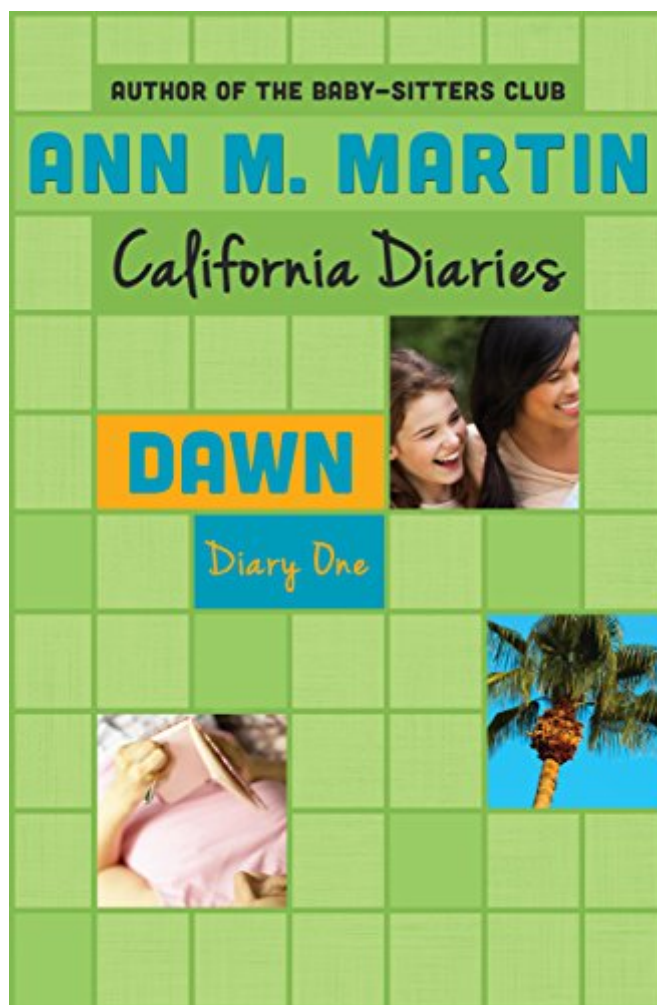


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# Dawn: Diary One (California Diaries Book 1)



## Synopsis

Can Dawn find a life in California to match the one she left behind in Connecticut—or has too much changed between her friends? At Vista, eighth graders are required to write personal journals about their experiences. Meet thirteen-year-old Dawn Schafer, the crunchy and health conscious member of the Baby-Sitters Club, who has returned to California to live with her father, stepmother, and brother. Dawn is thrilled to be reunited with her old friends Sunny, Maggie, and Jill. It's not always easy to keep the group together, though—things are changing fast since they moved the eighth-grade classes into the high school. With new social demands and decisions to make, Dawn sees just how much her old friends have changed since she moved away. Or is she the one who is different now? It's time for this independent girl to let go of the life she had across the country and figure out just where she belongs now. This ebook features an illustrated personal history of Ann M. Martin, including rare images from the author's collection.

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## Customer Reviews

Much better than the Baby-Sitters Club books (Dawn goes to a party! With alcohol!), but ultimately Dawn plays the part of holding everyone together while her unlikeable friends go their own ways. (I'm specifically referring to the Troubled Anorexic Rich Girl, who is really not a person anyone would want to be around, talk to, or read about.)

The book was interesting but I think I expected it to be similar to the BSC books and I found it to be a lot darker. I'm going to continue reading the series though because now I'm curious where the rest of the story goes

Dawn is in the eighth grade, but the middle school building is so overcrowded that by October, the eighth graders are forced to move into the high school building where they are no longer the rulers, but instead they are faced with new challenges, and decisions that could change their life, they are faced with peer pressure unlike anything they have ever faced before, and some of them end up making poor decisions. Dawn's diary is full of adolescent angst as well as the trials that they face, most unlike anything they have ever faced before, but somehow they must learn to fit into a world they are not sure they are ready for, but sometimes they must wonder if fitting in is really worth it? Sometimes just sticking with your old friends may be better. Dawn's diary speaks of friendships lost and gained, it tells of the trials of teenagers, and the things they face, sometimes serious, sometimes seemingly silly it never feels that way at the moment though. I'd recommend Dawn's diary for middle grade readers, five stars for a well written Middle grade, early YA novel....

Dawn is back in California with her friends. They have a group going similar to the Baby-Sitters Club, but definitely not as organized. Also, they are growing up and maybe even growing apart. When their 8th grade class gets moved into the high school, they are no longer queens of the school. Now, they are the lowest of the low. Will they be able to keep their friendships and grow together, or will things start falling apart? Told in journal form, this is a quick-moving, realistic look at life of a young teenager. When I saw this book on NetGalley, I was instantly brought back to my childhood. I grew up with the Baby-Sitters Club. I did not know that this was a reprint of a previously released series. It was still entertaining. It wasn't the best book I've ever read, by any means, but I can see a lot of girls relating to this one. Some of the things that happened are things that could possibly happen to 13 year old girls, and the journal format makes it even more relatable. I really felt like I was reading a journal, because it was written like so many journals I kept as a young girl. I'm

interested to see if this series becomes popular again. I am sure many kids today will still love the Baby-Sitters and this series as well. It's all about growing up.

This book is a well-written one about a 13 yr. old grl called Dawn. She expresses what she does with her friends and family. She meets new friends like the positive grl, Amalia. This book tells us about what Dawn's point of view of everything. This is a good chanz to find out what Dawn is thinking about her family and friends. This book is actually funny and interesting to read! If I were u, I would get this one and read it!

This book is the first book in the California Diaries series. For those who don't know, it's about thirteen-year-old Dawn Schafer who is facing many changes in her life, including her Dad's new relationship with stepmum Carol, her move to the high-school building in school, and friendship changes. In this book, Dawn and her friends Sunny, Maggie and Jill get invited to a party thrown by eleventh and twelfth graders after their move to the high-school building. They debate whether to go to the party and ditch Jill's sleepover. They go, but when they arrive they know something isn't right. Sunny drinks alcohol without realising it and gets sick, and the party is held in a backyard of a house with no one home. When the police get called from a neighbour complaining about the noise level, the party breaks up quickly. Dawn, Maggie, AMALIA (new friend in 8th grade at the party) and Sunny get a lift home with a reliable high-school boy named DUCKY. They get back to Jill's house where Jill is furious. Towards the end of the book, Dawn, Sunny and Maggie break away from Jill, whom they think is too babyish. There is also a nice sub-plot about Carol's pregnancy, but i won't tell EVERYTHING that happens! This is a great first installment of the CA Diaries series. As you read further books in the series you realise that this book is NOWHERE NEAR as good as the others and comes out looking pretty amateurish, but all first books look that way. How about Kristy's Great Idea, #1 in the Baby-sitters Club? That looked so pathetic compared to the latter BSC books, which were GREAT! The cover of #1 Dawn is great and the writing style is good. I thought maybe it took a little too long to describe the party, and the back cover's writing isn't as good as other CA Diaries. This is why this book gained 4 stars instead of 5. This book is probably the worst in the CA Diaries series and that's pretty good considering it got 4 stars anyway and its average rating is 5. But as this is the first book and introduces you to Dawn, Maggie, Sunny, Amalia, Ducky and the CA Diaries world, i can overlook that!:) Overall, the entire CA Diaries Series is a MUST-READ and #1 Dawn is worth-buying. FANTASTIC!

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