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The Secret

Adrian Mole

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*Adrian Mole*

Saturday January 25th

10 a.m. I am ill with all the worry. Too weak to write much. Nobody has noticed I haven't eaten my breakfast.

2 p.m. . . . Perhaps when I'm famous and my diary is discovered people will understand the torment of being a 13-year-old undiscovered intellectual.

6 p.m. Pandora! My lost love! Now I will never stroke your treacle hair! (Although my blue felt-tip is still at your disposal.)

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A hand holding a red pencil is the central focus of the cover. The hand is drawn in a simple, sketchy style. The pencil is bright red with a black eraser at the top. The background is a dark, textured black with white, jagged, scribbled edges, suggesting a hole in a wall or a torn piece of paper. The overall style is hand-drawn and whimsical.