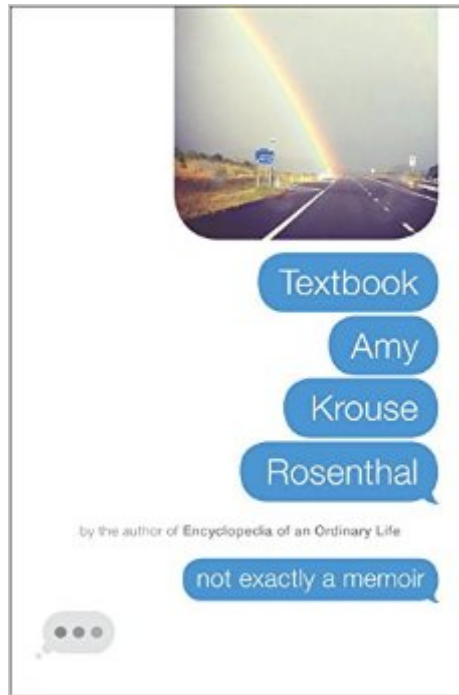


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# Textbook Amy Krouse Rosenthal



## Synopsis

The bestselling author of *Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life* returns with a literary experience that is unprecedented, unforgettable, and explosively human. In the ten years since the publication of her beloved, groundbreaking *Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life*, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Amy Krouse Rosenthal has been quietly tinkering away. Using her distinct blend of nonlinear narrative, wistful reflections, and insightful wit, she has created a modest but mighty new work. Why the title *Textbook* Amy Krouse Rosenthal? Because the book is organized into chapters with classic subject headings such as Social Studies, Music, Language Arts, Math, etc. Because *textbook* is an expression meaning quintessential, as in, Oh, that wordplay and unconventional format is so typical of her, so *textbook* Amy. Because for the first time ever, readers can further engage with a book via text messaging. Because if an author's previous book has *Encyclopedia* in the title, following it up with a *Textbook* would be rather nice. Not exactly a memoir, not just a collection of observations, *Textbook* Amy Krouse Rosenthal is an exploration into the many ways we are connected on this planet and speaks to the awe, bewilderment, and poignancy of being alive.

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Ok, how cool is it that an author wants to engage with her readers. Amy Krouse Rosenthal does just that with her newest book *TEXTBOOK: Not Exactly a Memoir*. Throughout this witty banter of a book, Rosenthal shares moments where the reader can literally text her. She provides a subject so

that you know there is going to be a reply and assuming some form of further conversation about what she has written. My favorite one is she hopes to have readers join together and who knows, maybe form a group of sorts. Like one big book club made up of digi-pals who might aspire to form a deep friendship, or take a trip together â “ the world will be your oyster thanks to Krouse Rosenthal. Itâ™s like Textbook.com. Love it. Her ideas are brilliant â “ she gives you little exercises of pure delight. So simple yet so powerful. I found myself highlighting everything, taking furious notes. The â^experimentsâ™ are not just sweet but fun. And funny. Rosenthal delivers amusing wisdom of the everyday, and pinpoints things that we all think about but probably donâ™t write down unless we keep a journal and take the time to re-read it or talk out loud and laugh at ourselves. Yes, there is texting and yes, we post on Instagram and laugh at our witty selves. But somehow sharing all those sweet, tender and hilarious moments with others in a way that is meaningful. And, not just relegated to your kidâ™s first day of school adorableness (although I know he/she is so cute!), your dogâ™s latest trick or that incredible cocktail that you must post, but real life goodness â “ things that you wish for, things that you can try to achieve, observations in the small things that really matter, something that you find so funny or so coincidental or so truly astounding you need anyone who will listen to know about this because it is that amazing that it might start a movement.â Krouse Rosenthal is the friend you want to have and the writer you want to keep writing. Jump on the TEXTBOOK bandwagon.

I am so happy to go on another adventure with Amy K.R. I was originally captured by her Encyclopedia in 2005 while working at Barnes & Noble. It became my favorite book to recommend to customers. Now she has compiled/curated a new book which not only reveals her own psyche but invites the reader into her world through interactive assignments. Yes, she does ask readers to text her BUT you also can interact through her website.

I just love everything AKR has written (see, I don't even have to write out her name 'cause my book friends mostly know who I mean). I discovered Amy long ago when my daughter lived in the Chicago area, and went on a crazy meet-up train ride or something with Amy. I thought Encyclopedia was the cleverest book idea ever, but Textbook is right up there too. I have laughed out loud all morning and I'm sure my husband is wondering what in the world I'm reading. Beyond the laughter, though, Amy makes you sit up and notice the world around you, and find meaning and enjoyment in all the ordinary and serendipitous things that happen in your life. The book is worth every penny. PS: Don't miss out on her children's books either. They're wonderful.

I read this book in 3 hours, 47 minutes and 30 seconds. In bed, with life surrounding me. I loved/love this "memoir." This is why: "Just look at us, all of us, quietly doing our thing and trying to matter. The earnestness is inspiring and heartbreaking at the same time." Wordcrafting is truly a wondrous thing.

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