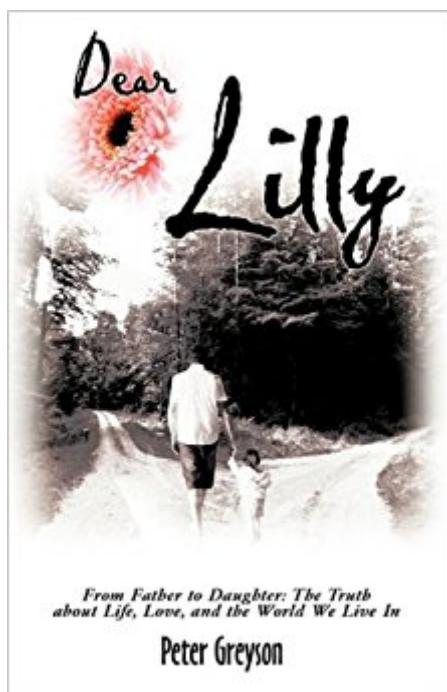


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# Dear Lilly: From Father To Daughter: The Truth About Life, Love, And The World We Live In



## **Synopsis**

A father offers his advice, opinions, and the many useful stories gleaned from his past experiences in order to help his beloved daughter not only survive, but thrive in the dangerous and unpredictable world of young adulthood. From the pen of a former abused child, drug addict, womanizing frat boy, and suicidal depressive, comes forth the emotionally stirring account of a young man's battle with crippling inner demons and his eventual road to enlightenment. Peter Greyson calls upon his wisdom as both father and school teacher to gently lead teenage girls through a maze of truth, deception, and adolescent uncertainty. Greyson's literary style sparkles with a youthful enthusiasm that will capture your heart and provide boundless inspiration. Dear Lilly is a survival guide that offers the brutally honest male perspective to young women struggling for answers to life's deepest questions. Topics include: Boys lie What every guy wants from his girlfriend Tales from the drug world Everybody hurts High school exposed

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## **Customer Reviews**

This was an honest look at life through the eyes of the male teen. As an adult now I can relate to what he said, having grown up in the same time frame. It is truthful and must have been very difficult to express in words and then to read those words. There is one part of the book that has stayed with me and I cannot shake because if he had not made the decision to turn the wheel of that car...it would have ruined even more lives and this book probably would have not been. My 18 year old daughter read this book also and loved it to the point where she wanted a copy for herself so she could write notes in it and one to pass to her friends. For me, it let me reminisce. Living on Long Island my entire life and attending Sachem High School, I went back to my high school days. This

should be the book that they want kids to read in school, so they learn to respect themselves and others. They learn about drugs, alcohol, STD's in school, but from someone who has been there, I think that is more eye opening for them. I am so glad that my friend told me of the author and book and passed it along to me, now I have been passing it along to others.

Dear Lilly is an honest discussion about life and the many complexities surrounding growing up. I grew up in south Georgia where people never used the words vagina and penis. The conversation of sex was a taboo subject and talking about unpleasantries was frequently avoided. This was my reality as a teenage girl growing up in the early 90's. My only resources for education on these "taboo" subjects was through books and discussions with best friends. I am not sure of the current situation surrounding teenage girls, but I know I wish I had this book as a reference tool when I was going through adolescence. There are so many subjects besides sex that kids need to understand when maturing. This book covers them all from drugs, depression and school to pets and movies! The frank and candid approach to these subjects is exactly what kids need. As a young adult it is what I needed and wanted. Even though it was long ago, I do remember that as a teenager, I felt like I was an adult and I could handle the difficult truths of reality. I actually welcomed it, I was ready to know and learn. I believe that Peter Greyson has tapped into this brutal honesty of today's teenagers. This author has shared his personal stories and profound life lessons with the hopes that he can help some young adults make decisions and choices they can live with for the rest of their lives. I eagerly await the publication of the male counterpart of this book. In tandem, these two volumes would be essential for today's young adult.

Allow me to add my accolades to this extremely well-written book. From years ago, I held onto a saying that "...once the beast rears its head, where then can it hide?" What Peter Greyson has done here is exposed all his beasts: he was not the perfect man, not the ideal teen, not the guy with nary a hint of violence in his life. Yet here he emerges with a stunningly candid book on the error of his way with a hopefulness that his daughter Lilly will not succumb to the "come hither" charms of a young buck like Peter was. He covers much ground in this book with crude honesty. While Peter was a victim of violent child abuse, he made a decision to not let his past color his future. Together with a loving and supportive wife who taught him the meaning of family, he left rehab with a volume of words that became "Dear Lilly." I identify with Peter and his refusal to become what his childhood demanded. This book shows deep character and an intense faith as he stepped out of the mold and became a man of valor and an awesome author who dared to bare his soul to his family and the rest

of the world. He says, in Life Rule #25: Teach Your Children Well. He has done this, indeed.

I remember in 8th grade being summoned to the auditorium in Main St. School in Farmingdale. That place was creepy enough being an old school built at the turn of the century. We all sat there, boys on one side and girls on another wondering if we were like lambs to the slaughter! We were shown a film of both anatomies which was gross enough because we were only in 7th grade and I had never seen anything that looked like THAT even though I had 2 brothers. Then it went on to tell all these boys that we had to see every day that we were going to have periods! I was never so embarrassed in my life! As a child of the 60's I always believed that Catcher in the Rye should be read by everyone approaching puberty. It spoke to me in a way no other book had before telling me that most kids must feel awkward and out of place, pimply etc. Now we have Dear Lilly and I truly believe that it should be required reading for not only girls but their parents also. I also believe there should be a chapter or a whole book targeted to boys also. To the best of my knowledge there has never been a book so thorough, honest and to the point. This sweet little girl is so lucky to have a dad who obviously will be there for her in any dilemma she encounters through her life. Thank you Mr. Greysen for taking the time to tell the sweet daughters of her generation how life really is and then some!

Dear Lilly is such an amazing read. I found myself wrapped up and what the writer was going to say next. Such an emotional book with undoubtedly 100% honesty. I found myself Laughing one minute then reminiscing of my teenage years the next. "Lilly" is such a lucky little girl to have been blessed with a father and mother that are willing to have an open book policy with her. I envy this kind of relationship she will have with her parents and only wish I could have been that comfortable speaking with my parents. This is a great book for teenage girls and believe it or not even teenage boys. For girls its great to see things from a guys eyes and hear the cold hard truth about what guys really want from girls and all the tell tale lies they tell them just to get what they want. For boys its a great read to hear that the conflicts within themselves are completely normal. At the end of the day you can do anything you put your mind to, especially if you have a great support system!

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