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Your American Teen. color. 54 min. Charles Taylor Gould, CTG Films, Cascadia Pictures, dist. by MVDVisual, 800-888-0486; www.mvdb2b.com. 2013. DVD UPC 760137567899. \$19.95. SOC SCI

This film looks at the impact of early childhood trauma on the lives of girls, while focusing on three young women in the Pacific Northwest. This trauma includes rape and neglect and, as director Gould demonstrates, has long-term implications. The documentary includes interviews with the girls, all in their late teens, as well as with health and law enforcement professionals. The stories are difficult to hear, especially as they are accompanied by copious statistics that clearly convey how childhood abuse in girls leads to their using drugs, running away, and behaving in a dangerous manner by the time they reach their teen years. Gould also details how, for decades, the system has been broken, with the treatment of underage girls as criminals as opposed to victims. The film outlines the need for more education for law enforcement agencies, schools, and young girls. VERDICT This powerful film is well researched; the inclusion of photos of graphic violence does not diminish its educational and social value.— Catherine Gilmore, MLS, Portland, OR