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THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN: A Novel, by Sherman Alexie (Little, Brown, \$16.99, 9780316013680/0316013684) "Arnold Spirit, Jr., knows he has to find a way out of the poverty and despair on his Indian reservation, but when he transfers to a better, all-white school, he's treated like a traitor. This book should be heartbreaking. Instead, it's joyous and laugh-out-loud funny—a book I wish everyone in the world would read."—Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI

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DIARY OF A WIMPY KID, by Jeff Kinney (Amulet, \$12.95, 9780810993136/0810993139) "This hilarious mid-grade graphic novel about a nerd's first year in middle school is wonderfully realistic. Written in journal format with illustrations, we learn about Greg Heffley, a bright but non-athletic young man. The author portrays school life and the cruelty of children in a manner that is all too familiar. Highly recommended."—Bob Spear, The Book Barn, Leavenworth, KS

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