Sound Generation: The Resonant Voices of Teen Girls



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About the book:

In **Sound Generation**, the teen girls of **WriteGirl** share poems, stories and songs about their identity and dreams, relationships and challenges, midnight phone calls with friends and international adventures – both real and imagined – across Los Angeles, the United States, South America, Europe and more. *Sound Generation* also includes writing tips, advice, and inspirational prompts from women writers and teen girls from Los Angeles. **Many pieces are inspired by music** – how melodies and lyrics connect girls to their lives, and connect them to the world. From the soundtrack of a grandmother's kitchen, to a cassette playing when a girl first realizes she is in love, to vinyl records shrouded in well-worn sleeves, the sounds of these writers' words transport readers to places where we can rejoice, reflect and resist together.

What they're saying about Sound Generation:

"Words alone are mostly meaningless. Words strung together can have rhythm and power and saliency. The symphony of the teenaged experience is precisely why **WriteGirl** exists – to capture the sloppiness and the art of being alive."

 Heather Hach-Hearne, screenwriter of Freaky Friday and What to Expect When You're Expecting

"Fearless, raw, and melodic – these poems and stories stand up and belt out: I am here. 'Writing on these pages is not remarkable for a teen.' It's remarkable-full stop. Each voice in *Sound Generation* hums with verve and veracity."

- Rachel Caris Love, writer on Blindspot



WriteGirl, a project of Community Partners, is a creative writing and mentoring nonprofit organization that pairs professional women writers with teen girls. Through one-on-one mentoring, monthly workshops, public readings and publications, WriteGirl gives girls techniques, insights and hot tips for great writing in all genres. WriteGirl members support, encourage and challenge each other to express themselves and their ideas and dreams, on paper and out loud.

Never underestimate the power of a girl and her pen.