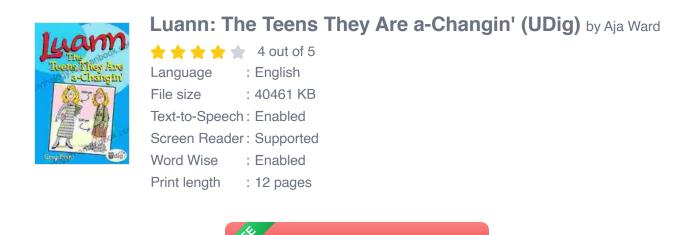
## Luann: The Teens They Are A-Changin', Udig

Luann is a comic strip created by Greg Evans that follows the life of a teenage girl named Luann Van Houten. The strip debuted in 1985 and has been syndicated in over 600 newspapers worldwide. Luann has also been adapted into a television series, two animated specials, and a live-action film.



In the strip, Luann is a typical teenager who is trying to figure out her place in the world. She is often awkward and insecure, but she is also kindhearted and determined. Luann's friends and family are a constant source of support for her, even when she makes mistakes.

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One of the things that makes Luann so relatable is that she is not perfect. She makes mistakes, she gets into arguments with her friends, and she sometimes feels like she doesn't fit in. However, Luann always manages to learn from her mistakes and come out stronger. Luann is a timeless comic strip that has been enjoyed by generations of readers. The strip's humor, heart, and relatability have made it a classic.

#### Characters

Luann Van Houten is the main character of the comic strip. She is a 15year-old girl who is trying to figure out her place in the world. Luann is often awkward and insecure, but she is also kind-hearted and determined. She is a loyal friend and a loving daughter and sister.

Luann's friends include Bernice Halper, Tonya Parker, and Tiffany Herrera. Bernice is a smart and sarcastic girl who is often the voice of reason in the group. Tonya is a popular and outgoing girl who is always up for a good time. Tiffany is a shy and insecure girl who is often overshadowed by her more outgoing friends. However, Luann always makes sure that Tiffany feels included.

Luann's family includes her parents, Brad and Toni; her older brother, Dean; and her younger sister, Jenny. Brad is a successful businessman who is often away on business trips. Toni is a stay-at-home mom who is always there for her children. Dean is a popular and athletic boy who is often embarrassed by his younger sister. Jenny is a sweet and innocent girl who idolizes her older sister.

#### Themes

Luann explores a variety of themes that are relevant to teenagers, such as:

• **Growing up and coming of age:** Luann is constantly learning and growing as she navigates the challenges of adolescence. She learns

to deal with peer pressure, romantic relationships, and family problems.

- Friends and family: Luann's friends and family are a constant source of support for her. They help her through tough times and celebrate her successes.
- **Humor:** Luann is a funny comic strip that often pokes fun at the awkwardness and insecurity of adolescence.
- Heart: Luann is also a heartwarming comic strip that celebrates the love and bonds between friends and family.

#### Legacy

Luann is a classic comic strip that has been enjoyed by generations of readers. The strip's humor, heart, and relatability have made it a timeless classic. Luann has been praised by critics and fans alike for its realistic portrayal of teenage life.

In 2003, Luann was inducted into the Will Eisner Hall of Fame, which is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a comic strip creator. Luann has also been the subject of several academic studies, which have praised the strip's positive portrayal of female characters and its realistic depiction of teenage life.

Luann continues to be syndicated in over 600 newspapers worldwide. The strip has also been collected into a number of book collections, which are available in libraries and bookstores.

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Luann is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the life of a teenage girl.



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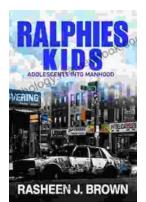
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