The value of the Diary is unparalleled especially given Anne Frank's ability to describe the minute details of her feelings at such a young age. It is a first-hand account of the extremes that the Jews of Europe had to suffer under the persecution of the Nazi regime. Many readers have marveled at Anne's spirit, hope, and determination which I believe is misunderstood in the context of her situation. For most of the time spent in the Annexe she is certain that she'll be back in school soon enough. Naturally, at age 13 her own naivety would prevent her from grasping the potential future at stake. One remarkable fact is the quick transition from child to teen upon the realization that their lives are truly at stake about 2/3rds through. The reality sets in and she begins to suffer depression and fear. I would reserve the reading of this book for age 14 plus, and only with a full explanation of the context and history. It is obvious from some of the kids reviews herein that they are too young to make a reasonable assessment of what this play is about. They keep calling for action (duh!) and have not
yet discovered an appreciation for history or literature; much less the plight of the inhabitants of the annexe.

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