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Nina, a sophomore in high school who has always been anonymous, especially to herself, begins her own blog to chronicle her development as a teenager. The entries frequently reflect on the world around her—carefully examining the nuances between “public” and “private”, identity construction versus perception, and how ageism is constructed. She also shares some tidbits about what she’s reading or watching at the time in the form of capsule reviews. She geeks out on music and art and spends a lot of time getting to know her family. Sharing intimate details of her life, Nina chronicles her friendships with Madison, an African-American girl whom she meets at a camp for gifted kids, and Jenna, who is the epitome of the “popular” stereotype. The blog exposes as well as explores Nina’s fears about growing up and becoming sexually active. As the entries progress, the blog becomes increasingly popular due to its unique voice and insightful commentary on topics such as gender expression and sexuality. This popularity attracts the attention of other teens, some of whom are emerging sexually activists who use Nina’s blog to find inspiration for their own writing. Nina posts her first full-body nude photo. She feels conflicted about showing herself to others in this way, but she decides that it is an important part of growing up and learning about her own body. Her experiences with the photo reveal how important it is for us to understand our bodies and their needs. Nina receives an invitation to attend the SOLO (Sex Out Loud) Teen Summit, a conference for teens interested in making a difference in their lives. At the conference, Nina learns from other teens from around the country about how they are trying to make a difference with their state and local governments through writing letters and attending city council meetings. These kids are living out of their bedrooms and using Nina’s blog to write about what they see as important issues that need changing. Nina invites her friend Madison to the SOLO Teen Summit. She wants Madison to be a more active participant in defining herself as a black girl through her writing and art, but Madison resists participating in the “activism” surrounding Nina’s blog. Nina is frustrated by Madison’s resistance, but takes it as a learning experience about how activism may not always be welcomed. Three months later, Nina and Madison are no longer talking. Nina expresses her hurt and frustration in her writing, trying to understand why their friendship ended so suddenly. Although she still misses Madison, she is able to see that their relationship changed as it became more public, just like everything else that Nina documents on her blog. Nina learns about the Spokes Project at the SOLO Teen Summit. She decides to start writing letters to policy makers asking for them to consider youth perspectives before making decisions about sex education in schools.

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