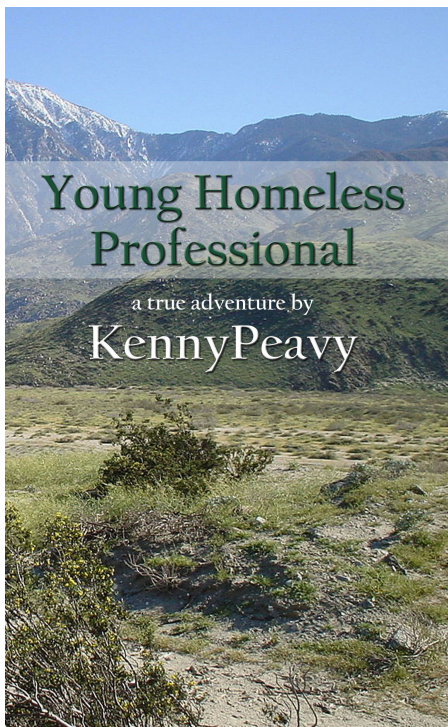


# Young Homeless Professional Reviews

## Kenny Peavy

<http://ersatztrilogy.com/>

<http://www.amazon.com/Young-Homeless-Professional-Kenny-Peavy-ebook/dp/B00MW9IB6M>



*Just read this book and HIGHLY RECOMMEND it to anyone and everyone who has ever questioned 'what the heck am I doing and why do I keep doing it?' It's a short read, entertaining from start to finish. I have the advantage of knowing Kenny personally, so it was extra special for me to read. But even if you didn't know Kenny, it's a cleverly crafted book that you might see a little of yourself in as well. High praise and congrats to Kenny!*

*My favorite part of the book was the juxtaposition of your nature descriptions and references in contrast to your food descriptions and choices. It's like two completely different people inhabiting the same body. I found the book to be quite funny and cleverly written. It certainly engaged me from beginning to end. I felt disappointed when it ended! I wasn't finished with you yet!*

*But seriously, a couple of my really my favorite parts were when I read the Post it Poet chapter and saw the photograph of the actual penned note (no spoilers here) at the end of the book.*

*It just confirmed my belief that there are so many beautiful people out there, each with their own unique talents and beautiful souls.*

*You are one of them, Kenny! Proud to call you a friend...*

Karen Palko  
Malaysia Week Coordinator  
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Malaysia

*The Young Homeless Professional should be required reading for every High School graduate embarking on the next chapter of their life. This book challenges you, entertains you, and leaves you asking yourself some pretty soul-searching questions in the process.*

*Author Kenny clearly has lived his ideals as he discovers the merits of the outdoors, self-discovery, poetry, crappy wine, numerous characters, and the many establishments of his native Athens, Georgia. I have never been to Athens, but now not only do I want to go there, but I want to soak in the atmosphere and meet some of the characters inhabiting the town (or woods). I want to go camping again. I am particularly motivated to, in Kenny's words: "walk between the worlds".*

*In explaining this, Kenny refuses to pigeon-hole himself, but rather chooses to thrive in the company of many different people from various backgrounds and positions. I want to do more of that.*

*This is a real page-turner which makes you laugh like Bryson, but in the process delivers a personal challenge to the reader to ask themselves what is truly important in life. It makes you reevaluate what you are doing now but not in a pompous way so prevalent of many self-help books.*

*Kenny is not afraid to ask the big questions and he endorses getting out there and finding the answers through experiences and humour. Experience junky he is. Preacher he is not.*

*It is clear that the author is passionate about nature and the many creatures who inhabit it, and that includes the humans along the way. What is inspirational about the many stories within is that Kenny actually did (and I suspect still does) what many people only talk about doing.*

*This book is not about environmental evangelists asking you to save the planet while clocking up air-miles spreading their message. This is a thought provoking personal account which asks you the question: "what would I do in that situation?". Or "What do I think about that?".*

*Read it and you will find many questions popping up between the lines for yourself to answer, and you will laugh as you ponder the answers.*

*I was wrong about the necessity for every High School graduate to read this book- everyone should.*

Geof Upston  
Singapore

*Kenny's passionate enthusiasm and knowledgeable dedication to conservation and experiential education shines through in his discussion sessions with students. My middle school literature class studied Kenny's "Young Homeless Professional" as part of our unit on eco-criticism, and this powerful narrative resonated with them on a number of levels, most clearly in their immediate connection to the thematic thread of finding a place of belonging, and of recalibrating your identity in a world that often turns it's back on the environment. I (and my students) would highly recommend Kenny's novel.*

Wes Strydom  
HS Associate Principal (Academics) & IB Coordinator  
Wells International School  
Bangkok, Thailand

*Young Homeless Professional gives the reader glimpses-- both amusing and philosophical-- into a few months of the year 2000 when the writer was actually a young professional, although not yet a homeless one.*

*He intentionally CHOSE to be homeless because he loved the wilderness and wanted to explore nature's secrets. And so he moved into the woods. He was teaching as a naturalist at a nature center in Athens, Georgia, by day, and sleeping in the woods by night.*

*The book is a collection of his journal entries from his homeless days and a few entries from before and after his summer of homelessness. It provides lots of chuckles and many insights into Kenny's philosophy.*

*Throughout the book he reminds us "... to get out into the wider world," -- only then can we begin to understand the "... world, our place in it as well as that of our companions on this spinning globe." He always tries to get in touch with the environment and with himself. And the book illustrates that he has an unmistakable and sincere empathy for others. I would love to meet some of the friends he talks about and some of the strangers he bumps into!*

*Many of the chapter titles are quite catchy:*

*In the chapter entitled "Mighty Glad to Visit Home," he explains the very real difference between a house and a home. The physical space, walls, yard, etc. make up the house, but "home is something profoundly different altogether." He then remembers visits to his Granny's house, where she always greeted them with hugs and more food than they could eat, and then later sent them home with more hugs and more food. I loved his observation, "Grannies are good at making houses into homes."*

*Another chapter was "Waffle House Prophets," a great description of Kenny's hanging out in Waffle Houses, watching people from all walks of life, writing in his journal, or just drinking coffee and thinking. He says 4 - 6 am is the VERY best time to be there!*

*Kenny never forgets where he came from.... in the chapter named "What up Ju Ju?," I loved the description of his contribution to the menu for a party he attended-- he brought Spam, pickled eggs, EZ cheese, Vienna sausages, and Ritz crackers, just to remind everyone of their childhood. And they all loved it! Later the group of friends talk about their childhood ballgames, tree-climbing, fort-building, etc. and Kenny laments, "You just don't see packs of wild kids roaming neighborhoods anymore. It's very sad."*

*I have gone camping, and enjoyed it, but I'm not sure that I would want to try actually LIVING in the woods and sleeping there every night-- bears, snakes, bugs, and mountain lions all live in the woods, right? "Didn't you get creepy crawlies in your sleeping bag"? But I'm awfully glad that Kenny did it, so we could have this book to enjoy. I think in actual fact, Kenny wasn't "homeless" -- he was just "houseless" for a time.*

Sherry Krajczar  
USA

*The fact that I have known and become good friends from Kenny Peavy over the last decade had little to do with my enjoyment of this book. Sure, I occasionally saw his face and heard his voice while reading passage of this book, but more importantly I could hear my own voice, the one in my head, reminding me of so many things I have understood about the world and my role in it.*

*This is lovely little book that is full of reminders. Firstly, it reminded me that I have important things to say and that I should gather them in a book and get those thoughts into the world. We don't need to be famous or rich or well-known to affect readers. We simply need to shut up and write. Books are created by people persistent enough to put down one word after the other. And Mr. Peavy has strung together a beautiful collection of words.*

*He asked me to consider this as a MS/HS book and I would say that it will be a wonderful addition to our class libraries. I hope that many of my MS readers will have a reader. The wisdom in this book will not be a reminder to the young adolescent, but a door into an alternative world that is waiting for you if you are brave enough to consider it.*

Jabiz  
Singapore

*Oh Kenny I also wanted to say that I really enjoyed reading your book. You're a secret bohemian tree hugger at heart ! Loving all that commune with nature ha ha! I even bet you used to have long hair!*

*Only teasing! A lot of things rang true about what or where is home, how do we define it in a modern life - especially as an expat or a third culture kid since the definition is less rigid.*

*The fact is that we all have become so disconnected with the earth, the circle of life and each other. I guess it is why we can consume, build, destroy and not really care about the future of the earth for the next generations...*

*We constantly worry about the wrong things - money, status, material possessions...*

Ronyii  
Philippines

*Great read! I highly recommend buying this book.*

Sherry  
USA