



A Brief History of Diaries: From Pepys to Blogs

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Hesperus. 1 Paperback(s), 2011. soft. Book Condition: New. "Whom do I tell when I tell the blank page?" Virginia Woolf asked her own diary, while today, personal bloggers now possess the extraordinary ability to project their inmost lives to all those with an internet connection. Yet this confessional explosion is merely the most recent mutation of a unique and still often misunderstood literary form, argues the PEN award-winning author of *The Hidden Writer*. Here she traces the diary's quirky and compelling history through centuries of writing for and about one's self, from accounts by explorers and pilgrims through scientific journals, the confessional literary forms of Leo Tolstoy and Doris Lessing, and the historical moments captured by diarists like Anne Frank. 109.



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