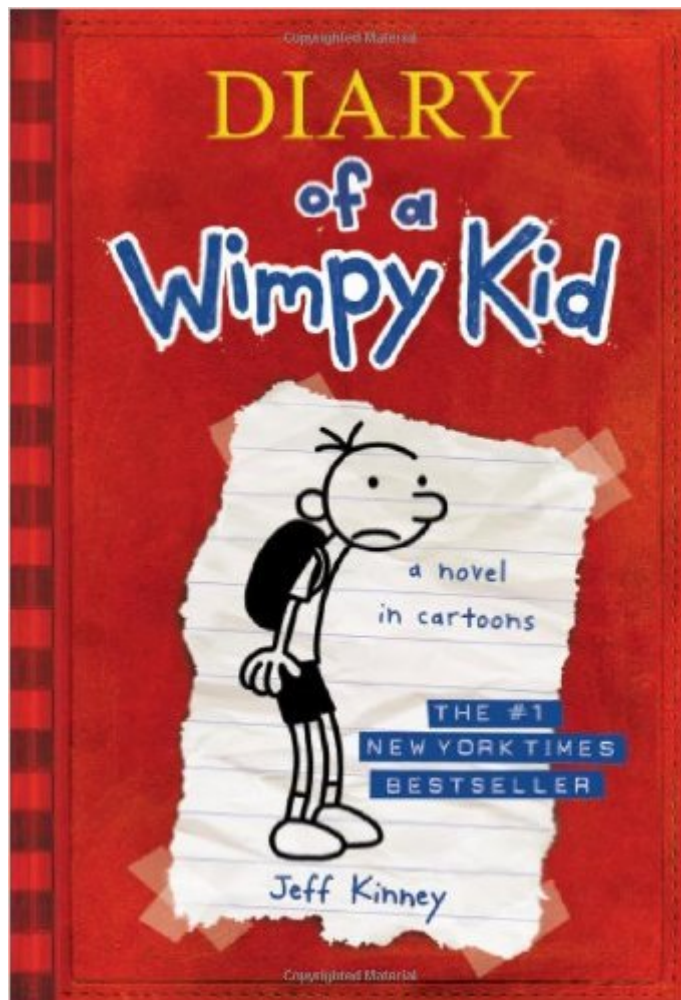


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# Diary Of A Wimpy Kid, Book 1



## Synopsis

Boys don't keep diaries; or do they? The launch of an exciting and innovatively illustrated new series narrated by an unforgettable kid every family can relate to is a new school year, and Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. The hazards of growing up before you're ready are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg records them in his diary. In book one of this debut series, Greg is happy to have Rowley, his sidekick, along for the ride. But when Rowley's star starts to rise, Greg tries to use his best friend's newfound popularity to his own advantage, kicking off a chain of events that will test their friendship in hilarious fashion. Author/illustrator Jeff Kinney recalls the growing pains of school life and introduces a new kind of hero who epitomizes the challenges of being a kid. As Greg says in his diary, "Just don't expect me to be all 'Dear Diary' this and 'Dear Diary' that." • Luckily for us, what Greg Heffley says he won't do and what he actually does are two very different things. Since its launch in May 2004 on Funbrain.com, the Web version of Diary of a Wimpy Kid has been viewed by 20 million unique online readers. This year, it is averaging 70,000 readers a day. F&P level: T

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Kinney's popular Web comic, which began in 2004, makes its way to print as a laugh-out-loud "novel in cartoons," adapted from the series. Middle school student Greg Heffley takes readers through an academic year's worth of drama. Greg's mother forces him to keep a diary ("I know what it says on the cover, but when Mom went out to buy this thing I specifically told her to get one that didn't say 'diary' on it"), and in it he loosely recounts each day's events, interspersed with his comic illustrations. Kinney has a gift for believable preteen dialogue and narration (e.g., "Don't expect me to be all 'Dear Diary' this and 'Dear Diary' that"), and the illustrations serve as a hilarious counterpoint to Greg's often deadpan voice. The hero's utter obliviousness to his friends and family becomes a running joke. For instance, on Halloween, Greg and his best friend, Rowley, take refuge from some high school boys at Greg's grandmother's house; they taunt the bullies, who then T.P. her house. Greg's journal entry reads, "I do feel a little bad, because it looked like it was gonna take a long time to clean up. But on the bright side, Gramma is retired, so she probably didn't have anything planned for today anyway." Kinney ably skewers familiar aspects of junior high life, from dealing with the mysteries of what makes someone popular to the trauma of a "wrestling unit" in gym class. His print debut should keep readers in stitches, eagerly anticipating Greg's further adventures. Ages 8-13. (Apr.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Grade 5 "8" Greg Heffley has actually been on the scene for more than two years. Created by an online game developer, he has starred in a Web book of the same name on [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) since May 2004. This print version is just as engaging. Kinney does a masterful job of making the mundane life of boys on the brink of adolescence hilarious. Greg is a conflicted soul: he wants to do the right thing, but the constant quest for status and girls seems to undermine his every effort. His attempts to prove his worthiness in the popularity race (he estimates he's currently ranked 52nd or 53rd) are constantly foiled by well-meaning parents, a younger and older brother, and nerdy friends. While Greg is not the most principled protagonist, it is his very obliviousness to his faults that makes him such an appealing hero. Kinney's background as a cartoonist is apparent in this hybrid book that falls somewhere between traditional prose and graphic novel. It offers some of the same adventures as the Web book, but there are enough new subplots to entertain Funbrain followers. This version is more pared down, and the pace moves quickly. The first of three installments, it is an excellent choice for reluctant readers, but more experienced readers will also find much to enjoy and relate to in one seventh grader's view of the everyday trials and tribulations of middle

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So I really like this book because it is funny and I would recommend this book to any one who likes a good book

My grandson is having trouble with his reading, but he LOVES "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and has gone on and on how he reads them at school, but then has to leave them there. I saw the boxed set and immediately knew what he needed. Now he reads every day and night and is helping himself without even realizing because all he's doing is having fun. A grandmother couldn't ask for more. I am thrilled with the purchase and my grandson is SO happy. Thank you so much for packaging the books together. My only wish is that the whole series would have been in the set. I will be buying him numbers six and seven soon. Thank you again.

This book seemed too young for me but my little nephews loved it. I heard it was funny and wanted to read it.

Excellent!

I'm 9 years old and my friend recommended it to me about a year and a half ago. This book is filled to the BRIM with funny stories and adventures about a total ... WIMP! I recommend this series to anyone 7 and up.

Exelent!!

AWESOME So good Lovelt was full of humor It was hilarious Five stars If I can I will give it six stars

My son was too excited when he received The Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Book. I honestly think he read every page to me in the car, on the couch, at the dinner table..ect. He even used his nightlight to read and write in this book. I like the ideal and concept of the questions the DIY book ask the reader. The Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself book has encourages my son to think about his experiences and write the responses down in the book. As he grow, maybe he can reflect on his younger years and get a real belly chuckle from the memories. Young one is nine and there are questions in the

book that may be a little awkward. So some question may need to be cleared up, so as a parent be prepared to come up with some creative answers.

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