

# Coming of Age in the 21st Century



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A follow-up to the critically acclaimed and bestselling multicultural collection of stories about growing up in America--with new selections for a new century. "All of us, at some moment, have had a vision of our existence as something unique, untransferable, and very precious. This revelation almost always takes place during adolescence. Self-discovery is above all the realization that we are alone: it is the opening of an impalpable, transparent wall--that of our consciousness--between the world and ourselves."--Octavio Paz, "The Labyrinth of Solitude" Following in the footsteps of the highly successful "Coming of Age in America" and "Coming of Age Around the World," this new anthology of fiction and memoir explores coming of age in the new millennium. Twenty-one stories by noted authors including Sherman Alexie, Mary F. Chen, Junot Diaz, Louise Erdrich, Seth Kantner, and ZZ Packer explore the trials and tribulations of growing up in our increasingly fragmented world. Issues of identity, sexuality, solitude, and conflict are beautifully presented through the voices of writers of all ages and ethnicities, from Lan Samantha Chang tackling absent or dead parents in "The Eve of the Spirit Festival" to Emily Rabateau addressing race in "Mrs. Turner's Lawn Jockeys." With a preface and introductions to each piece by Mary Frosch providing cultural context, this collection is a stunning literary tribute to a new generation of global citizens that provides a distinctively American sense of hope.

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