

# Book Review: The First Time -- True Stories

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Yes, *The First Time Vol I and Vol II*, are books talking about the first time people had sex. How shocking! Charles Montpetite has collected stories from some of Canada's most well-known young adult writers to gather in these two volumes. The idea came from an assignment Charles Montpetite had for a writer's workshop. When his fictional ideas came up dry, he decided to write about his own first time. The idea for this anthology was born.

These slim volumes each contain 8 stories, with each one short enough for casual reading. The First Time books are aimed at young people curious about sex. Each story is guaranteed to be true, although they are not necessarily autobiographical. So you don't know if you have learned more about an author than you ever wanted to know. Deirdre Kessler's sex life has never been high on my curiosity list.

An interesting aspect of these stories is that they are not idealized - the authors acknowledge the fact that not all first true experiences are wonderful and they aren't always even memorable. The book deals with the fear, the pleasure, the bun-

gling, the pain, and the hilarity that can occur with this event. Also, what constitutes a first time is left largely up to the author. Of course, actual intercourse is included in the volumes but so are other events which could be significant steps in a person's sexual awakening. Volume I contains works by such authors as Deirdre Kessler, Christopher Paw

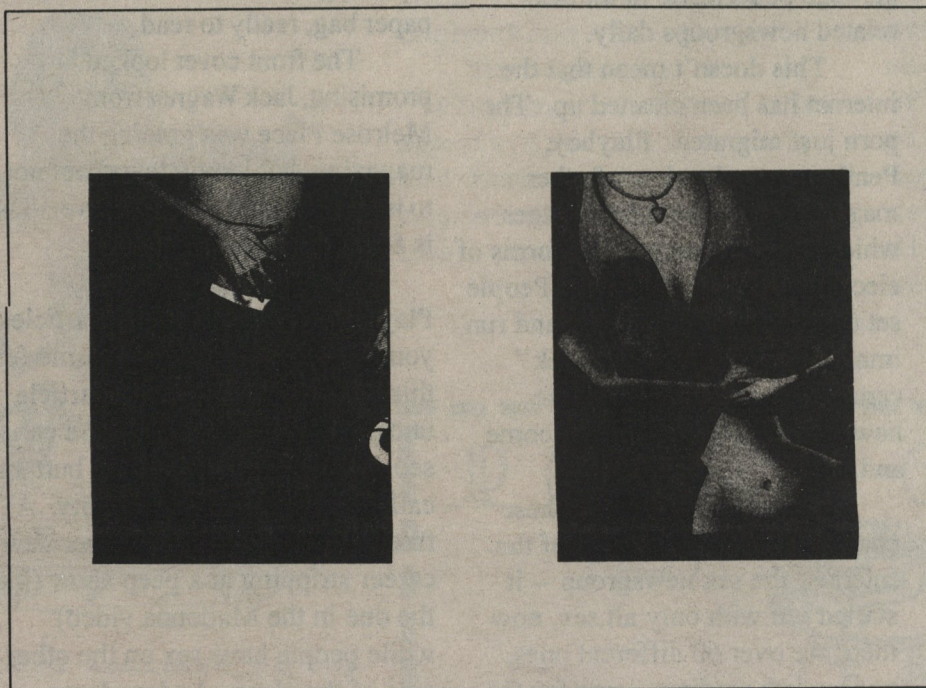
a junior higher, to his best friend, it chronicles the events which lead to Shawn having sex. While it is almost unbelievable -- it seems to fulfill every teenage guy's dream. I believe the books truth guarantee. This story keeps me laughing. "The Gunshot" written by Christopher Paw, one half of an HIV positive homosexual couple, is wholly differ-

about sex.

If you have been known to give sex a passing thought, this is a funny, thought provoking book which you would probably enjoy.

Volume II contains works by authors such as WP Kinsella, Julie Lawson and Martin Stevens. These true life stories vary from pitiful to hilarious.

My favourite was a 20 page cartoon of a young woman's introduction to lesbianism. There is bound to be at least one story in the compilation to peak your interest. I found most of the stories mildly interesting but the topic became tired too quickly for my taste.



and Martyn Godfrey. Each story in this volume is completely original. There are different eras, different genders, and different results for each first time. One of my favourites is "You Owe Me A Big Mac" by Martyn Godfrey.

Written as a letter from Shawn,

ent. A man recalls his teenage years, and the fear his own emotions caused him. He believes his reluctance to accept his

homosexuality caused certain tragic events. This volume would surely interest any teenager curious

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Thirteen people have been diagnosed as having AIDS while being a resident of PEI. 14 other people have tested positive for AIDS antibodies, but do not have symptoms. Of these people, 17 probably acquired the virus from homosexual or bisexual contact; five from blood, blood products,

or mother to infant transfer; two from heterosexual contact, one and possibly a second from intravenous drug use. (AIDS PEI) During sex you may swallow as much as one quart of your partner's spit.

A male typically ejaculates 3 to 5 cubic centimetres of semen,

although factors like amount of sexual stimulation and time since last ejaculation have an effect.

There are 300 million sperm in the average ejaculate.

There are 14 different types of human sperm. The different varieties have such features as longer or

shorter tails, and multiple heads.

When a male honeybee mates with a virgin Queen, at the moment of ejaculation the bees genitals literally explode -- killing him.

There is a small town in France with the odd name of Condom. It is derived from the latin,