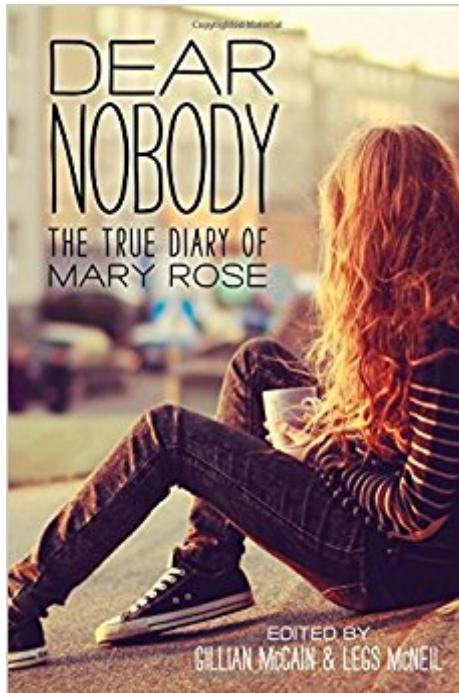




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# **Dear Nobody: The True Diary Of Mary Rose**



## Synopsis

They call me a freak. I'm sick of it. It makes me want dangerous, bad things. Drugs-hard drugs-and people who are bad for me, but I don't care, because I'm so lonely and no matter what their intentions are at least they're talking to me...They say that high school is supposed to be the best time of your life. But what if that's just not true? More than anything, Mary Rose wants to fit in. To be loved. And she'll do whatever it takes to make that happen. Even if it costs her her life.Told through the raw and unflinching diary entries of a real teen, Mary Rose struggles with addiction, bullying, and a deadly secret. Her compelling story will inspire you-and remind you that you're not alone."Mary Rose's diary is a heart-wrenching tale of a young girl trying to figure everything out."-VOYA "The writing style has a beautiful lyricism... Readers will appreciate this unflinchingly honest work."-School Library Journal

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Gr 9 Up—In this actual, posthumously published diary, the teenager is brutally honest about her problems with her mom and her mom's abusive boyfriend, her sexual encounters, and her addictions to alcohol and drugs. Lonely and looking for relationships, the girl begins every entry with "Dear Nobody." Readers learn early on about Mary's stints in rehab, but it is a third of the way into the book when it is revealed that she has cystic fibrosis. Mary Rose has been in and out of the hospital all her life with this disease, but she doesn't dwell on it. Like the fictional Go Ask Alice (Prentice Hall, 1971), this is a first-person account of a girl detailing the poor choices she has made. Though a depressing picture emerges, the writing style has a beautiful lyricism. Teens may not

understand Mary Rose's decisions, and they may dislike how those who care about her treat her, but readers will appreciate this unflinchingly honest work. —Elizabeth Kahn, Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy, Jefferson, LA --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"a rare, no-holds-barred documentation of an American teenager's life." - Publishers Weekly  
"The voice is authentic, this book is an experience." - Kirkus  
"The writing style has a beautiful lyricism...Readers will appreciate this unflinchingly honest work." - School Library Journal  
"Mary Rose's diary is a heart-wrenching tale of a young girl trying to figure everything out...It will appeal to teens." - VOYA

Dear Nobody: The True Diary of Mary Rose was nothing short of amazing. It made me cry. It made me laugh. It made me mad. It made me shake my head in disbelief. It walks you through the life of a real teenager dying since the day she was born. I recommend this for everyone, for all can learn a lesson or two from Mary Rose's life. Whether it be the hardships of moving to a new town and making new friends. The tragedy of a life-threatening disease. The devastating effects of drugs and alcohol. The need of our children to feel loved, accepted and approved of. The sad reminder that if our children don't get it from home, they WILL look elsewhere, anywhere. The beauty of love, friendship and forgiveness and the hurt felt when they aren't provided. The importance of the example we, as parents, set for our teenagers. The emotional scars senseless cruelty or bullying can really cause. No matter who you are, there will be something that resonates with you on the deepest level. I knew Mary Rose when we were 13/14 years old (before she moved and wrote these diaries). Although it was a short time, she taught me valuable lessons that really helped me break out of my cocoon in high school and lessons that I still carry with me and instill in my children today. They are: never be afraid to be yourself; don't worry about what others think of you; and no matter how bad it gets, it could always be worse. Thank you to Mary Rose's family for sharing her story with us. It was an honor to know Mary Rose and through this book, I'm still learning from her today.

The ending was very heartfelt. I enjoyed this book read it in one sitting. Through her struggles with CF a friend of mine went through the same thing with drug abuse, he is still alive and is still fighting.

This book shocked me at some parts. I can't imagine all this girl went through having cystic fibrosis and being an addict. May she RIP.

Heartbreaking, but touching story. I couldn't believe the struggles this poor girl faced in her life, yet my heart broke for her family, as well. I was glad I had the chance to know Mary Rose some through her diary entries.

Bought for one of my students and she loves it!!

such an amazing story- so moving! Mary rose has found a way to make anyone feel not so alone through her writing; you'll find a new friend through her. touching, amazing, sad it had to end...long live Mary rose always

This book is amazing! I love characters that have lots of conflict. But Mary Rose was a real living person. That makes this book that much more poignant.

Amazing book that everyone should read. Raw emotions and thoughts of a young girl are really fascinating yet, sad. A beautiful diary.

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