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**THREE GIRLS, TWO GUYS,  
AND FIVE BIG SECRETS.**

My picture is on page eighteen of Noble High's *Phoenix* yearbook. I am one of the PHOENIX FIVE. You nominated me. You thought I was one of the most outstanding students in our freshman class. You were wrong.

Still, I accepted my award. I acted special. But I couldn't help wondering what it was like to be that way for real. So I broke into Ms. Silver's safe in the faculty lounge and stole all five of our journals.

I'm not exposing them out of jealousy or anger. I'm doing this because I am tired of the lies. The bar is too high, and cheating is the only way to reach it. Instagrams are filtered, Facebook profiles are embellished, photos are shopped, Manti T'eo's girlfriend was a fake...is anything real anymore? I found the answer in our journals. These are 100 percent real and 100 percent unedited. The proof is in the pages:

**WE'RE ALL PRETENDERS.**

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