

“All Dried Out”



Chloe Vicino

Fourteen-years-old
Van Nuys, California

Fourteen-year-old Chloe Vicino is on the cusp of adulthood, yet still holding on to her adolescent roots. Harry Potter books rest on her book shelf, while hip-hop CDs can be found only feet away. Born in Encino, California, she spent her childhood reading as much as she could—her collection of books was her looking glass to the rest of the world. Her intelligent, creative mind isn't swayed by outside influences—at her young age, Chloe can easily tell you who she is, and who she wants to become. She is a vegetarian, a cartoon artist, Mexican-American, and a frequent watcher of “Sabrina the Teenage Witch” re-runs. When she grows up, she knows she will become a pediatrician. Helping people, especially kids, brings her joy. Growing up doesn't really scare her. She visualizes the day when she is an independent, free-to-make-her-own-decisions, working woman. Until then, you can find her jumping from class-to-class as a ninth grader at Reseda High School. English class tops her list of classes. Reading and writing are two of her strengths. If she can help it, she reads a book a day—preferably mystical novels taking place in faraway places. When her nose isn't in a book, she shops and chats with her best friend Michelle. Chloe lives with her mother, Sophia; her brother, Ian; and her dog, Shadow, in the Van Nuys house they call home. “I don't know where I would be without my family's support,” she says. “They back me up on everything.”