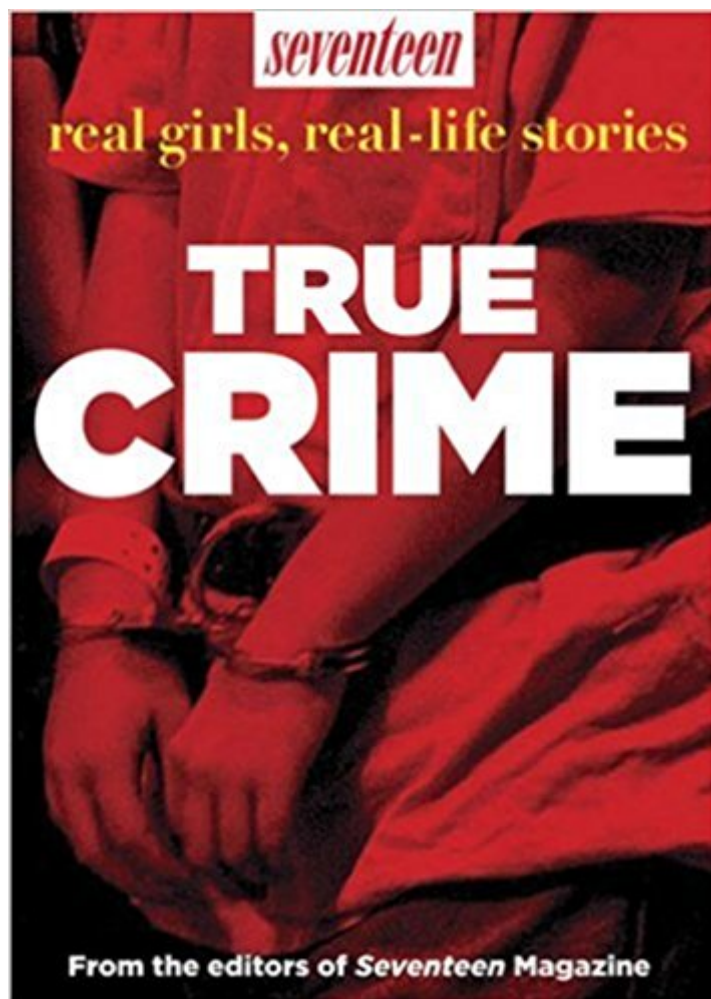




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# Seventeen Real Girls, Real-Life Stories: True Crime



## Synopsis

From pranks gone wrong to sexual abuse and murder, these stories will motivate readers to reflect on their own lives. In one case, 14-year old twin girls rob a bank in a desperate bid to save the family home, while another tale tells of a mother who makes a horrifying decision for her pregnant daughter. These people share their personal trials and tragedies in the hopes that others can learn from their experiences. It includes a 16-page color photo insert.

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This book is interesting but they are all short reads. These aren't feel good stories but that is what I like about this book. It is brutally honest, and does not sugar coat much. I wish they would have included more stories but when you pick it up, you won't want to put it down. Again the only con is the fact that there are so few pages. It is really a true crime book which reads about past events and experiences. I would say this is more for young teens or adults though, not a book to hand a young kid.

I have bought many copies of this book because it keeps disappearing from my classroom library. The crimes have been in the news and they involve teen girls. Once my students pick it up, they refuse to put it down until they have finished the book. Even my really low readers can read this book. It's the high interest level that captures their attention. Kids that swore to me they would NEVER read a book, will read this one very quickly. As for ages, I don't think I would let a student younger than high school read this. The crimes are awful and they are real. The stories would

definitely be too disturbing for younger children.

Love this book!

Definitely a good quick read! I recommend it if you love the true stories featured monthly in the magazine. The different cases are each sad.

Love it

I love true crime books and this book was awesome, and sad that so many lives were destroyed in different ways.

This book contains true crime stories that were published in "Seventeen" magazine between 2003 and 2007. There are some stories where teens were the victims and some stories where teens were the perpetrators. Some of the stories include: two sisters who robbed a bank, a girl who was poisoned by her mother, a boy who committed suicide, a girl who killed her mother, two best friends who died of drugs, and a girl who has been missing since 2004. This book isn't just for teens. It has the same depth of most adult true crime books.

This book is a collection of some of the most horrifying news stories we've ever come across. The blurb says, "These people share their personal trials and tragedies in the hopes that others can learn from their experiences," but no one is going to learn anything from them. Human beings and young people in particular get so caught up in their own likewise difficult experiences that they're never going to reflect, "I read this in that Seventeen book that what I am going to do or what I am doing is a very bad thing and stabbing mother seventy-five times is not only overkill (pun intended), but it's going to get me put in jail so I'll never see my boyfriend again." There's no problem solving in these stories to help another person learn anything. We used to read these matter-of-factly written stories in trash magazines sold at the drug store. Maybe magazines of the type still exist. I wouldn't know. But there's no redeeming value to these stories. What has been seen can't be unseen, so the saying goes, and what has been read can't be unread, and I can't see any reason to clutter up your mind or your child's mind especially, with the dregs of humanity. We see and read and hear more than enough tragedy in the daily media. Seventeen magazine used to be a respectable, uplifting magazine for young ladies of high morals and values. Ha, they've sunk to

the lowest of the low by publishing and promoting this drivel. It's kind of a, "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em" mentality just to continue to sell magazines.

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