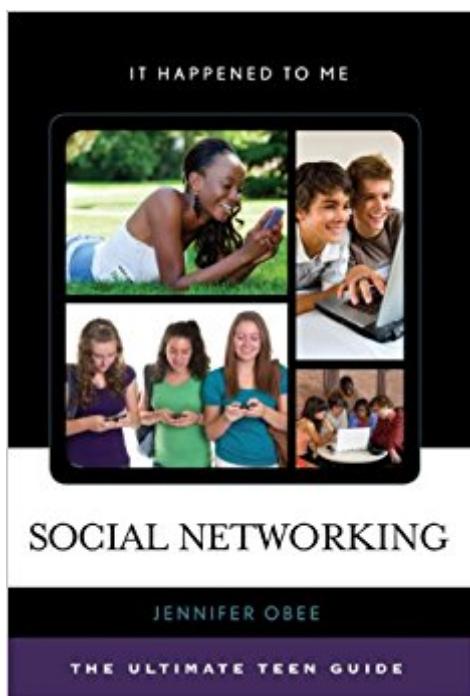


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Social networking is now an entrenched activity for nearly every teen in the country. A recent study showed that nearly 75% of American teens use an online social network, a percentage that continues to rise. Librarians, such as the author herself, are often asked by young adults for help and advice on social networking, but teens also turn to their friends for information, which can be inaccurate or incomplete. *Social Networking: The Ultimate Teen Guide* helps young adults make the most of their online experience, giving them a complete understanding of social networking while also addressing online safety. Author Jennifer Obee helps teens navigate through the challenging intricacies of social networks, covering such topics as: Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, netspeak, blogs, privacy, cyberbullying, video chats, smartphones. With quotes from teenagers about their favorite sites and personal stories, *Social Networking* is the perfect resource for teens trying to gain a better understanding of the vast online world.

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self-regulation with respect to what's out there and provides resources for online support in the face of bullying. The "Keeping up with Friends" chapter details the mechanics of choosing and setting up various social-networking sites, and much of the material will be repetitious and old hat for those with competent computer skills. This is especially true when defining such concepts as "apps," the "share" icon, and emoticons. The comprehensive resources cited give a broad spectrum of social-networking tools and techniques, but it's unlikely that middle schoolers are going to pick up this wordy tome prior to launching their online personae and establishing their digital footprint. That said, it is a great read for parents who are seeking to better understand their children's online world and bring themselves up to speed.-Meredith Toumayan, The Langley-Adams Library, Groveland, MA
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