

FEATURED AUTHOR

**Vincent Bivona, author of
*The Journal of Peter Rubin:
Don't Let History Repeat Itself***



About the Book

Does history repeat itself? That is the apotheosis of all questions.

Suffering with internal struggles, Peter Rubin, a pale, overweight high school student, decides to write his thoughts in a journal. Through his entries, the reader learns of the hardships he faces and the pain he endures as a malevolent group of boys who he deems "The Clan" threatens to beat him up. Peter's entries become more interlaced with problems that seem to spread like a festering disease. If it is not one thing, then it is another as he soon discovers; his neglecting parents paint a powerful picture of divorce while "The Clan" continues their methods of torment. The only solace Peter can find is in his journal, and through a budding crush on a new student named Katie Murgelsy, who reminds him of the psychologist his parents hired. But is it enough? Can Peter release the building pressure of his life, or will it explode from within and cause him to do something unthinkable? The position he finds himself in and time are two circumstances that are not on his side . . .

About the Author

Vincent Bivona's love for literature began revealing itself early in elementary school. His abiding love for it, and the things he has seen in his trek through the public school system, compelled him to write *The Journal of Peter Rubin*, his first published novel. He lives on Long Island and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education at Adelphi University.

Excerpt

It is up to us, not to arm ourselves with semiautomatic weapons, but to arm ourselves with the power of mind to stop bullying our fellow classmates and people we walk the earth with, to feel for them and realize that everyone is born into the world the same: naked and with a clean slate.

We are all equal, and we should be treated and treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves.

Testimonials

"As a mother of two children in high school, I feel that *The Journal of Peter Rubin* should be a mandatory read. The picture Vincent Bivona illustrates of another possible Columbine and Virginia Tech massacre is terrifying. Children need to read and learn and realize what their words can drive another individual to do."

—Diane Kujawa

"Vincent Bivona's work touches upon a problem that is prevalent in all schools. We as a society cannot close our eyes and hope for a utopia; we must contend with the problems that exist before us—they should and cannot be ignored."

—Reese Gates

"*The Journal of Peter Rubin* describes how the start of a troubled young life can be altered for the worse. Peter's internal conundrum of being unable to express his feelings to loved ones is a common tragedy. If *The Journal of Peter Rubin* changes one person's life, then Vincent Bivona's time has been well spent."

—Elaine McGuinness