

April 4 2012

## The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

**Author:**

Sherman Alexie

**Reading Level:** Grades 7+

Life on a reservation isn't great to begin with, but when Arnold (Junior) sees his mother's name written in *his* geometry textbook, it's the last straw. He flings the book angrily across the classroom... hitting the teacher square in the face.

Realizing that as long as he stayed on the reservation, he was doomed to live a depressing, boring reservation life with no opportunities, Arnold tells his parents he is going to transfer schools - to the all-white, all-rich high school twenty-two miles away.

And so it begins.

Cleverly written, amusingly illustrated, and with wholly rounded characters, Alexie's first young adult novel is deserving of its high praises.

[Check availability of this book](#)

[More books by Sherman Alexie](#)

**YS Book Level:**

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)

[High Schoolers](#)

[Adults](#)

**YS Locations:**

[JY Fiction](#)

**YS Reviewers:**

[EF](#)

**YS Genres:**

[Award Winners](#)

[Books for Boys](#)

[Don't Miss These](#)

[Family](#)

Friends

Humor

Misfits

Realistic Fiction

Relationships

School

Self Image

Social Issues

---

**Source URL:** <https://www.hplibrary.org/kids/reviews/absolutelytruediaryofaparttimeindian?page=7>