

Dear Anonymous,

When I read a book, I like to teleport myself into the world inside the book. Your book, *Go Ask Alice*, was easy to travel into. However, unlike other times, once I was in I wanted so badly to get out. What I was reading was appalling. Some things I read and I couldn't believe. The events she went through made me realize how hard growing up really is.

In order to grow up and mature one must go through a lot of intimidating events, one being peer pressure. Peer pressure is very complicated at this age. To the teen it doesn't seem like it's pressure, but it is. In *Go Ask Alice* the pressure is different. Since the kids were all playing a game. Alice of course felt like she had to as well, even though she didn't know what it was. It turns out that wasn't a game at all. Her friends got her high without her knowing it. But the worst part is, she liked it.

After all the harassment she went through, Alice eventually ran away. I think she felt like she needed to get away. This is what I would've felt like. I loved how you put just the right amount of detail to scare a teen, but not to terrify one. With what I was reading I just felt like I might've done the same thing in her situation. I felt very scared *for* her. She was a teenager alone with another teenager in a big city. She didn't have any money either. But I think I underestimated her a little, because the next thing I knew she had started a little shop. She was getting along great until she got hooked with the drugs again. This made me feel disappointed. I thought that she was finally done with them. I was expecting her to go back with her parents and get help. I was very wrong.

This book was like my guide to teenage-hood. In fact, it affected every single one of my next decisions. The way this young girl fell into drugs so easily made me think that I could be this girl. I most definitely NEVER want to be put in her shoes. While reading this book, I felt her emotions. I felt her anger, sadness, and hope. If those weren't hers, they were definitely mine. I feel that she was role model to me. Even though I didn't know her identity, I felt like I knew her my whole life. I saw in her a big sister. Due to this book I will NOT give in to any peer pressure. I will also be able to identify tricks and peer pressure. This book has been to my advantage, though it has also taught me the disadvantages of drugs: losing friends, family, reputation, and much more are only a few of them. I thank you for changing any future decisions I will make about drugs to a positive NO! This book has been my inspiration to be a better student and teenage girl. It will definitely make sure that it stays in my family forever.

Sincerely,

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