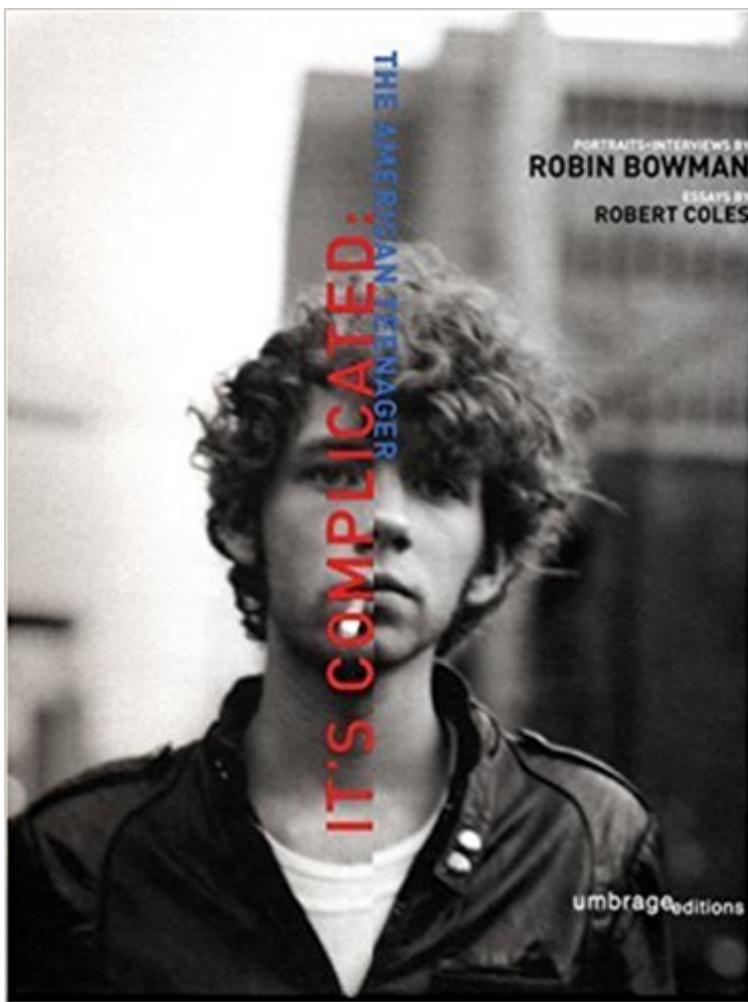


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# It's Complicated: The American Teenager



## **Synopsis**

Robin Bowmanâ™s five-year journey into the heart of teenage America created a series of 414 âœcollaborative portraits,â• wherein she shares her discoveries of a generation now coming of age. In searing and intimate photographs, presented alongside the young peopleâ™s voices of passion, pride, embarrassment, lust, pain, bewilderment, anxiety, joy, uncertainty, and rage, the book charts the coming of age of the largest generation in Americaâ™s 77 million strongâ™ in every region of the country and every socioeconomic group: from a Texas debutante to teenage gang members in New York City, from a drag queen in Georgia to a coal miner in West Virginia. Bowmanâ™s intimate photographs ask us to reconcile preconceived ideas and stereotypes of teenagers with the diversity of individuals in the portraits. This book and the traveling exhibition it accompanies are about the inside lives of these kids and how they see their reality in their own voices. Robin Bowman, a 2005 W. Eugene Smith Memorial fellow, is a photojournalist based in Portland, Maine. Dr. Robert Coles is the Pulitzer-Prize winning author of the Children of Crisis series and a Harvard emeritus professor of psychiatry.

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Robin Bowman, a 2005 W. Eugene Smith Memorial Fellow, is a photojournalist devoted to documenting the poignant social and political issues of our age. A traveling exhibition of the portraits will open at the museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago. Coles' works include the multi-volume The Inner Lives of Children, and the Children of Crisis series for which he won the

Pulitzer prize. He was awarded the Medal of Freedom in 1998 by President Clinton.

Thanks.

It was a library reject, but I don't mind. Great book, great idea. I used in my classroom.

I love books about real teenagers. Being a real teenager myself, I often subconsciously get sucked into picturing every other teenager being a lot like me. It is interesting seeing images of teenagers from all over the world. The book is filled with pictures of teenagers and short essays that include questions they answered in an earlier interview. 9/11 is mentioned a lot. I recommend this book.

This is an amazing project by Robin Bowman...great pictures, great stories. The most honest thing about teenagers out there. Every adult who has teens in their lives should read it.

Honesty....you know it when you see it. Robin Bowman's photography is as authentic as it gets. Captivating black and white portraits of teenagers telling their own story through Robin's lens. The respect she pays her subjects and their journey is so plain to see, it's hard to avert your eyes from the portraits. You get the feeling there is some of us in each of them.

Wow, what an incredible collection. I didn't put it down for the first three hours. Totally fascinating images and interviews.

Fascinating!

My friend loves it, and so does her roommate, who is a photography major. They both like to flip through the book and just enjoy the photos.

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