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My daughter has a red Moleskine notebook and the ambition to keep a journal every day.

I began when I was older than she is now and wrote in a cryptic script so that my emotional disloyalties wouldn't be found out.

She sometimes writes on our bed, leaning against the headboard with her legs folded, and she leaves the book on her bedside table when she goes to school.

What a wonderful thing to have discovered a project for her new ability to write.

What a blessing to look forward to what she has to tell herself every day.

How long will the journal last? When will she begin to be apprehensive about what she has to say?

So I ask myself privately, remembering that privacy protects not only the one with misgivings,

but also those who don't have them yet, those who don't have them but could.

