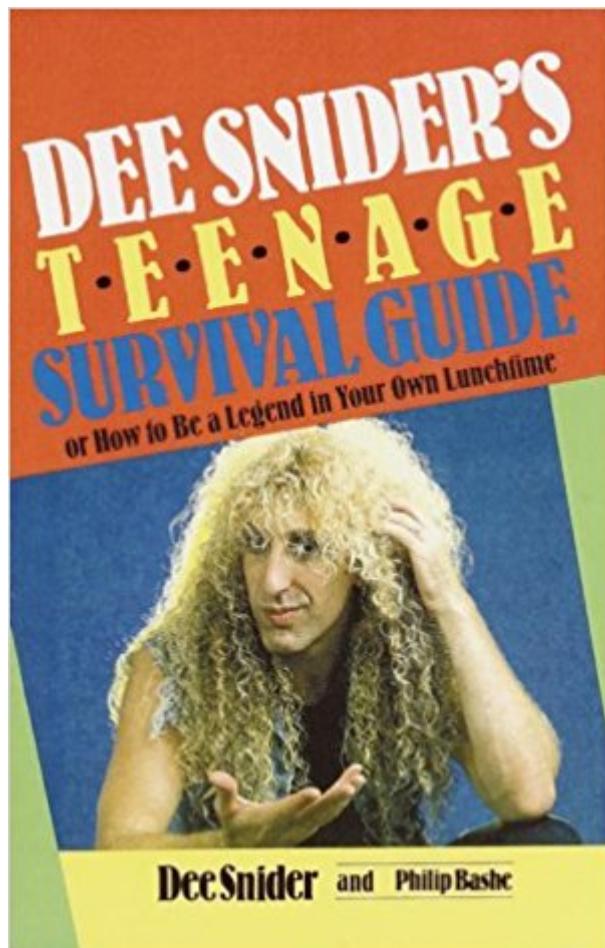


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# Dee Snider's Teenage Survival Guide



## **Synopsis**

Gives advice to teenagers on a variety of topics including friendship, self-esteem, parents, sex, pregnancy, and abortion.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 9-12 Parents and teachers suffer a good deal of criticism in this new advice book for teenagers by the lead singer of the heavy metal group Twisted Sister. Nevertheless, as a how-to-survive-adolescence book, it's above average. Snider and Bashe cover the usual topics: the search for self-identity, individualism, coping with peer pressure, sexuality and birth control, being in love, the dangers of alcohol and drugs, family problems, school. The topics may be trite, but the writing isn't; it's surprisingly readable. Snider breaks up the information presented with anecdotes from his life and humorous, although sometimes crude, asides. His advice is direct and honest, but he leaves ultimate responsibility for life decisions to readers. Facts are accurate, but he does not cover any long-term side effects of birth control pills. This will be read by more kids than Weston's *Girltalk* (Harper, 1985). Also, it is broader in scope than Sol Gordon's *When Living Hurts* (Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1985; o.p.) or *I Hate School* (Crowell, 1986) by Wirths and Bowman-Kruhm. A final chapter lists organizations, with addresses and phone numbers, from which readers can get help for the problems discussed in the text. Snider's tone is one of support and empathy, and his book is sure to draw readers. Ellen Ramsay, Amphitheater High School, Tucson, Ariz. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I read this book when I was 12-13, it was published in one of the Russian teen magazines. Honestly! I don't know if I could survive at some points of my teenage years without it. GREAT thanks to Dee Snider! My oldest boy just starts his difficult years and I will get him this book at all costs. It's a bit pricey here, and very difficult to find. I wonder if it ever was re-edited. If not - it should. Actually, I think they HAVE to include this book in school program. It would save us parents so much trouble!

Of all places to come from, this book was a gift to me when I was 13 years old in 1987, right before I started high school, from my beloved grandmother. She thought that it had a great deal of good advice for a teenager, and I am profoundly glad (and was, as a budding metal head, LOL) that she selected this book for me to help me through some rough patches in my life. I do agree with a previous poster, this book should have been handed out in middle schools across America. Mr. Snider's advice, and his own stories of trying to fit in and get through those painful years of teendom, really and truly did help me stay the course, do the best for myself, prevent me from making stupid, rash mistakes, etc. I held on and had hope because of Dee Snider's own account of the teenage years. I am eternally grateful to my grandmother for having the sense of humor and foresight to give me this book, and I am happy to share it with my nieces and other teenagers today, because I believe the values and advice the Mr. Snider provides in this book is truly the best.

I read very few books growing up in the 80's but this was one of them and i remember it fondly to this day. It is an honest and thoughtfully written book. It is from Dee's perspective and experience: someone who didn't really fit in but was able to focus on his strengths and survive being an awkward kid. I still remember his story about wearing buckskin "Pat Boone" shoes and being horrified, and how empowered he felt that he could really sing. This is part biography and part advice book. This is a truly down to earth guide about staying strong in the face of adversity, finding what you really love, and embracing it.

My grandmother gave me this book for Christmas when I was 14 (I'm 23 now). The book is funny, honest, informative, and extremely well researched. Although some statistics may be out of date, the basic information is still true. The book provides information, resources, personal anecdotes, and jokes about hard-to-talk-about-with-your-parents issues like sex, drugs, masturbation, dating, suicide, school problems, family problems, peer pressure, and self esteem. And it's pretty gosh darn

funny. I would feel comfortable giving this book to a 13 year old. After all, my Irish Catholic Grandmother gave me this book

This book is the greatest book ever written for teenagers. Any teenager, no matter how popular or how outcast could get a lot out of this book. Dee Snider did a terrific job with his light hearted humor and his very true insights. Any teenager will be amazed at how much they can relate to this book. Dee also does an excellent job of helping the reader with such things as making friends, becoming less shy...etc. If you can, I would highly recommend buying this book, you could read it over and over.

This is Dee Snider at his finest. I agree with the other viewer who said that this book should have been handed out in junior highs. I wish I'd had this book when I was a kid, it would've helped me through the rough spots. I picked this up at [a thrift store] for \$.10 simply based on the sheer fact of the ridiculousness of the cover, but the actual text inside is fantastic. Two thumbs up, Dee Snider, you are a god amongst men.

I read this book about 20 years ago when it was published in a Soviet teen magazine, translated to Russian. It IS a true survival guide that makes a complex life of a teenager a lot easier.

My mother gave me this book when I turned 12. I would not have made it through the next 6 years without it.

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