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A KICK IN THE HEAD: An everyday guide to poetic forms
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Reclaim cultural expression through the use of the tools of modern media: print (self-publishing zines, comics and books), video (making movies and shows), CD (creating original music) and the indie-paradise of the Internet (websites, blogs and video games).

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WHATCHA MEAN, WHAT'S A ZINE?: The art of making zines and minicomics
A complete how-to guide for teens on personal writing and self-publishing in the form of zines. Includes tips and tricks from creators at the forefront of the zine revolution, including John Porcellino, Dave Kiersh and Allison Cole.

MAGAZINES and WEBSITES

brokenpencil.com

BROKEN PENCIL: The magazine of zine culture and the independent arts

Reviews the best zines, books, websites, videos and artwork from the underground and reprints the best articles from the alternative press. Also includes groundbreaking interviews, original fiction and commentary on all aspects of the independent arts.

theclaremontreview.ca

THE CLAREMONT REVIEW: The international magazine of young adult writers

Publishes poems, short stories, short plays, graphic art, photography and interviews twice each year. Most of the work published is by Canadians, but submissions from 13–19-year-olds from anywhere in the English-speaking world are welcome.

campanowrimo.org

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An idyllic writers' retreat right in the middle of your crazy life.

merlynspen.org

MERLYN'S PEN

Read the top 1,000 works of fiction by teens, submit your best work, track its progress up the editorial ladder and get feedback.

cicadamag.com

CICADA

A YA lit/comics magazine fascinated with the lyric and strange, committed to work that speaks to teens' truth.

nowwrimo.org

NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH

Home of the National Novel Writing Month, a yearly program that occurs over the month of November. Writers are encouraged to produce a 50,000 word novel to be submitted by the last day of month. Includes areas to post excerpts and share your word count in-progress as well as community forums and pep talks. Free to register.

newpages.com/npguides/young_authors_guide.htm

NEWPAGES: Young Authors Guide

A select list of literary magazines to read, places to publish writing, and legitimate contests.

thescriptorium.net/young-writers

SCRIPTORIUM SCRIBBLES

The young writers' resource webzine.

shamelessmag.com

SHAMELESS

A progressive magazine rooted in feminism and DIY culture for teenage girls, who are underrepresented in the mainstream media. Accepts submissions.

teenink.com

TEEN INK

Offers teenagers the opportunity to publish their creative work and opinions on the issues that affect their lives.

poets.ca/youngpoets

YOUNG POETS (from the League of Canadian Poets)

Enter the world of poetry. This site offers an ezine (Re:verse), chat room, discussion lists, contest information, articles, interviews, links and much more.

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