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It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens

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- “In explaining the networked realm of teens, boyd has the insights of a sociologist, the eye of a reporter, and the savvy of a technologist. For parents puzzled about what their kids are doing online, this is an indispensable book.”

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- “Painstakingly researched through interviews and close study for more than

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- "I want to get this publication into the hands of every teacher, parent, policy maker, and journalist. Thoughtful in her analysis and adept at skewering the most common misunderstandings and anxieties about teens' online lives, boyd is the best possible person to write a book like this, and this book does not disappoint in any way."

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- "Astute, nuanced, provocative and hopeful, boyd does it all in this must-read treatise on teens and their digital lives."

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- "danah boyd is one of the smartest people thinking about how teenagers use the Internet—a topic of enormous importance to parents, me included. Her book is smart, sophisticated, and imbued throughout with a rare and wonderful sensitivity to the real, lived experiences of teenagers. Read it to understand what they're doing online, and why—you'll come away enlightened!"

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- "Impeccably researched, written and argued, danah boyd's *It's Complicated* is essential reading for anyone with even the slightest interest in teens or social media."

—Justine Larbalestier, author of *Liar and Zombies versus Unicorns*

- "Crucial reading for anyone who wants to understand the nuances and hard realities of being a teenager in our networked world. (I'm looking at you,

parents, policy makers, and YA writers.)”

—Scott Westerfeld, author of *Uglies*

- “Finally, a book about youth and social media that actually gives youth a voice! The insights here offer unprecedented perspective for parenting and teaching in this networked world of ours.”

—Anne Collier, co-director ConnectSafely.org, writer NetFamilyNews.org

- “For the price of two grande frappuccinos, you can buy this book . . . and young people will make sense.”

—Nancy Lublin, CEO, DoSomething.org

- “It’s *Complicated* is essential reading for anybody who has ever wondered about the lives of teens online. The extensive online fieldwork and interviews with young people from around the country provides the reader with a rare teens’-eye view into the massive and often mystifying changes to our everyday communication with the advent of social media. Written with both sensitivity and a critical eye, boyd offers a voice of reason in the often heated debates over teens and technology.”

—Mizuko Ito, University of California, Irvine, co-author of *Hanging Out*, *Messing Around*, and *Geeking Out*

- “boyd always moves beyond conventional wisdom when it comes to understanding teen online behavior. It’s invaluable to have here the results of her years of study.”

—Elisa Camahort Page, co-founder, BlogHer

- “boyd’s extensive research illuminates the oft-misunderstood world of teens today, where social media is an extension of life... Thorough information interwoven with common-sense advice from teens and the author enable readers, particularly parents, to relax a bit regarding this new media age... Comprehensive new research that illuminates why and how social media is important to teens.”

—Kirkus Reviews

- “An exhaustively researched study of how teens use technology, a passionate polemic dispelling myths and moral panics and exposing inequality, and a manifesto on how parents as individuals and society as a whole let young people down when they insist on protection and paternalism over media literacy and critical thinking. Even readers who are not parents, or teens, may well find this one of the most interesting books of the year.”

—Amy Benfer, Los Angeles Times

- “A passionate, scholarly, and vividly described account of the reality of young peoples’ use of networked technologies in America today. Painstakingly researched through interviews and close study for more than a decade, boyd’s book is the most important analysis of networked culture I’ve yet to read.”

—Cory Doctorow, BoingBoing

- “It’s Complicated is both a report from the front lines and a larger social analysis... It probes much deeper than just the latest fads in Twitter gossip or Snapchat goofiness ... On one level it is designed to counter the paranoia and anxiety that many parents still feel about their children’s engagement in social media. ... But on another level it is a poignant critique of contemporary civilization ... The briefest possible summary? The kids are all right, but society isn’t.”

—Andrew Leonard, Salon

- “danah boyd ... is one of my favorite people to talk with about teenagers and technology. That’s not because I agree with her all the time... But danah is the best kind of sparring partner because she always tells me something I didn’t know along the way. That holds true with her new book, which offers interviews with teenagers in communities across the country. By filtering them through her distinct danah lens, she gleans valuable insights.”

—Emily Bazelon, Slate

- “The key point is that social behaviour is adaptive, and people in power (ie parents) rarely understand the coping strategies being used by others. When adults start worrying about our children’s use of the internet, we should also ask what we can learn from our children – and then look in the mirror at our own behaviour too. And have the courage to give kids more freedom physically to roam in the ‘real’ world – alongside their travels in cyberspace.”

—Gillian Tett, Financial Times

- “Based on a decade of research and interviews with adolescents from the suburbs to the inner city, It’s Complicated is a persuasive anti-alarmist polemic that should help ease parents’ concerns about all sorts of Internet bogeymen.”

—Randy Hoder, TIME Health & Family

- “A fascinating, well-researched and (mostly) reassuring look at how today’s tech-savvy teenagers are using social media.”

—People

- “There is something marvellously sensible about Boyd’s resolutely academic style.”

-Jane Shilling, The Telegraph

- “Students, parents, and educators will find this a comprehensive study of how technology impacts teens’ lives and how adults can help balance rather than vilify its inevitable use.”

—Publishers Weekly

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