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Part of Libraries Unlimited's Professional Guides for Young Adult Librarians series, this title focuses on developing a young adult department from the ground up. In her introduction, Ludwig addresses why someone should become a teen-services librarian, how to get such a position, and why these positions are important, and she provides online resources. The book's eight chapters cover policies and administration, setting up a teen space, collection development, programming ideas, teen advisory boards, outreach, budgets, and professional development. Written in a friendly, first-person narrative, this title would be useful as a supplemental textbook, for new YA librarians with no mentors, or for librarians who find themselves thrust into a new role. --Esther Sinofsky

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Ludwig ... gives great advice on how to start teen programs. Her well-thought-out chapters focus on the main points ... This well-written and helpful book will be invaluable to both new and seasoned teen librarians as well as those thinking about pursuing a career working with teens. - *School Library Journal*

"This is a great book. . . . It offers useful and practical tips for building a teen library program from the ground up." - **Library Media Connection**

#### About the Author

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