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copied with teen pregnancy. Although Ms Lipper identifies and describes some of these approaches, I would be interested to know more about how she envisions the roles of schools, churches, health care agencies, and government. And, of course, what about the families and the girls themselves? Ms Lipper sees all these entities as having a place, but the final chapter would have benefited from more detail in this regard. Nonetheless, those with any interest in adolescence will appreciate this book and will find these stories worth reading.

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Words

Words are things; and a small drop of ink
Falling like dew upon a thought, produces
That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.

Lord Byron, 1788-1824, poet