

## THE DIARY OF STEPHANIE DANE'S PRESS RELEASE

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In High Schools across the country, students' dropout rates soar as high as 50 percent. Literacy levels are at an all-time low. After decades of false promises by the school system, parents are still demanding educational equality, blaming the school system for their child not excelling academically and not realizing what students face while trying to obtain a good & thorough education.

The Diary of Stephanie Dane examines the impact students' deal with in school and challenges parents, and the community to respond.

New Jersey Native, Casey Bell, playwright and author of *The CrazyFun* and *4Score* has unmasked a list of issues our teenagers are often asked to participate in or be a part of while attending high school such as: Gambling in class, teenage pregnancy, drinking alcohol, sexually assaulted by a teacher or something minor as being made fun of for wearing braces.

In this provocative book, Casey has exposed tough issues. He has given hope to families by revealing that in spite of what a child encounters in school, there is an outlet, a solution to the problem, and in this case, it happened to be through keeping a diary.

Hard-hitting and truthful...Casey thoroughness forces the reader to understand the movement of keeping a diary.

Often times as parents, one of the first questions you ask your child when they arrive home is: "How was your day?" Right, wrong, or indifferent, they may not want to share their true feelings. This powerfully imaginative work by Casey Bell offers original ideas on how to address your child's problems and just not critique or criticize but find ways to respond and prevent a major problem from occurring.

The Diary of Stephanie Dane is not just about education; it's about survival and although students have constant struggles, life is about choices, and it is very refreshing to see some made the right choice.

"Bell throws light on the problem...with authority and passion...his writing comes alive with vivid, unforgettable detail."

Shelly L. Ellis  
Founder of Shelly Speaks Out

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