book is that it portrays how teenagers think drugs are awesome and that although their life is worse than it was before drugs, they think its awesome now. It shows how drugs warp the mind of a teenager and as a reader you sit there and think, your really happy with you life? Many teenagers do not think they will end up in that situation, even if they do harmless drugs but this book shows how teenagers can move from gateways drugs to prescription pills, LSD, and other hard-core drugs. It also depicts how strong peer pressure affects a teenager and how some teens are tricked into doing drugs. Overall I really enjoyed this book and felt the other reached out to her audience spectacularly.

*Go Ask Alice* by Anonymous is a fictional young adult novel telling the story of fifteen-year old Alice through her diary entries. Alice writes about her experimentation with drugs, sex and prostitution, encounters with new, wild friends and travels across the country. Throughout her teenage years, Alice's mental health and drug usage fluctuates. In the end, she dies of an overdose. While this book is controversial and covers many explicit topics, it should not be banned from middle schools because in today's society many teenagers are participating in these threatening and addictive activities. This book teaches adolescents about the

risks, dangers, and consequences of drugs, sex and peer pressure.

I read this in middle school and loved it. Rereading it as an adult, I still enjoyed the diary format, but was disappointed when I looked up the author and saw reports that this was fiction when ages ago I thought it was real. In addition, the ebook has quite a few typos. But if you're interested in reading an account of a young lady spiraling out of control with drugs and sex in the 60's, this is a great read. The way the character redeems herself is uplifting, while the bullying she undergoes in the last half of the book is alarming. I wanted the ending, in regards to how she died, to be more concrete.

I don't know where to start with this review. First, I kept seeing this book everywhere, at the bookstore, advertised on Facebook etc. The cover kept drawing me in. I didn't know what the book was about and never bothered to read the synopsis but that cover!! It kept catching my eye. I finally bought a digital copy and started reading because I was too lazy to go to the other room to get the book I was supposed to be reading. That first night when I finally went to sleep I was already almost half way through the book. It hooked me that much. This is the story about a young girl, name Alice who is struggling with normal teenage issues, like school, friends and family. The real story begins when she goes to a party where she is unknowingly, introduced to LSD and finds herself quickly wanting that next high. And so begins Alice's journey with drug addiction and her attempts to stay clean. Follow her journey as she resists the forces that keep pulling her back in, in the form of her own choosing and those made for her by the people she once considered her friends. If you are looking for a fairy tale ending, then this book is not for you. However, if you want a glimpse of the struggles and truths that addiction causes, read this book. It's a truth of what can happen.

It's something that could easily have been me, you or anyone else. If you are a parent, guardian or grandparent: I hope that by reading this book, you might better understand addiction, know the warning signs and talk to your kids. These kids are our future and that is a lot of pressure for anyone to deal with. I'm glad I was too lazy to go grab the book I was supposed to be reading.

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