



## Break These Rules: 35 YA Authors on Speaking Up, Standing Out, and Being Yourself

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Chicago Review Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Break These Rules: 35 YA Authors on Speaking Up, Standing Out, and Being Yourself, Luke Reynolds, If you're a girl, you should strive to look like the model on the cover of a magazine. If you're a boy, you should play sports and be good at them. If you're smart, you should immediately go to college after high school, and get a job that makes you rich. Above all, be normal. Right? Wrong , say 35 leading middle grade and young adult authors. Growing up is challenging enough; it doesn't have to be complicated by convoluted, outdated, or even cruel rules, both spoken and unspoken. Parents, peers, teachers, the media, and the rest of society sometimes have impossible expectations of teenagers. These restrictions can limit creativity, break spirits, and demand that teens sacrifice personality for popularity. In these personal, funny, moving, and poignant essays, Kathryn Erskine ( Mockingbird ), Matthew Quick ( The Silver Linings Playbook ), Gary D. Schmidt ( The Wednesday Wars ), Sara Zarr ( Story of a Girl ), and many others share anecdotes and lessons learned from their own lives in order to show you that...



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