

ROOKIE

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# WELCOME

One year ago, I started Rookie because I felt that there wasn't a magazine for teenage girls that respected its readers' intelligence. I started it online because it was the best way to spread the voices of our contributors far and wide, the best way for our readers to share their own, and the best place for our readers to connect with one another.

Despite how well this has worked out, our staff has a knack for creating work that is more timeless than articles online typically get to be, and more beautiful than photos and illustrations can look on a computer monitor. And so, we created *Yearbook* in an attempt to do justice to our very best pieces from the September 2011–May 2012 school year. This is the stuff that needed to be in pages adorned with doodles and glitter; that is revisited in times of angst and crisis, and that couldn't be just stared at on a screen for such an occasion. I mean, being able to actually HOLD art and writing that you love is kind of sort of really special.

There are acknowledgments on the previous spread, and I really, really have to use this inch of space to tell you how exaggerated those thank-you's ought to be. And thank you, also, for being here. It is still nuts to me that Rookie exists and people like it, but I will happily go along.

Isn't this weird, with no Cheeto-crumb-covered keyboard or Netflix streaming window between us? I'm really into it.

love,  
tavi



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