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Dear Diary...

A Collection of the World's Best Diaries

"The most important thing is not to think very much about oneself."

Virginia Woolf

In this book, you will find the diaries of many different people. Here are writers, artists, musicians, and people with important stories to tell. Some are famous – Anne Frank, George Orwell and Kurt Cobain – others you will meet for the first time.

In this reader you'll find:

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- Information about the life of each writer
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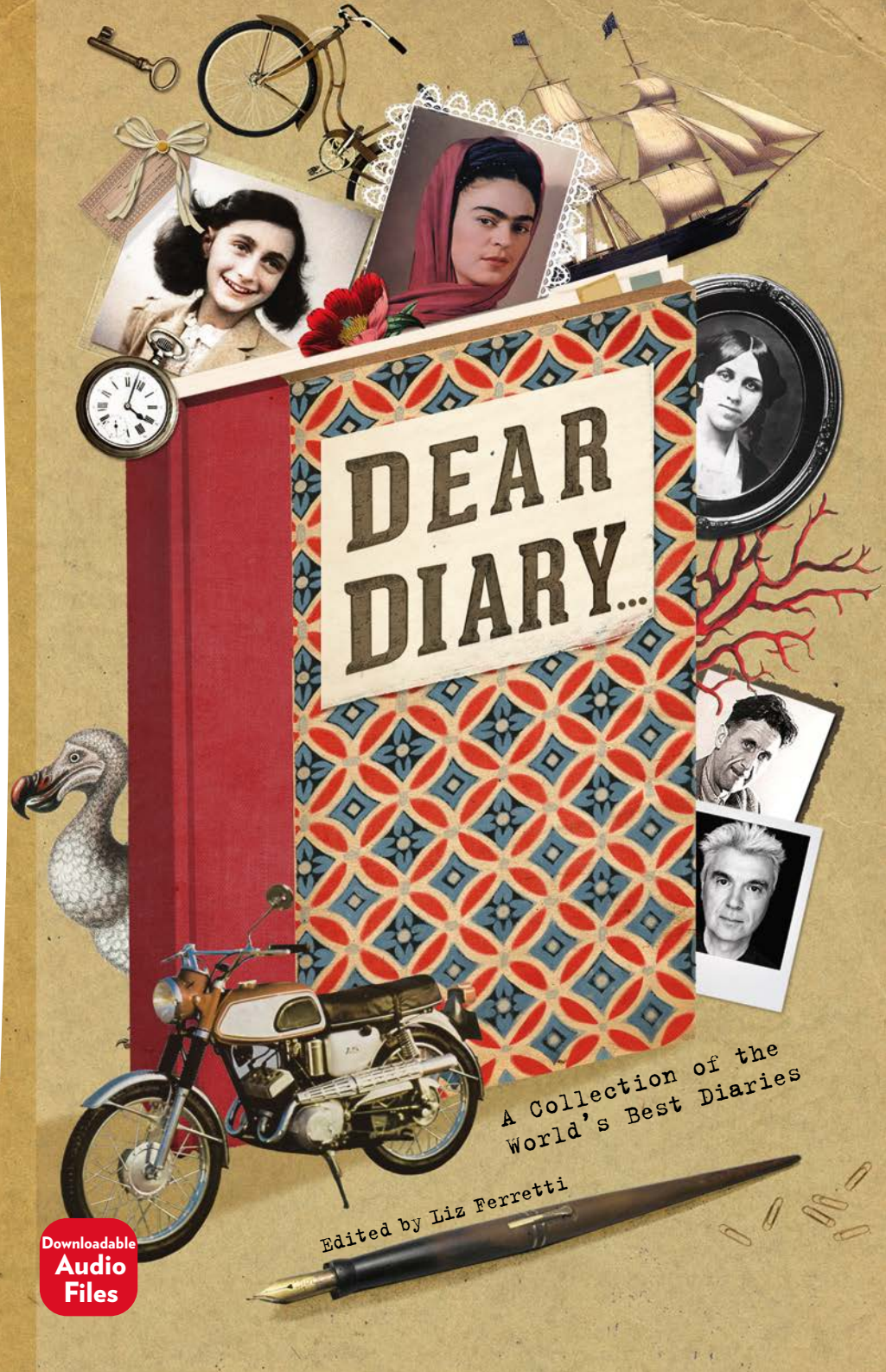


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Introduction

This book is a collection* of some of the world's best diaries. Here you will find writers, artists, thinkers and musicians, children and young people, who tell us about their lives.

Your Best Friend

Diaries can change people's lives. In this book, you will meet two young girls who find themselves in the middle of war. Their diaries become their best friends. Writing a diary helps them to never lose hope, even when their lives are in danger. Later, their stories will help some young people in America to change their lives.

Real Lives

When we read these diaries we can find out who the diary writer really was, not who we think they were. It is as if they are talking to us. We begin to understand that they are not only famous, but real people.

collection a group of things kept together

Secret* Spaces

Diaries are the place where we can write our thoughts, and they can help us understand our problems. The things we write don't always seem important at the time, but later, we see how we, and our ideas, have changed. Diaries are a great way to remember the little details that make our lives special.

Online Diaries

The people in this book wrote their diaries on paper. Today, we have online diaries. Here, we can write about our day, but also add photographs, and pictures - anything we choose. This can bring a diary to life. The best thing is, no one else can read it but you!

Diaries are fun to keep, they can be a great way to practise a foreign language, and they can help you become a better writer.

Musicians' Diaries

HEIDI KOLE



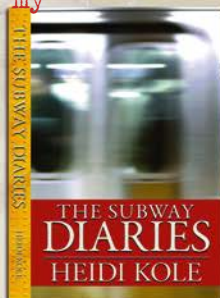
② Heidi Kole is a musician. *The Subway Diaries* is the story of how Heidi started playing her songs in the New York subway in early 2006. *The Subway Diaries* shows us what life under the streets of New York is like.

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Heidi was a singer and a dancer, she was also a stunt woman* in films. Then she had a bad accident, and was in so much pain that she couldn't work. She had an idea for earning money, but she wasn't sure if she could do it...

Monday January 16th, 2006

It was cold ... I can't tell you how many times I wanted to turn round and go back home. But with my guitar on my back, I entered the subway station. I had no idea where to go. The New York City subways have one hundred stations, and carry five million people a day.



stunt woman/man person who does the dangerous things in films
subway (American English) trains that go under the city



Heidi Kole, and many subway musicians around the world, often have problems because the police want them to stop playing. Heidi says that's wrong, she says subway musicians make people's lives better. What do you think?

Friday January 19th, 2007

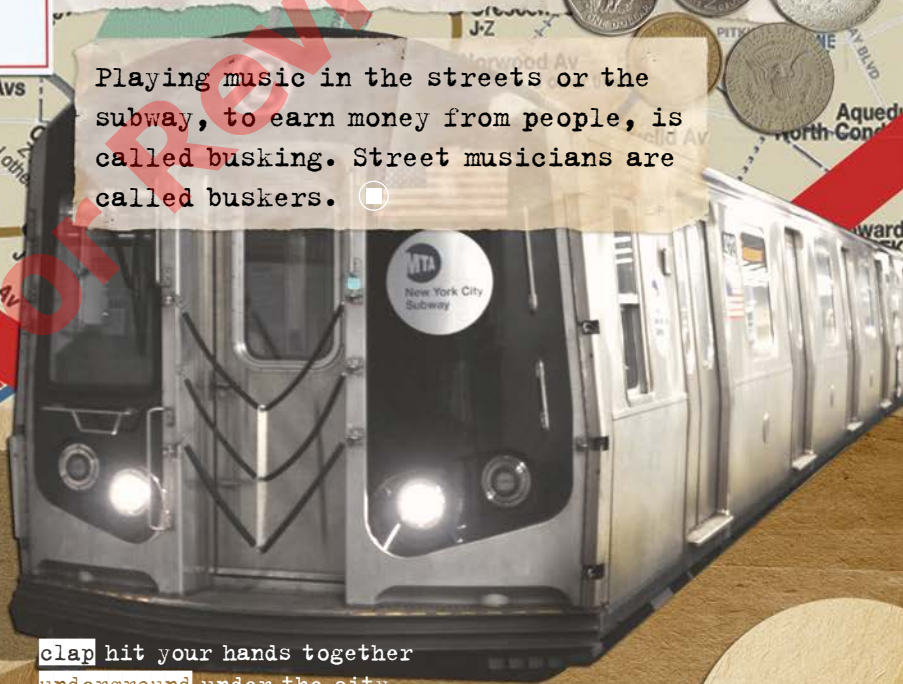
Our music makes people dance, clap*, move, and they give us some money and look happy. From what I have seen in my years underground*, we are probably the happiest workers in New York City.

In 2008, Heidi was able to join MUNY (Music Under New York). She was now an official subway musician. That meant she wouldn't have so many problems with the police.

Playing music in the streets or the subway, to earn money from people, is called busking. Street musicians are called buskers. ■

A New York City subway train

clap hit your hands together
underground under the city



BOB DYLAN

born 1941

3 Bob Dylan was born Robert Allen Zimmerman in 1941. This American singer-songwriter first became famous during the 60s.

Bob Dylan published *Chronicles Volume 1*, in 2004. In this book he tells the story of his life. We read how he becomes a musician, and about the musicians he saw as his teachers.

Chapter 2. Why I Write

I don't know when I had the idea to write my own songs. I think it happens slowly. You don't wake up one day and decide that you need to write songs. It's not that easy. You want to write songs that are bigger than life.

Two of Bob Dylan's most famous songs, *Blowing in the Wind* and *The Times they are a-Changin'*, talk about the problems of being black in the US during segregation*.

segregation time in American history (to 1964) when black children could not go to "white" schools, etc.

In *Chronicles*, we learn how much Bob Dylan hated being famous. He didn't feel he was the "voice of a generation*" that everyone called him. For Bob, it was important to remember that famous people are real people.

Chapter 3. New Morning

I had a wife and children who I loved more than anything. I was just trying to make enough money, but the press* kept saying I was the voice of a generation. That was funny. Being true to yourself was more important to me than all that.

I'm Not There (2007) is a film about Bob Dylan. Dylan is played by six different actors.

Bob Dylan has written music all his life, and he still gives concerts around the world. His music comes from the music traditions* of America and Europe. 

voice of a generation person who speaks for people who are the same age as he/she is
press TV, radio, newspapers
traditions ideas and way of life, from the past to the present



After-reading Activities

Writing and Speaking

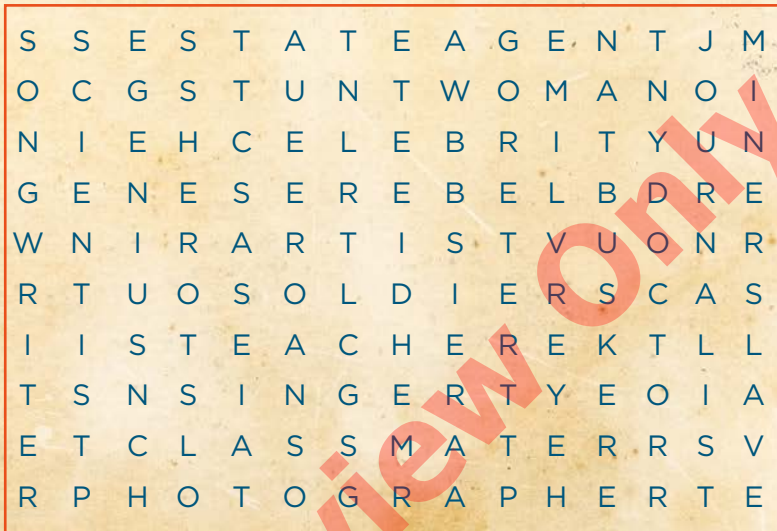
1a Answer the questions below. Try to use some of the new words and ideas you have learned in this book.

- 1** Which diary did you find most interesting? Why?
.....
- 2** Did some of the diaries make you feel sad?
.....
- 3** Did anything surprise you?
.....
- 4** Which diary writer/s would you like to learn more about? Why?
.....
- 5** Which diary writer/s did you *not* like? Why?
.....
- 6** Do you prefer real diaries or fictional diaries?
.....
- 7** Why do you think people keep diaries?
.....
- 8** Do you think writing a diary is a good idea? Why?
.....

1b Talk in pairs about your answers. Do you agree with each other?

Vocabulary – Jobs

2a In this book, there are many words to describe someone's job, or what they do. Look for nineteen of these in the wordsearch below.



2b Now you can complete this sentence: Over thirty million people have bought Anne Frank's diary, and it is published in languages.

2c Who are we talking about? Use the words from the wordsearch above to help you.

- 1 This person helps you to sell your house
- 2 This person's job is to be famous
- 3 This person does dangerous things in films
- 4 This person studies with you
- 5 This person writes in a newspaper
- 6 This person studies animals/plants/people

2d What is your dream job? Why?

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