

# Diaries and Journals

## Fiction (Green dots)



**J FAN**

### Dear Diary

by *Sara Fanelli*

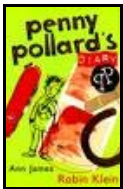
This book looks exactly like someone's hand drawn notebook – complete with scribbles and pictures! The funny entries are written over the course of a day by a girl, a chair, a ladybug, a spider and the girl's dog.

**J HES**

### The Private Notebook of Katie Roberts, Age 11

by *Amy Hest*

It's 1947, and Katie's mother is getting married, and moving her to a ranch in Texas! Her goodbye gift is a beautiful lined notebook, which she fills with her drawings and thoughts of her most difficult year.



**J KLE**

### Penny Pollard's Diary

by *Robin Klein*

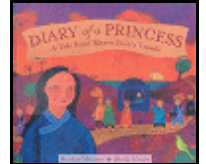
Penny is a horse fan, and she doesn't think anything else is interesting. That is, until she meets a spunky elderly lady at the Seniors' Home she is forced to visit. She illustrates her diary with photos and drawings, and lots of funny comments.

**J MAI**

### Diary of a Princess

by *Heather Maisner*

In 1291, Marco Polo agreed to deliver a Mongol princess in the court of Kublai Khan to her new husband in Persia. This diary is based on 17 year-old. Kokachin's two-year voyage by sea to a strange land and a husband she had never met.



**J MOS**

### Amelia's Notebooks series

by *Marissa Moss*

The trials and tribulations of 10 year-old Amelia, recorded in her notebooks with her own illustrations, and funny comments. Sequels: **Amelia's Family Ties**, **Oh Boy, Amelia!** **Amelia Works It Out** and **Amelia Takes Command**. Moss has also written two diary novels for boys: **Galen, My Life in Imperial Rome** and **Max's Logbook**.

**J RED**

### Angela Anaconda: My Notebook

by *Kent Redecker*

Angela's best friend has suggested that She write a book about her exciting life. This scrapbook of funny events, pictures, and drawings is the funny result!



**J TAL**

### Safari Journal

by *Hudson Talbot*

12 year-old Carey is miserable at being sent to Kenya with his wacky aunt, until he arrives and meets the amazing Masai people. They are trying to convert their hunting lands to wildlife protection areas and start a new industry – eco-tourism. Talbot really made this trip to aid in the project, and this child-friendly diary is the result!

**J THO**

**Polly's Really Secret Diary**

by *Frances Thomas*

Polly is running away. She tells the reasons why in her illustrated really secret diary.



**J WOO**

**Sea-Fari Deep**

by *Nancy Woodman*

In this National Geographic fictional diary, a girl joins an expedition led by famous scientist and adventurer, Dr. Robert Ballard (The discoverer of the Titanic). Dusty descends 7,000 feet below sea level and records her impressions of the wondrous sea life she sees on the computer monitors.

## Fiction Series

**The “Dear Canada” series**

Girls’ voices from different periods of our own history. The library has several books in this series, written by some of Canada’s most distinguished children’s authors.



**The “Royal Diaries” series**

Based on actual people and events, these diaries show life from the point of view of royal girls in different settings. There are many books in this series, filed in the Fiction section by author.

## Non-Fiction

**J 599.536**

**In the Company of Whales**

by *Alexandra Morton*

Researcher Morton has spent her life studying whales in B.C. Follow her daily sightings and comments about the animals she knows so well.



**JE 813**

**Only Opal, the Diary of a Young Girl**

by *Jane Boulton*

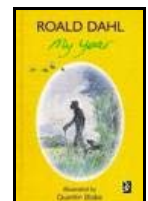
Orphaned Opal started her diary at age 5, after she was taken in by a family who treated her as a servant. Her jealous stepsister ripped Opal’s diary to shreds, but Opal pieced it back together and had it published as an adult.

**J 823.914**

**My Year**

by *Roald Dahl*

Month by month observations about his beloved countryside, and pranks of his youth. Dahl once built a water bomb out of Meccano, and nailed five passing ladies!





**J 919.593**

**My South Sea Adventure: Jungle Islands**

by Maria Coffey

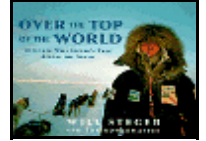
Coffey paddled a folding kayak around the South Sea Islands. She overcame her fear of water, crocodiles, malaria and man-eating sharks to make the trip.

**J 919.804**

**Over the Top of the World**

by Will Steiger

6 people and 33 sled dogs dropped off in Siberia, reach Canada 4 months later. You can follow their exciting trek through Steiger's diary and photographs.



**J 940.1**

**Castle Diary**

by *Richard Platt*

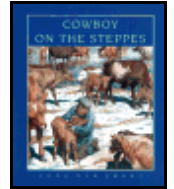
The diary of an 11 year-old boy sent to be a page in his uncle's castle at the age of 11. In 1285, Toby struggles to learn archery, boar hunting and how to serve food to nobles. Glorious illustrations take you on an unforgettable trip into medieval society.

**J 951.7**

**Cowboy on the Steppes**

by *Song Nan Zhang*

During the 1968 Chinese Cultural Revolution, millions of teenagers were forced to relocate to remote parts of the country to do manual labour. This is the diary of Zhang's brother who was sent to Mongolia for eight long years.



**J 971.242**

**Pioneer Girl**

by *Maryanne Caswell*

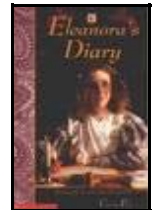
In 1887, 14 year-old Maryanne left Ontario with her parents and 5 younger brothers and sisters to become Prairie homesteaders. She wrote letters from the train and trail, giving us a wonderful look at her life. Luckily, the letters were saved and published.

**J 971.317**

**Eleanora's Diary**

by *Eleanora Hallen*

What was it like to be a young girl in the 1830's and 1840's? Eleanora moved from civilized England to the pioneer world of Upper Canada with her parents and 10 brothers and sisters. Luckily for us, parts of her illustrated diary survived.



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