



THE SECRET DIARY OF ADRIAN MOLE, AGED $13\frac{3}{4}$

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SUE TOWNSEND

The Author



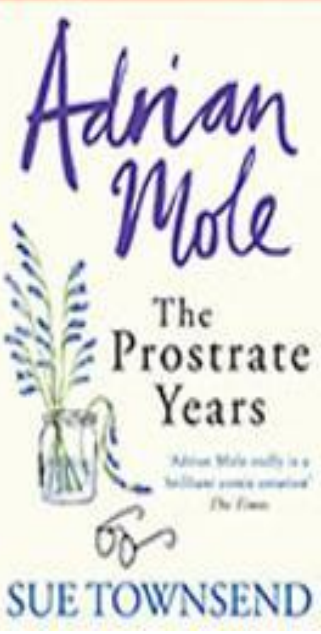
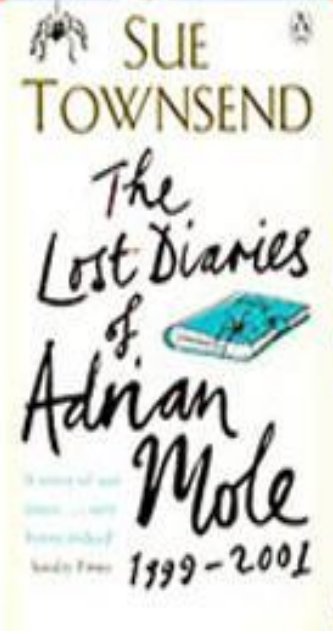
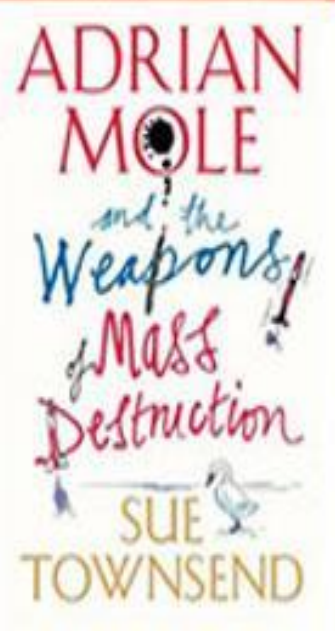
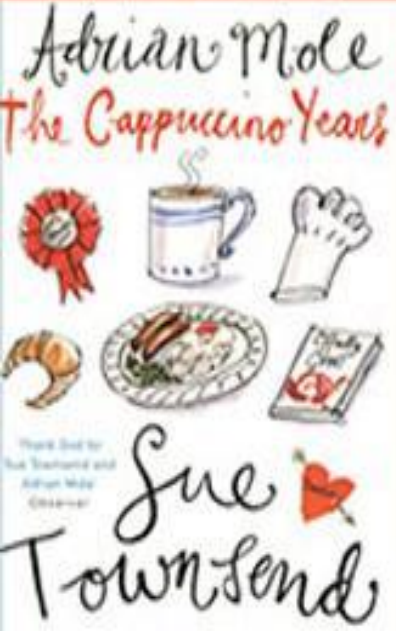
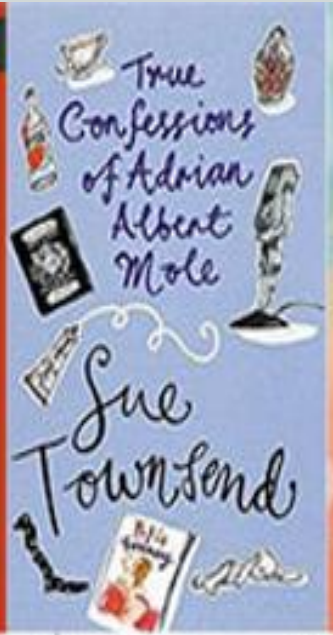
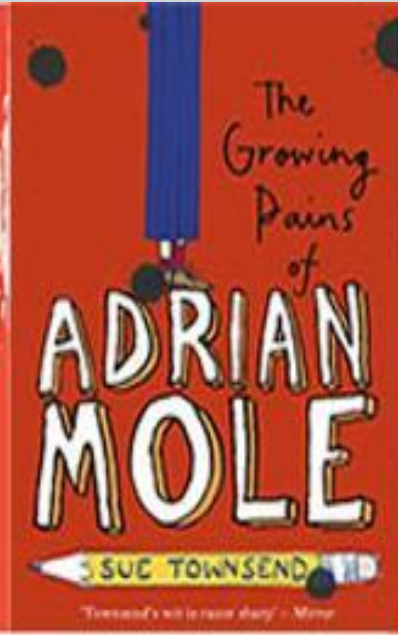
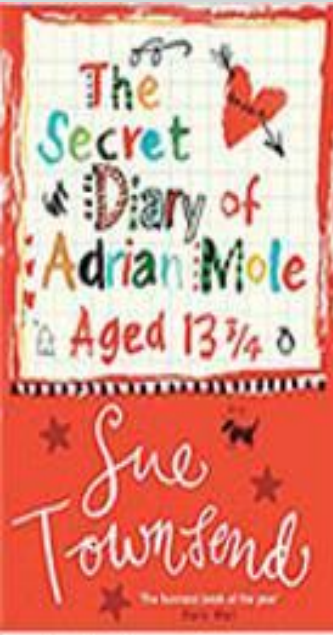
SUSAN LILLIAN TOWNSEND

- ❖ Susan Elaine Townsend
- ❖ 2 April 1946 – 10 April 2014
- ❖ English writer
- ❖ humorist
- ❖ Her work encompasses novels, plays and works of journalism.
- ❖ She was best known for creating the character Adrian Mole.



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- After writing in secret from the age of 14, Townsend first became known for her plays
- Her signature character first appearing in a radio drama. (The novel was first devised as a radio play (1982; with the main character initially named Nigel) and was later adapted for the stage (1984) and as a TV miniseries (1985).
- Her work soon expanded into other forms.
- She enjoyed great success in the 1980s, with her Adrian Mole books selling more copies than any other work of fiction in Britain during the decade.
- This series, which eventually encompassed nine books, takes the form of the character's diaries.



ADRIAN MOLE SERIES

- *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13³/₄* (1982)
- *.Growing Pains of Adrian Mole* (1984; filmed for TV 1987),
- *The True Confessions of Adrian Albert Mole* (1989),
- *Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years* (1993),
- *Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years* (1999; filmed for TV 2001),
- *Adrian Mole and the Weapons of Mass Destruction* (2004),
- *The Lost Diaries of Adrian Mole* (2008),
- *Adrian Mole: The Prostrate Years* (2009)

A tropical beach scene with palm fronds in the foreground, turquoise water, and a blue sky with light clouds. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the title and subtitle.

ADRIAN MOLE

The Key Character



Images from the TV series of Adrian mole





ADRIAN MOLE

- fictional protagonist
- The character first appeared (as *Nigel*) as part of a comic diary featured in a short-lived arts magazine published in Leicester in 1980, and shortly afterward in a BBC Radio 4 play in 1982.
- is born 2 April 1967
- grows up with his parents in the city of Leicester
- family are largely unskilled working class
- He is an only child until the age of 15,



THE FIRST BOOK

- first book in the Adrian Mole series of comedic fiction
- The book is written in a diary style
- focuses on the worries and regrets of a teenager who believes himself to be an intellectual.
- The story is set in 1981 and 1982
- background it refers to some of the historic world events of the time- such as
 - the Falklands War
 - the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana
 - birth of Prince William
 - Mole is a fierce critic of prime minister Margaret Thatcher-listing her as one of his worst enemies.



POINTS

Adolescent worries

Worried about his appearance

about his love life

about his future

Sees world and thinks no one sees it as he sees

Has a sense that he is something more

Feels need to protest... but always for seemingly silly things

The parents fight has an impact on him but not that big

Probably he is making mountain of a mole hill

a tinge of the rise of new woman in the 1980s