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Ready to revisit the early '90s—that golden era of big bangs, Bubble Tape, and doing the Bartman? Meet your tour guide: Dawn Luebbe, an 11-year-old Nebraskan obsessed with *90210* and writing Kurt Cobain-inspired poetry. In *My 1992 Diary*, Dawn shares with readers her zany, silly, and deadpan adolescent observations. She touches on the cornerstones of growing up—from crushes to siblings to Ouija boards—all peppered with memorable call-outs from the height of '90s culture.

The book is filled with 75 diary entries, each hilariously narrated on its corresponding page. It's organized into chapters such as Passion on the Prairie, Attempts to Be Cool, Preteen Conflict: The Art of Overreaction, and more. With Dawn's self-deprecating, every-girl humor, *My 1992 Diary* is a charming and joyful read for the 11-year-old in all of us.

## My 1992 Diary Details

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## **Melissa says**

My 1992 Diary is a look into the author's real life. It definitely brought back memories for me. I didn't feel like I was the only giantess in my class as a kid anymore! Dawn Luebbe shares all her preteen thoughts with humor and grace. I dare any girl or woman to read this book and not sympathize with at least one thing in this book. Also once you open this book be prepared to laugh and cringe remembering the clothes we wore back then. Overall if you are looking for a fun, entertaining book this is the one I would absolutely recommend!

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## **Denise says**

Fun book. Though I am past the age she was in the 90's, I still can relate to the antics, scenarios, and overall lifestyle of a nine/ten year old. No matter where we are today, we can all remember thinking those preteen thoughts and having similar situations happen to us.

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## **Rebecca says**

A funny and familiar early 90's diary with real entries included. I had a few lol moments with this one, but it's better for the nostalgia.

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## **Maureen says**

I enjoyed this book with one exception - the handwriting and the spelling! My school would never have let me get away with it if I had written and spelt like this! But it did bring back lots of memories.

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## **Jenn says**

Hilarious! Like reading my own diary from that time. Laughed so hard at her (my) awkwardness. Perfect lighthearted book to pick up periodically to get out of your serious head.

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## **Archie Lewallen says**

Cute, fun and nostalgic.

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## karen says

i picked this up because of "warning signs," that allie brosh story where she finds a letter she wrote to her future self when she was ten years old and analyzes it as an adult. it is something that makes me cry with laughter every single time i read it and half of the time i just think about it. so i figured a UCB alum would be even funnier at this sort of thing, with an even bigger treasure trove of juvenilia from which to draw.

alas.

it's not that it's not funny; i did *laugh* but i never once felt like crying or peeing. which i guess makes me a full-grown adult, but where's the fun in that? this woman is a bit younger than me, so her pop culture references are things i sort of know about, but weren't part of my own childhood experiences/preoccupations. 90210, c & c music factory, marky mark, z cavaricci's - these are things i know about in a vague way just by being a citizen of the world, but i never watched/listened to/wore any of these things.

nonetheless, this is a charmingly enthusiastic series of diary entries, where exclamation marks decorate every poorly-spelled sentence (including *seven* exclamation points after the sentence "lunch was fine."), and doodles in the capital-d of her signature indicate her mood at the time of writing. her major concerns revolve around her hair, junk food, troll dolls, wrestling, boys, preventing her brother from reading her diary, and an archivist's devotion to documenting her sister ginger's schedule. to the extent that the adult dawn proposes a drinking game based on how many times she talks about ginger's schedule:

*Also, if you're still playing the Ginger's-schedule drinking game, congratulations! You're now an alcoholic.*

i did enjoy the way she would frequently use the p.s. portion of her entries to quote song lyrics (be they from tunes popular at the time or her own original rap lyrics) such as this one

*P.S. - can't touch this.*

or even better, her misconstruing the lyrics to a song in a scandalous way

*P.S. - do it in the butt all night long.*

fantastic, and a worthy addendum to her own thoughts.

a typical entry:

*Jan. 11, 1990. Thursday*

*Today for breakfast I had a muffin. I also had orange juice. At reading we had a test. At math we got to eat an orange. I was fun. For lunch I had a chicken paddie and French Fri's and milk. After school I went to dance. We found out what our recidle song. It was going to be pink cadalack. That was one of my favoite songs. for supper we had spegetti. It was very good.*

*Dawn*

or:

*Jan. 6, 1990. Saturday.*

*Today for breakfast I had pancakes I only had 1/2 pancakes. Because I don't really like pancakes that much. Then I got drested. Then I watched Disney. After that Ellie came. We went outside and threw snowballs at the cows. We called the ugliest ones name moose. We put snow in grandma and grandpa's mailbox. For lunch we had nudle's. And after that I watched T.V. for supper we had hot dogs and chips. Then we went to a basket ball game Nebraska won. Then score was 91 to 99. It was very very very fun.*

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you can see why she wanted to keep her brother away from these state secrets.

so, as a time capsule, it is a wonderful window into lincoln, nebraska c. 1992, where bang-height was the surest way to win popularity, and a teenage girl could declare "i want to die" over a mother's refusal to allow a new hairstyle without a therapist being called.

i enjoyed her nostalgic journey through her past, looking back with more sophisticated knowledge on her early navigation of the rocky shores of sexuality

*I must confess, I didn't know much about the subject, so I felt compelled to turn to my role models, Salt-N-Pepa. From their music video for "Let's Talk About Sex," I learned that sex involved dancing in overalls and color-blocked mock turtlenecks. No wonder my interest was piqued.*

and love

*...despite my references to Dan as my boyfriend, I can say with absolute certainty that this was wishful thinking, unless you take "boyfriend" to mean "someone who occasionally sits in the same classroom as you because he is required to."*

and it takes real balls to share your 13-year-old poetry, inspired by the death of kurt cobain. (or, here, "kirk kobane"). also thumbs-up must be given for mentions of mc dlt's and *watcher in the woods*.

so, not as rip-roaringly funny as allie brosh, but little in this world is. those of you with more personal connection to the time and age will likely giggle/relate/squirm more than old crusty karen.

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## **Mi Witkowski says**

This was such a fun book to read. If you need to laugh and relax this is a good book.

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## **Lori says**

So funny! The author's diary entries could have been my own. I enjoyed walking down memory lane with a complete stranger! Her essays were spot on. Would recommend to any girl that was a grade schooler in the early nineties!

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## **Melissa says**

Super fun!

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## **April Forker says**

I saw this book at our bookstore and had to have it! I am around her age and I too had a diary at this age which was very similar. My mom and I joke about how much I mentioned the weather in my diary entries. Ha! This was a quick and easy read that made me laugh out loud at my own memories. Perfect for any woman around this age who needs a laugh!

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## **Brianna says**

I received this book a week or two ago from a contest. I didn't remember entering for it, so that was a pleasant surprise. At first, I didn't really think I would enjoy it, considering I had no clue who the author was or what it was all about. But, the diary was actually very entertaining.

Although, I do not think a lot of people would exactly enjoy it. If you're not born or raised in the 90's or have no interest in that time period, you are just looking at a little girl's diary and a young woman reminiscing her childhood. Which doesn't really sound much fun if you have no idea who the author is, nor have any relation to her.

I recommend this to twenty-something year olds who would like to connect with other twenty-something year olds on the same topic: their childhood. To everyone else, it may not seem too interesting.

Don't get me wrong. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and it seems like a lot of people on Tumblr also enjoyed it (which is pretty shocking, considering it's very difficult to please those people), so maybe you will, too. I think if you like humor, diaries, and a child's hilarious innocence, and especially the 90's, you will really enjoy this book. I just don't think there's a huge group of people who I would recommend it to. It's more of a 'read this in-between other books' kind of book than it is a 'I have anticipated this moment for so long' kind of book.

I think this book was a pretty good idea, as well. Not many people have the guts to share their childhood diary. I know I wouldn't want to! But this was a pretty original idea, I believe. Most diaries are fake ones or ones about serious topics, like war and abuse and such. This story is completely different. It takes the diary idea and makes it completely relatable and entertaining and humorous, rather than something non-relatable and depressing.

Read this book if you're looking for some great memories, humor, entertainment, and a wonderful diary of a child growing up in the 90's.

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## Stacy Fetters says

*"Another rap that inspired me was 'Do the Bartman' by Bart Simpson. I had a huge crush on Bart, and I wasn't going to let the fact that he was animated get in the way. Skateboarders were my weakness, especially skateboarders with a number one rap single."*

The 90's were such a simpler time. People were more laid back, nobody got butt hurt over what people said or did and nobody was terrified of what the idiot President would do next. Except stick cigars where they have never gone before.

Hop in that spiffy time machine and lets go back to a time of denim, high bangs and the best tv shows. Put some scrunchies in your hair, pull out your troll dolls, put on TGIF and sip that Eco-Cooler as we head back to the best decade for everything.

Dawn kept all of her journals since she was a kid and did what any fame seeking female does. She made a Tumblr and posted some of her favorite and often times funny journal entries from the 90's. Sparking a huge audience who craved more denim and oversized glasses. They made her a book deal and out popped this blast from the past.

She is the lookalike love child of Sally Jesse Raphael and Melissa Joan Hart. But way before Clarissa Explained it all. We are still looking for answers!!

I'm not even sure how I found out about this book since I stay away from Tumblr for obvious reasons. Maybe it found me due to my craving of going back in time and staying there. It was a good and harmless way to go back without freaking out the space time continuum. Some entires were great just for the nostalgia feel and very far and few between actually made me laugh. Nothing ear splitting or pee my pants worthy.

Now I'm going to leave you with some words of wisdom from our 90's throwback:

*"I think part of me knew I should eat healthier, but why have fruit when you can have a fruit roll-up? Why have corn flakes when you can have Frosted Flakes? And, seriously, what's more fun than fun dip?"*

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## Sweetpea says

I received a free copy of this book form the Goodreads First Reads Program in exchange for an honest review. A quick read, fun and nostalgic.

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