

Lovereading Reader reviews of The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading members.

Benjy Randall, aged 11

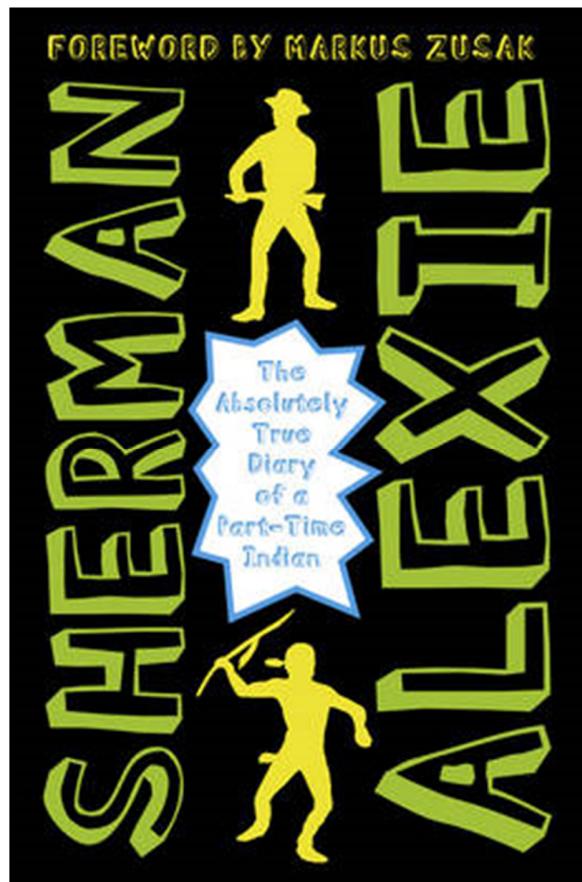
A gripping tale for boys and girls alike.

This is a brilliant book with amazing illustrations. It is about when Indian boy Arnold junior wants to move to the rich white school at the other end of the reservation. His best friend Rowdy ignores Arnold when he made the move. At first he is disregarded as he is the only Indian there. Will he be able to gain some respect, or will he be the annoying nobody who everyone ignores. Read this amazing book to find out.

Rose Heathcote, aged 15

Excellent read. This book is heart-warming and funny. Junior the main character draws you into his difficult journey to achieve his goals and once you start reading it you won't want to put it down.

I loved how the book revealed Juniors feelings through the use of verbal and visual language. There are positive messages about life and this is a great story to show with hope and determination no matter how many obstacles are put in front of you, you can still pursue your dreams. It took me by surprise the sexual references in the story however these were played out in a humorous way. This book will take you through extreme emotions from the feeling of great sadness to laughing out loud. I have already read this book twice because I enjoyed it so much and I will definitely be recommending it to my friends and family (over



*the age of 15 due to the sexual references, swearing and violence). I would give this book 5 stars ******

Eloise Mae Clarkson, aged 12

This book is about an Indian boy called Junior who lives on a reservation with his family. His teacher tells him he needs to do more with his life so he moves school. This book contains tragedy, elements of comedy and a little bit of action. I really liked the characters which are unique to this book. The plot was excellent as well. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and would rate it five stars out of five.

Ronan McCarthy, aged 14

I absolutely adored this book. Not only are the style of writing and the humour fantastic, it also gave a genuine insight into the harsh realities of life on the reservation.

Elle Cogan, age 11

After being suspended from his school on the reservation, Junior is convinced by his teacher that it's time for a change. He decides that he's going to turn his life around-by going to a white school.

Once Junior begins school at an all-white school, he becomes a traitor amongst his fellow Indians on the 'rez' becoming known as a 'white lover'. Each day, Junior has to travel miles to and from school, he's the only Indian in the school, and also the poorest. I loved this book, and once I started reading it, I couldn't stop. I really liked the way the author wrote in a way that made it seem like Junior was living two lives. On the 'rez', he is Junior, the Indian who betrayed the rest of his reservation. At school though, Junior slowly becomes accepted, and starts to make friends and fit in. I also liked the fun little cartoon drawings included in the book. I would recommend this book to girls and boys from the ages of 10-12.

Alice

This is a book about a boy called who has a poor family living in a run down town. Arnold gets into trouble and ends up leaving his school for another.

I thought this was an interesting story but think it would be better for older readers as it has some naughty words in it. It also might be more interesting to readers who are a bit older than me.

It was well written and had some good illustrations.

Sophia Ufton

Junior lives in a place called the REZ! He is Spokane Indian and he gets bullied a lot! He decides to leave the school he is at and go to an all-white school. This book gets you to look through the eyes of an adolescence Spokane boy and why he as to leave school!

Elizabeth Bridgeman

I really liked this book, it was unlike anything I had read before! It's for older readers, but I could understand the story and want to read more!

Lovereading4kids is amazing, I always get to read cool new books and this is one of my favourites. This time it's about a boy who is finding it hard to work out who he is and where he fits in and I can understand that. The drawings are really cool too!

Calum, age 11 - Blenheim Primary School

Heart-warming, witty, funny and an awesome book to read.

This book is about a skinny beat up teenager named Junior who lives in an Indian reservation but wants to do more in his life. I would personally aim this book at 14-15 year old boys who like stories with truth and pain. My most loved character was rowdy a boy who always supported Junior even through tough times. My favourite moment was when Juniors basketball team beat the reservation team in a basketball match because it makes you feel happy for Junior.

Amisha McCrystal, age 12 - St Colm's High

This novel is an unusual story of a great friend ship between two young boys. This novel is super easy to get stuck into.

The main character in this novel is a teenage boy called junior. He is an Indian living a poor life with a future filled with booze and pubs.

This is a story set in an area where hope doesn't enter. Junior how until a major talk with Mr P about his future was expected to be a drunk decide to move to a better school full of white people. But this meant leaving his best friend Rowdy behind

The author, Sherman Alexie has made this novel hilarious, sad but very serious.

I haven't read any of Sherman's novels before but after reading this one I will for sure. I think the author is trying to tell us "you can be whatever you want if you put your mind to it". I would recommend this novel to ages 11-15