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New WriteGirl Anthology Presents an ‘Emotional Map’ of LA

Los Angeles Comes Alive in Inspiring Stories from Teen Girls and their Mentors

LOS ANGELES—[WriteGirl](http://WriteGirl.org), a nonprofit writing and mentoring organization for at-risk teen girls, has released its 14th anthology: [*Emotional Map of Los Angeles*](#). This latest collection of poetry and prose, written by WriteGirl mentors and mentees, looks to its very own city for inspiration, chronicling 190 stories of discovery, courage and resilience. From Boyle Heights to Santa Monica, these original pieces weave together a diverse and heartfelt rendering—an emotional map—of a city you thought you knew.

The book also includes writing tips, advice and inspirational prompts from our WriteGirl community. With 14 anthologies and [71 book awards](#), WriteGirl is excited to add *Emotional Map of Los Angeles* to its collection.

The girls and women of WriteGirl were tasked to write with Los Angeles in mind—a city vast and varied, where cultural nuances provide endless inspiration. *Emotional Map of Los Angeles* tells stories written by girls and women who experience this city like no one else can, sharing prose and poetry that speaks to their struggles, triumph and, of course, their emotions. Featured in this latest anthology are girls who come from more than 60 Los Angeles-area schools in some of the highest density neighborhoods in the country and now carry the title of Published Author. Click [here](#) for a preview of the anthology.

Miranda Munoz, a 17-year-old WriteGirl teen, is featured on the cover of our book and wrote a piece titled, “Concrete Jungle’s Hidden Beauty.” With the help of her WriteGirl mentor, Miranda channeled her passion for creative writing throughout her high school years so far and continues to prepare for her career path to college.

"It is a gift to explore Los Angeles through the eyes of these brave and talented young women," said Kami Garcia, #1 *New York Times* bestselling coauthor of *Beautiful Creatures* and author of *Unbreakable*. "I'm awed and inspired by the way this collection captures the heart, nerves, and soul of our city. We have so much to look forward to from the next generation of LA writers. This book is a remarkable and unforgettable trip. Prepare to be stirred."

For more information about the newest anthology, please visit: writegirl.org/publications/

About WriteGirl

Since 2001, WriteGirl has offered its teen girls (ages 13-18) one-on-one mentoring and monthly creative writing workshops, offering techniques, insights and hot topics for great writing in all genres from professional women writers. Workshops and mentoring sessions explore poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, songwriting, journalism, screenwriting, playwriting, persuasive writing, journal writing, editing and more. For 13 years, WriteGirl has helped 100% of WriteGirl Teens in its Core Mentoring Program to not only graduate from high school, but also enroll in college — a remarkable statistic in contrast to the 68 percent graduation rate at Los Angeles public schools.

In 2013, WriteGirl was [honored by First Lady Michelle Obama](#) with the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, an initiative of the President's Committee on the Arts & the Humanities and the highest national honor awarded to exemplary after-school and out-of-school time programs from across the country. The President's Committee partners with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to administer the program.



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