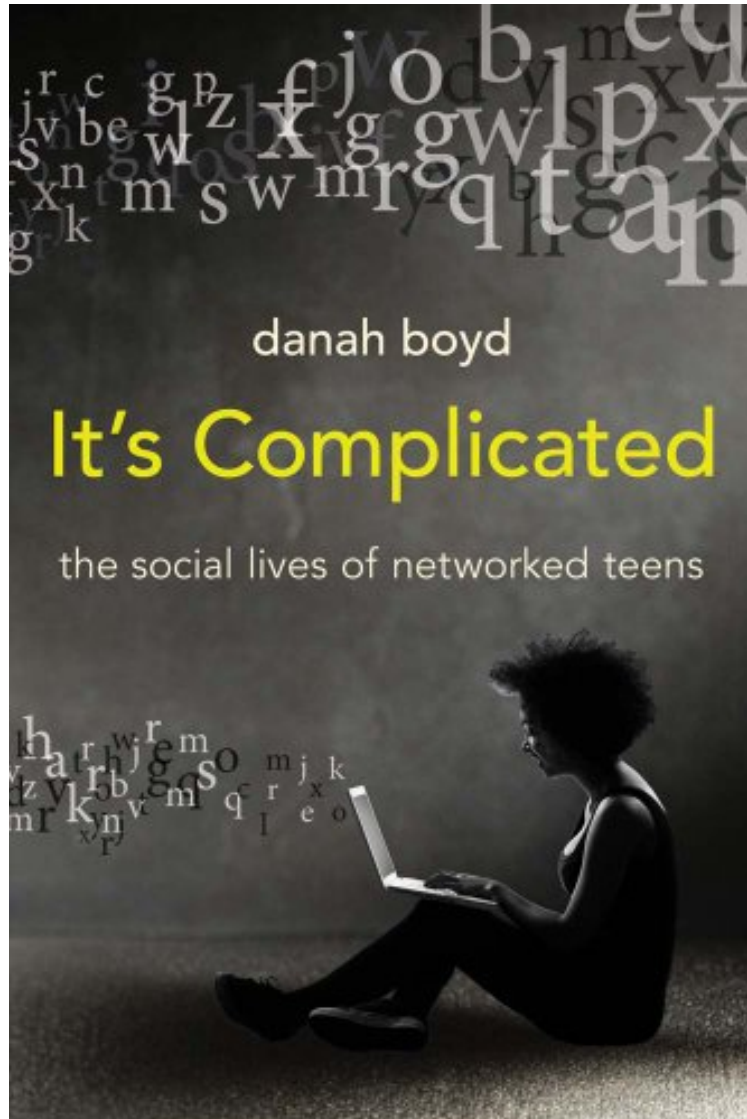


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danah boyd : It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I enjoyed the first six chapters the most as I found ...By J.I.Boyd's book breaks down how teens lives are, and aren't affected by social media, in a world where social media is mainstream. She explores what social media adds to the lives of teens, and what it takes away. She also challenges responses to social media including the way our media sensationalizes it and can make us fearful of it, but Boyd has a

way of getting the reader to see positivity in what can so often be viewed as negative. Boyd does this by looking at seven different areas. Identity, privacy, addiction, danger, bullying, inequality and literacy are all discussed in this book, which are all important areas when talking about our children. I enjoyed the first six chapters the most as I found them to be relevant to my learning and more interesting than the last two chapters. Boyd's research shed a very different light on social media and teens in my eyes and I surprisingly agreed with most of her ideas presented in this book. For me, she brings to light how social media today is simply a modern day version of how we used to communicate in past generations. This book strives to make us understand social media from a teens vantage point and the author successfully shows us what kids are doing online, why they are doing it, and their perceptions which might surprise you. Boyd spent a lot of time talking to teens of all SESs, cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and I found reading what these teens had to say first hand as enlightening.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.

Optional or Necessary? By Ruth B. Lavagnino Recommended to me, I found this an invaluable source of information on how and why young adults and teen agers use the internet and various social media sites. It implies that what has occurred is an additional educational and social means which is a necessary for this new generation (sometimes referred to as digital natives) to incorporate in their development in and transitioning to the adult and complicated world we now live in. One would almost conclude that the author sees it as a mandatory avenue along with academic education and community which teen agers need in their development.

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful.

danah boyd is the fly on the wall you've been waiting for By Rita Arens I have a nine-year-old daughter and admit to being completely freaked out by how quickly she took to the iPad. danah boyd doesn't come out and say this, but her book helped me understand it's not so much my digital native daughter's inherent tech skills, it's that she's a privileged kid who has had access to said technology since birth. In other words, it's not her so much as the availability of the tech, and the tech is just a path to what kids everywhere have always wanted: entertainment and socializing.

I have worked in Internet publishing since 1999. One would think I would not freak over my daughter using technology. But when she told me recently she wanted an Instagram account, I blocked her without thinking. Then I read danah's book, and though I'm still not giving my girl an Instagram account (not yet, anyway), I'm not as worried about her use of technology as I was before. Just as we adults once had to "learn the software" in order to do anything with a computer, we adults are going to have to learn the kid in order to understand what level of trust is appropriate. It's not the tech, it's the kid.

I particularly liked danah's discussion of collapsed contexts, as I run into that myself all the time on social media since I use it both for professional and personal purposes. Understanding that makes me much less likely to snoop on my daughter unless she gives me reason to. The biggest takeaway from danah's book? Get your teen to her friends in an unstructured way as often as possible -- they need that time. -- Rita Arens, author of young adult novel THE OBVIOUS GAME (InkSpell Publishing, 2013) The Obvious Game PS: I especially enjoyed the discussion of lolcats as a cultural artifact. It totally is, but, well, ha.

An essential read, written by a leading expert, for anyone who wants to understand young people's use of social media. What is new about how teenagers communicate through services such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram? Do social media affect the quality of teens' lives? In this eye-opening book, youth culture and technology expert danah boyd uncovers some of the major myths regarding teens' use of social media. She explores tropes about identity, privacy, safety, danger, and bullying. Ultimately, boyd argues that society fails young people when paternalism and protectionism hinder teenagers' ability to become informed, thoughtful, and engaged citizens through their online interactions. Yet despite an environment of rampant fear-mongering, boyd finds that teens often find ways to engage and to develop a sense of identity. Boyd's conclusions are essential reading not only for parents, teachers, and others who work with teens but also for anyone interested in the impact of emerging technologies on society, culture, and commerce in years to come. Offering insights gleaned from more than a decade of original fieldwork interviewing teenagers across the United States, boyd concludes reassuringly that the kids are all right. At the same time, she acknowledges that coming to terms with life in a networked era is not easy or obvious. In a technologically mediated world, life is bound to be complicated.