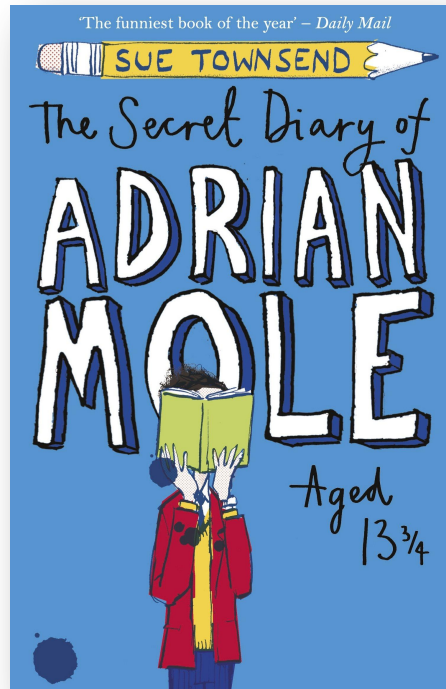


# The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 ¾







## Sue Townsend (1946-2014)



- *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 ¾* is the first book in Sue Townsend's brilliantly funny Adrian Mole series.
- "Friday January 2nd  
*I felt rotten today. It's my mother's fault for singing 'My Way' at two o'clock in the morning at the top of the stairs. Just my luck to have a mother like her. There is a chance my parents could be alcoholics. Next year I could be in a children's home.*"
- Meet Adrian Mole, a hapless teenager providing an unabashed, pimples-and-all glimpse into adolescent life. Writing candidly about his parents' marital troubles, the dog, his life as a tortured poet and 'misunderstood intellectual', Adrian's painfully honest diary is still hilarious and compelling reading thirty years after it first appeared.

[The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Episode 1 - YouTube](#)

\*please just play the intro and first couple of minutes.

	Historical Interest
	Cultural Messages
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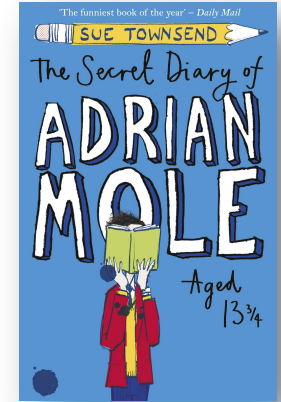
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- **Susan Lillian Townsend**, (2 April 1946 – 10 April 2014), was an English writer and humorist, best known for creating the character Adrian Mole. Her Adrian Mole books sold more copies than any other work of fiction in Britain during the 1980s. This series of nine books, takes the form of the character's diaries. Townsend was poor until well into her thirties, and used her experiences of hardship in her work. She died from ill-health at the age of 68.
- **She said...** *"I do think that books, good books, free you...They make you feel a citizen of the world and things like class, sex and age don't matter. They're the greatest leveller."*
- **Did you know?** Sue Townsend failed her 11 plus exam, left school at 15 and wrote in secret, but she went on to become one of the UK's best-selling and beloved authors.



# St Ives School Tutor Reading: Routine

Ready      Respectful      Safe



- Ready – arrive promptly and settle quickly at the start of the session
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