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**Dear Jo: The Story of Losing Leah ... and Searching for Hope  
by Christina Kilbourne**

(Lobster Press, 188 pages, \$10.95 softcover)

When their fascination with the Internet ends in her best friend's disappearance, Maxine is distraught. Tortured by nightmares and feeling like her parents are watching her every move, the 12-year-old turns to her diary, Jo -- short for Journal -- for comfort and solace.

Through these daily entries, we learn how much Leah meant to Maxine, and how she works through her darkest days to help police capture Leah's abductor. Zephyr, Ont. author Christine Kilbourne brings us a riveting story of how dangerous the Internet can be. It's a book both parents and children should read -- together.

-- Brenda Hoerle