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**Insights from Youths
Living with the Virus**

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Who will want me now? It's a heart-wrenching question that comes to mind for teenagers infected with HIV. And the number of infected teenagers is increasing. Each year in the United States alone, some 1,700 more young people aged 13 to 24 are diagnosed with the ravaging end result of this infection - AIDS. Nearly 35,000 teenagers in total now have AIDS in this country. Far more have been diagnosed with HIV; an undetermined number have it and do not yet know. Worldwide among the 37 million known to be HIV-infected, about half of the people became infected sexually before their 25th birthday. In this volume, experts who work daily with HIV-infected teenagers reveal for us the psychological and social fallout, in addition to current medical issues, that face adolescents who have received the diagnosis.

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