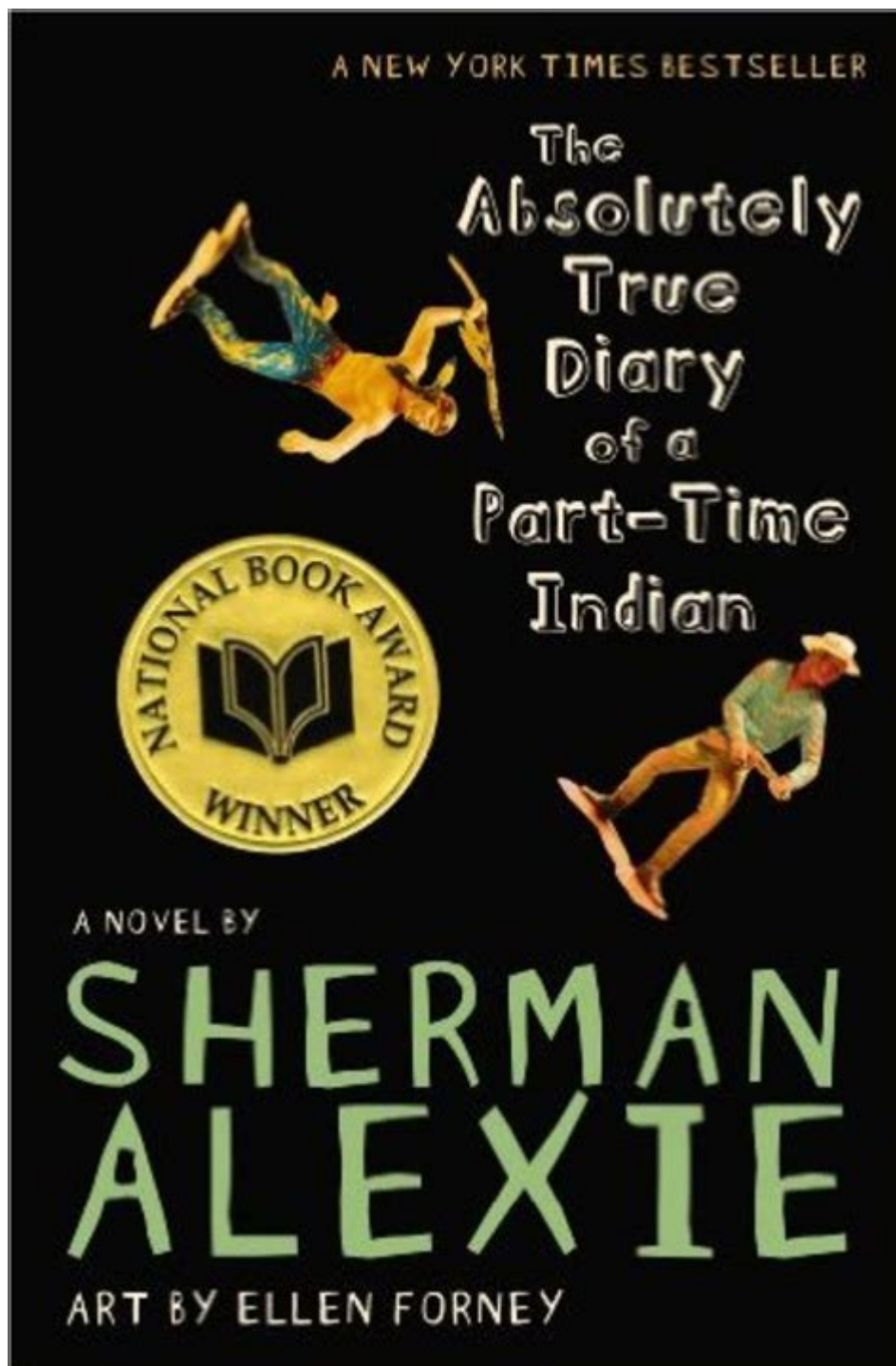


## Part Time Indian



### **Part-Time Indian: A Deep Dive into Sherman Alexie's Powerful Narrative**

Are you intrigued by coming-of-age stories that challenge societal norms and celebrate the power of resilience? Then you've come to the right place. This blog post delves into Sherman Alexie's

acclaimed novel, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, exploring its themes, characters, and lasting impact. We'll unpack the complexities of Junior's journey, examining the novel's significance within the context of Native American literature and its enduring relevance today. Get ready to explore the multifaceted world of a "part-time Indian" and discover why this book remains a powerful and essential read.

## Understanding the "Part-Time Indian"

The term "part-time Indian," central to the novel's title and narrative, isn't merely a descriptive label. It's a potent symbol of Junior's precarious position straddling two worlds: the impoverished Spokane Indian Reservation and the predominantly white Reardan High School. This duality shapes his identity, his experiences, and his overall struggle for self-discovery. He's "part-time" in that he doesn't fully belong in either community, experiencing both acceptance and rejection from both sides. This liminal space is a key element driving the narrative.

## Junior's Journey: A Quest for Identity and Belonging

The protagonist, Junior (Arnold Spirit), is a complex and compelling character. He's a cartoonist with a sharp wit and a keen self-awareness, but also burdened by poverty, alcoholism, and the tragic realities of life on the reservation. His decision to attend Reardan, a predominantly white school miles away from his home, is a courageous act of self-determination, driven by his desire for a better education and a life beyond the confines of the reservation. This decision, however, comes at a cost, leading to alienation from his friends and family, and the constant struggle to navigate a new and often hostile environment.

### #### Facing Racism and Prejudice

Junior's experience at Reardan is far from idyllic. He encounters overt and subtle racism, battling prejudice from both students and teachers. These encounters force him to confront the painful realities of systemic inequality and the lasting impact of colonialism on Native American communities. Alexie doesn't shy away from portraying the harsh realities of racism, providing a raw and unflinching depiction of the challenges Junior faces. This honesty is a crucial part of the novel's power and its ability to resonate with readers.

### #### The Importance of Friendship and Family

Despite the challenges, Junior finds solace and strength in unexpected friendships and the enduring love of his family. His relationship with Penelope, a fellow student at Reardan, is complex and deeply affecting, highlighting the importance of connection and understanding amidst the struggles of adolescence. His relationship with his parents, though often strained, reveals the deep-seated love and unwavering support that exists within his family, even in the face of adversity. These relationships demonstrate the resilience of the human spirit and the power of community.

### #### The Power of Art and Storytelling

Throughout the novel, Junior uses his artistic talents to process his experiences and communicate his feelings. His cartoons serve as both a creative outlet and a means of expressing his observations on the world around him. Alexie skillfully intertwines Junior's drawings throughout the narrative, enhancing the reader's understanding of his emotional journey and providing a unique perspective on the story. The novel itself is a testament to the power of storytelling as a means of healing, remembrance, and social commentary.

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

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian holds a significant place within Native American literature. It challenges stereotypical portrayals of Native Americans, offering a nuanced and authentic depiction of life on a reservation. Alexie's work provides a platform for Native voices and experiences, prompting a much-needed conversation about the social, economic, and political challenges faced by indigenous communities. The novel's humor, heart, and honesty make it accessible to a wide audience, ensuring its continued relevance and impact.

## **Conclusion**

Sherman Alexie's The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian is more than just a coming-of-age story; it's a powerful testament to the resilience of the human spirit, the importance of self-discovery, and the lasting impact of cultural identity. Junior's journey resonates deeply with readers of all backgrounds, making it a compelling and thought-provoking read that continues to inspire and challenge us.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

1. Is The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian appropriate for all ages? While the novel deals with mature themes such as poverty, alcoholism, and racism, it's generally considered appropriate for young adults and mature teens. Parental guidance may be advisable depending on the reader's maturity level.
2. What are the major themes explored in the novel? The novel explores themes of identity, belonging, racism, poverty, family relationships, the power of art, and the complexities of navigating two different cultures.

3. Why is the novel considered important in Native American literature? It offers a unique and authentic voice within Native American literature, challenging stereotypes and providing a nuanced portrayal of life on a reservation.

4. How does humor play a role in the novel? Humor acts as a coping mechanism for Junior, allowing him to navigate difficult situations and connect with readers. It also serves to highlight the absurdities of his circumstances.

5. What is the significance of Junior's cartoons? His cartoons serve as a visual representation of his internal world, offering insight into his emotions, thoughts, and observations, providing a unique perspective on the narrative.

**part time indian: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian (National Book Award Winner)** Sherman Alexie, 2012-01-10 A New York Times bestseller—over one million copies sold! A National Book Award winner A Boston Globe-Horn Book Award winner Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and black-and-white interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.

**part time indian: I Love Led Zeppelin** Ellen Forney, 2006-01-01 I Love Led Zeppelin is a long-awaited collection of strips by the Harvey and Eisner Award-nominated cartoonist Ellen Forney. This book includes full-page comics published in prestigious weeklies such as the L.A. Weekly and Seattle's *The Stranger*, as well as the leading feminist magazine *Bust*, and the *Oxford American*. Her strips are characterized by bold, sensual brushstrokes and striking images of powerful, butt-kicking women. p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 12.0px Calibri}

**part time indian: Hattie Big Sky** Kirby Larson, 2007-12-26 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NEWBERY HONOR AWARD WINNER A classic YA novel about a teenage girl searching for a sense of home and family that celebrates the true spirit of independence on the American frontier. For most of her life, sixteen-year-old Hattie Brooks has been shuttled from one distant relative to another. Tired of being Hattie Here-and-There, she summons the courage to leave Iowa and move all by herself to Vida, Montana, to prove up on her late uncle's homestead claim. Under the big sky, Hattie braves hard weather, hard times, a cantankerous cow, and her own hopeless hand at the cookstove. Her quest to make a home is championed by new neighbors Perilee Mueller, her German husband, and their children. For the first time in her life, Hattie feels part of a family, finding the strength to stand up against Traft Martin's schemes to buy her out and against increasing pressure to be a "loyal" American at a time when anything—or anyone—German is suspect. Despite daily trials, Hattie continues to work her uncle's claim until an unforeseen tragedy causes her to search her soul for the real meaning of home. This young pioneer's story is lovingly stitched together from Kirby Larson's own family history and the sights, sounds, and scents of homesteading life.

**part time indian: You Don't Have to Say You Love Me** Sarra Manning, 2011 Sweet, bookish Neve Slater always plays by the rules. And the number one rule is that good-natured fat girls like her don't get guys like gorgeous, handsome William, heir to Neve's heart since university. But William's been in LA for three years, and Neve's been slimming down and re-inventing herself so that when he returns, he'll fall head over heels in love with the new, improved her. So she's not that interested in other men. Until her sister Celia points out that if Neve wants William to think she's an experienced

love-goddess and not the fumbling, awkward girl he left behind, then she'd better get some, well, experience. What Neve needs is someone to show her the ropes, someone like Celia's colleague Max. Wicked, shallow, sexy Max. And since he's such a man-slut, and so not Neve's type, she certainly won't fall for him. Because William is the man for her... right? Somewhere between losing weight and losing her inhibitions, Neve's lost her heart - but to who?

**part time indian: Flight** Sherman Alexie, 2013-10-15 From the National Book Award-winning author of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, the tale of a troubled boy's trip through history. Half Native American and half Irish, fifteen-year-old "Zits" has spent much of his short life alternately abused and ignored as an orphan and ward of the foster care system. Ever since his mother died, he's felt alienated from everyone, but, thanks to the alcoholic father whom he's never met, especially disconnected from other Indians. After he runs away from his latest foster home, he makes a new friend. Handsome, charismatic, and eloquent, Justice soon persuades Zits to unleash his pain and anger on the uncaring world. But picking up a gun leads Zits on an unexpected time-traveling journey through several violent moments in American history, experiencing life as an FBI agent during the civil rights movement, a mute Indian boy during the Battle of Little Bighorn, a nineteenth-century Indian tracker, and a modern-day airplane pilot. When Zits finally returns to his own body, "he begins to understand what it means to be the hero, the villain and the victim. . . . Mr. Alexie succeeds yet again with his ability to pierce to the heart of matters, leaving this reader with tears in her eyes" (The New York Times Book Review). Sherman Alexie's acclaimed novels have turned a spotlight on the unique experiences of modern-day Native Americans, and here, the New York Times-bestselling author of *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven* and *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* takes a bold new turn, combining magical realism with his singular humor and insight. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Sherman Alexie including rare photos from the author's personal collection.

**part time indian: *Ten Little Indians*** Sherman Alexie, 2013-10-15 Los Angeles Times Book Prize Finalist: A "stellar collection" of stories about navigating life off the reservation, filled with laughter and heartbreak (People). In these lyrical, affectionate tales from the author of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* and *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*, characters navigate the crossroads of culture, battle stereotypes, and find themselves through everything from politics to basketball. Richard, the narrator of "Lawyer's League," grows up in Seattle, the son of "an African American giant who played defensive end for the University of Washington Huskies" and "a petite Spokane Indian ballerina." A woman is caught in a restaurant when a suicide bomb goes off in "Can I Get a Witness." And Estelle Walks Above (née Estelle Miller), studies her way off the Spokane Indian Reservation and goes on to both enjoy and resent the company of the white women of Seattle—who see her as a shamanic genius, and look to her for guidance on everything from sex and fashion to spirituality. These and the other "warm, revealing, invitingly roundabout stories" in *Ten Little Indians* run the gamut from earthy wit to sobering emotional truth, mapping the outer reaches of the human heart (The New York Times Book Review). From a New York Times-bestselling and National Book Award-winning author, these tales, "rambunctious and exuberant, bristle with an edgy and mordant humor" (Chicago Tribune). This ebook features an illustrated biography including rare photos from the author's personal collection.

**part time indian: *War Dances*** Sherman Alexie, 2013-10-15 The bestselling, award-winning author's "fiercely freewheeling collection of stories and poems about the tragicomedies of ordinary lives" (O, The Oprah Magazine). Winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, *War Dances* blends short stories, poems, call-and-response, and more into something that only Sherman Alexie could have written. Ordinary men stand at the threshold of profound change, from a story about a famous writer caring for a dying but still willful father, to the tale of a young Indian boy who learns to value his own life by appreciating the deaths of others. Perceptions change, too, as "Another Proclamation" casts a shadow over Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, and "Invisible Dog on a Leash" limns the heartbreak of shattered childhood illusions. And nostalgia for antiquated technology is tenderly rendered in "Ode to Mix Tapes" and "Ode for Pay Phones." With his versatile

voice, Alexie explores love, betrayal, fatherhood, alcoholism, and art in this spirited, soulful, and endlessly entertaining collection, transcending genre boundaries to create something truly unique. This ebook features an illustrated biography including rare photos from the author's personal collection.

**part time indian:** *One Stick Song* Sherman Alexie, 2000 Poetry. Native American Studies. Sherman Alexie's poems, fiction, and essays have won him an international following since his first book, *THE BUSINESS OF FANCYDANCING*, was published to great acclaim in 1992. *SMOKE SIGNALS*, the film he adapted from one of his stories and coproduced, enlarged his audience still further. Alexie's honors include awards from the NEA, the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Foundation, and the Washington State Arts Commission, and a citation as One of the 20 Best American Novelists Under the Age of 40 from *GRANTA* magazine. An enrolled Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian, Alexie lives in Seattle with his wife and son.

**part time indian:** *The Words in My Hands* Asphyxia, 2021-11-09 Part coming of age, part call to action, this fast-paced #ownvoices novel about a Deaf teenager is a unique and inspiring exploration of what it means to belong. Smart, artistic, and independent, sixteen year old Piper is tired of trying to conform. Her mom wants her to be "normal," to pass as hearing, to get a good job. But in a time of food scarcity, environmental collapse, and political corruption, Piper has other things on her mind—like survival. Piper has always been told that she needs to compensate for her Deafness in a world made for those who can hear. But when she meets Marley, a new world opens up—one where Deafness is something to celebrate, and where resilience means taking action, building a community, and believing in something better. Published to rave reviews as *Future Girl in Australia* (Allen & Unwin, Sept. 2020), this empowering, unforgettable story is told through a visual extravaganza of text, paint, collage, and drawings. Set in an ominously prescient near future, *The Words in My Hands* is very much a novel for our turbulent times.

**part time indian:** *The Toughest Indian in the World* Sherman Alexie, 2013-10-15 "Stunning" short stories by the National Book Award-winning author of *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven* (The Atlanta Journal-Constitution). In this bestselling volume of stories, National Book Award winner Sherman Alexie challenges readers to see Native American Indians as the complex, modern, real people they are. The tender and tenacious tales of *The Toughest Indian in the World* introduce us to the one-hundred-eighteen-year-old Etta Joseph, former co-star and lover of John Wayne, and to the unnamed narrator of the title story, a young Indian journalist searching for togetherness one hitchhiker at a time. Countless other brilliant creations leap from Alexie's mind in these nine stories. Upwardly mobile Indians yearn for a more authentic life, married Indian couples push apart while still cleaving together, and ordinary, everyday Indians hunt for meaning in their lives. *The Toughest Indian in the World* combines anger, humor, and beauty into radiant fictions, fiercely imagined, from one of America's greatest writers. This ebook features an illustrated biography including rare photos from the author's personal collection.

**part time indian:** *Reservation Blues* Sherman Alexie, 2013-10-15 DIVDIVWinner of the American Book Award and the Murray Morgan Prize, Sherman Alexie's brilliant first novel tells a powerful tale of Indians, rock 'n' roll, and redemption/div Coyote Springs is the only all-Indian rock band in Washington State—and the entire rest of the world. Thomas Builds-the-Fire takes vocals and bass guitar, Victor Joseph hits lead guitar, and Junior Polatkin rounds off the sound on drums. Backup vocals come from sisters Chess and Checkers Warm Water. The band sings its own brand of the blues, full of poverty, pain, and loss—but also joy and laughter.DIV It all started one day when legendary bluesman Robert Johnson showed up on the Spokane Indian Reservation with a magical guitar, leaving it on the floor of Thomas Builds-the-Fire's van after setting off to climb Wellpinit Mountain in search of Big Mom./divDIV In *Reservation Blues*, National Book Award winner Alexie vaults with ease from comedy to tragedy and back in a tour-de-force outing powered by a collision of cultures: Delta blues and Indian rock. DIVThis ebook features an illustrated biography including rare photos from the author's personal collection./div/divDIV/div/div

**part time indian:** *Tracking Tortoises* Kate Messner, 2021-09-07 Galápagos giant tortoises are

fascinating—and endangered. They live only on the Galápagos Islands, a chain of volcanic islands in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Ecuador. These tortoises face threats from the humans who live on—and visit—the islands, as well as from Earth's warming climate. Join author Kate Messner on an a journey to the Galápagos Islands to see these incredible creatures up close and discover how cutting-edge technology is helping scientists to study and protect them.

**part time indian: U.S. History** P. Scott Corbett, Volker Janssen, John M. Lund, Todd Pfannestiel, Sylvie Waskiewicz, Paul Vickery, 2024-09-10 U.S. History is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of most introductory courses. The text provides a balanced approach to U.S. history, considering the people, events, and ideas that have shaped the United States from both the top down (politics, economics, diplomacy) and bottom up (eyewitness accounts, lived experience). U.S. History covers key forces that form the American experience, with particular attention to issues of race, class, and gender.

**part time indian: *The Global Findex Database 2017*** Asli Demircuc-Kunt, Leora Klapper, Dorothe Singer, Saniya Ansar, 2018-04-19 In 2011 the World Bank—with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation—launched the Global Findex database, the world's most comprehensive data set on how adults save, borrow, make payments, and manage risk. Drawing on survey data collected in collaboration with Gallup, Inc., the Global Findex database covers more than 140 economies around the world. The initial survey round was followed by a second one in 2014 and by a third in 2017. Compiled using nationally representative surveys of more than 150,000 adults age 15 and above in over 140 economies, *The Global Findex Database 2017: Measuring Financial Inclusion and the Fintech Revolution* includes updated indicators on access to and use of formal and informal financial services. It has additional data on the use of financial technology (or fintech), including the use of mobile phones and the Internet to conduct financial transactions. The data reveal opportunities to expand access to financial services among people who do not have an account—the unbanked—as well as to promote greater use of digital financial services among those who do have an account. The Global Findex database has become a mainstay of global efforts to promote financial inclusion. In addition to being widely cited by scholars and development practitioners, Global Findex data are used to track progress toward the World Bank goal of Universal Financial Access by 2020 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The database, the full text of the report, and the underlying country-level data for all figures—along with the questionnaire, the survey methodology, and other relevant materials—are available at [www.worldbank.org/globalfindex](http://www.worldbank.org/globalfindex).

**part time indian: *Riding the Trail of Tears*** Blake M. Hausman, 2011-03-01 Sherman Alexie meets William Gibson. Louise Erdrich meets Franz Kafka. Leslie Marmon Silko meets Philip K. Dick. However you might want to put it, this is Native American fiction in a whole new world. A surrealistic revisiting of the Cherokee Removal, *Riding the Trail of Tears* takes us to north Georgia in the near future, into a virtual-reality tourist compound where customers ride the Trail of Tears, and into the world of Tallulah Wilson, a Cherokee woman who works there. When several tourists lose consciousness inside the ride, employees and customers at the compound come to believe, naturally, that a terrorist attack is imminent. Little does Tallulah know that Cherokee Little People have taken up residence in the virtual world and fully intend to change the ride's programming to suit their own point of view. Told by a narrator who knows all but can hardly be trusted, in a story reflecting generations of experience while recalling the events in a single day of Tallulah's life, this funny and poignant tale revises American history even as it offers a new way of thinking, both virtual and very real, about the past for both Native Americans and their Anglo counterparts.

**part time indian: *If I Ever Get Out of Here*** Eric Gansworth, 2013-07-30 A heart-healing, mocs-on-the-ground story of music, family and friendship. -- Cynthia Leitich Smith, author of *Tantalize* and *Rain is Not My Indian Name*. Lewis Shoe Blake is used to the joys and difficulties of life on the Tuscarora Indian reservation in 1975: the joking, the Fireball games, the snow blowing through his roof. What he's not used to is white kids being nice to him -- kids like George Haddonfield, whose family recently moved to town with the Air Force. As the boys connect through their mutual passion for music, especially the Beatles, Lewis has to lie more and more to hide the

reality of his family's poverty from George. He also has to deal with the vicious Evan Reininger, who makes Lewis the special target of his wrath. But when everyone else is on Evan's side, how can he be defeated? And if George finds out the truth about Lewis's home -- will he still be his friend? Acclaimed adult author Eric Gansworth makes his YA debut with this wry and powerful novel about friendship, memory, and the joy of rock 'n' roll.

**part time indian: Journey to the West (2018 Edition - PDF)** Wu Cheng'en, 2018-08-14 The bestselling *Journey to the West* comic book by artist Chang Boon Kiat is now back in a brand new fully coloured edition. *Journey to the West* is one of the greatest classics in Chinese literature. It tells the epic tale of the monk Xuanzang who journeys to the West in search of the Buddhist sutras with his disciples, Sun Wukong, Sandy and Pigsy. Along the way, Xuanzang's life was threatened by the diabolical White Bone Spirit, the menacing Red Child and his fearsome parents and, a host of evil spirits who sought to devour Xuanzang's flesh to attain immortality. Bear witness to the formidable Sun Wukong's (Monkey God) prowess as he takes them on, using his Fiery Eyes, Golden Cudgel, Somersault Cloud, and quick wits! Be prepared for a galloping read that will leave you breathless!

**part time indian: The Amityville Horror** Jay Anson, 2019-12-03 "A fascinating and frightening book" (Los Angeles Times)—the bestselling true story about a house possessed by evil spirits, haunted by psychic phenomena almost too terrible to describe. In December 1975, the Lutz family moved into their new home on suburban Long Island. George and Kathleen Lutz knew that, one year earlier, Ronald DeFeo had murdered his parents, brothers, and sisters in the house, but the property—complete with boathouse and swimming pool—and the price had been too good to pass up. Twenty-eight days later, the entire Lutz family fled in terror. This is the spellbinding, shocking true story that gripped the nation about an American dream that turned into a nightmare beyond imagining—"this book will scare the hell out of you" (Kansas City Star).

**part time indian: Thunder Boy Jr.** Sherman Alexie, 2016-05-10 From New York Times bestselling author Sherman Alexie and Caldecott Honor winning Yuyi Morales comes a striking and beautifully illustrated picture book celebrating the special relationship between father and son. Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name...one that's all his own. Dad is known as big Thunder, but little thunder doesn't want to share a name. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder. But just when Little Thunder thinks all hope is lost, dad picks the best name...Lightning! Their love will be loud and bright, and together they will light up the sky.

**part time indian: Sweethearts** Sara Zarr, 2008-02-01 As children, Jennifer Harris and Cameron Quick were both social outcasts. They were also one another's only friend. So when Cameron disappears without warning, Jennifer thinks she's lost the only person who will ever understand her. Now in high school, Jennifer has been transformed. Known as Jenna, she's popular, happy, and dating, everything Jennifer couldn't be -- but she still can't shake the memory of her long-lost friend. When Cameron suddenly reappears, they are both confronted with memories of their shared past and the drastically different paths their lives have taken. From National Book Award finalist Sara Zarr, *Sweethearts* is a story about the power of memory, the bond of friendship, and the quiet resilience of our childhood hearts.

**part time indian: Snow Falling on Cedars** David Guterson, Chris Tribble, 2008 Contemporary / British English It is 1954 and Kabuo Miyamoto is on trial for murder. He is a Japanese American living on the island of San Piedro, off the north-west coast of America. The Second World War has left an atmosphere of anger and suspicion in this small community. Will Kabuo receive a fair trial? And will the true cause of the victim's death be discovered?

**part time indian: Blasphemy** Sherman Alexie, 2012-10-02 Sixteen new stories and fifteen classics by the National Book Award-winning, New York Times-bestselling author of *War Dances*. Sherman Alexie's stature as a writer of stories, poetry, and novels has soared over the course of his twenty-book, twenty-year career. His wide-ranging, acclaimed fiction throughout the last two decades—from *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven* to his most recent PEN/Faulkner Award-winning *War Dances*—have established him as a star in contemporary American literature. A



bold and irreverent observer of life among Native Americans in the Pacific Northwest, the daring, versatile, funny, and outrageous Alexie showcases his many talents in *Blasphemy*, where he unites fifteen beloved classics with sixteen new stories in one sweeping anthology for devoted fans and first-time readers. Included here are some of his most esteemed tales, including “What You Pawn I Will Redeem,” in which a homeless Indian man quests to win back a family heirloom; “This Is What It Means to Say Phoenix, Arizona,” a road-trip morality tale; “The Toughest Indian in the World,” about a night shared between a writer and a hitchhiker; and his most recent, “War Dances,” about a man grappling with sudden hearing loss in the wake of his father’s death. Alexie’s new stories are fresh and quintessential, about donkey basketball leagues, lethal wind turbines, a twenty-four-hour Asian manicure salon, good and bad marriages, and all species of warriors in America today. An indispensable Alexie collection, *Blasphemy* reminds us, on every thrilling page, why Alexie is one of our greatest contemporary writers and a true master of the short story. Praise for *Blasphemy* “Alexie once again reasserts himself as one the most compelling contemporary practitioners of the short story. In *Blasphemy*, the author demonstrates his talent on nearly every page. . . . [Alexie] illuminates the lives of his characters in unique, surprising, and, ultimately, hopeful ways.” —*Boston Globe* “Alexie writes with arresting perception in praise of marriage, in mockery of hypocrisy, and with concern for endangered truths and imperiled nature. He is mischievously and mordantly funny, scathingly forthright, deeply and universally compassionate, and wholly magnetizing. This is a must-have collection.” —*Donna Seaman, Booklist* (starred review) “[A] sterling collection of short stories by Alexie, a master of the form. . . . The newer pieces are full of surprises. . . . These pieces show Alexie at his best: as an interpreter and observer, always funny if sometimes angry, and someone, as a cop says of one of his characters, who doesn’t “fit the profile of the neighborhood.”” —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

**part time indian:** *Egg on Mao* Denise Chong, 2009 The eagerly-awaited new book by Denise Chong, author of the award-winning, national bestseller, *The Concubine’s Children*. In her first book in a decade, beloved author Denise Chong, tells the story of a man who humiliated a repressive regime in front of the entire world, and whose daring gesture informs our view of human rights to this day. Despite his family’s impeccable Communist roots, Lu Decheng, a small town bus mechanic, grew up intuiting all that was wrong with Mao’s China. As a young man he believes truth and decency mattered, only to learn that preserving the Chairman’s legacy mattered more. Lu’s story reads like Shakespearean drama, peppered with defiance, love and betrayal. His steadfast refusal to acquiesce comes to a head, but not an end, with his infamous defacing of Mao’s portrait during the 1989 protests in Tiananmen Square. From the Hardcover edition.

**part time indian:** *Street Without a Name* Kapka Kassabova, 2012-05-23 After years on the outside, Bulgaria has finally made it into the EU club, but beyond the clichés about undrinkable plonk, cheap property, and assassins with poison-tipped umbrellas, the country remains a largely unknown quantity. Born on the muddy outskirts of Sofia, Kapka Kassabova grew up under Communism, got away just as soon as she could, and has loved and hated her homeland in equal measure ever since. In this illuminating and entertaining memoir, Kapka revisits Bulgaria and her own muddled relationship to it, travelling back to the scenes of her childhood, sampling its bizarre tourist sites, uncovering its centuries’ old history of bloodshed and blurred borders, and capturing the absurdities and idiosyncrasies of her own and her country’s past. Also available as an eBook

**part time indian:** *Ellen Outside the Lines* A. J. Sass, 2022-03-22 Winner of a Sydney Taylor Book Award Honor! A heartfelt novel about a neurodivergent thirteen-year-old navigating changing friendships, a school trip, and expanding horizons for fans of *Rain Reign* and *Ivy Aberdeen’s Letter to the World*. Thirteen-year-old Ellen Katz feels most comfortable when her life is well planned out and people fit neatly into her predefined categories. She attends temple with Abba and Mom every Friday and Saturday. Ellen only gets crushes on girls, never boys, and she knows she can always rely on her best-and-only friend, Laurel, to help navigate social situations at their private Georgia middle school. Laurel has always made Ellen feel like being autistic is no big deal. But lately, Laurel has started making more friends, and cancelling more weekend plans with Ellen than she keeps. A

school trip to Barcelona seems like the perfect place for Ellen to get their friendship back on track. Except it doesn't. Toss in a new nonbinary classmate whose identity has Ellen questioning her very binary way of seeing the world, homesickness, a scavenger hunt-style team project that takes the students through Barcelona to learn about Spanish culture and this trip is anything but what Ellen planned. Making new friends and letting go of old ones is never easy, but Ellen might just find a comfortable new place for herself if she can learn to embrace the fact that life doesn't always stick to a planned itinerary.

**part time indian:** *The Blood Runs Like a River Through My Dreams* . Nasdijj, 2001-09-17 THE BLOOD RUNS LIKE A RIVER THROUGH MY DREAMS transports readers to the majestic landscapes and hard Native American lives of the desert Southwest and into the embrace of a way of looking at the world that seems almost like revelation. Born to a storytelling Native mother and a roughneck, song-singing cowboy father, Nasdijj has lived on the jagged-edged margins of American society, yet hardship and isolation have only brought him greater clarity--and a gift for language that is nothing short of breathtaking. Nasdijj tells of his adopted son, Tommy Nothing Fancy, of the young boy's struggle with fetal alcohol syndrome, and of their last fishing trip together. It is a heartbreaking story, written with great power and a diamondlike poetry. But whether Nasdijj is telling us about his son, about the chaotic, alternately harrowing and comical life he led with his own parents, or about the vitality and beauty of Native American culture, his voice is always one of searching honesty, wry humor, and a nearly cosmic compassion. While Nasdijj struggles with his impossible status as someone of two separate cultures, he also remains a contradiction in a larger sense: he cares for those who often shun him, he teaches hope though he often has none for himself, and he comes home to the land he then must leave. THE BLOOD RUNS LIKE A RIVER THROUGH MY DREAMS is the memoir of a man who has survived a hard life with grace, who has taken the past experience of pain and transformed it into a determination to care for the most vulnerable among us, and who has found an almost unspeakable beauty where others would find only sadness. This is a book that will touch your soul.

**part time indian:** *Little Pilgrim's Progress* Helen L. Taylor, 2012-12-19 Helen L. Taylor took John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* and simplified the vocabulary and concepts for young readers while keeping the storyline intact. The result was a classic in itself, which has now sold over 600,000 copies. It's both a simple adventure story and a profound allegory of the Christian journey through life, a delightful read with a message kids ages 6 to 12 can understand and remember. A new look and fresh illustrations for today's children enlivens the journey to the Celestial City.

**part time indian:** *Home Front Girl* Joan Wehlen Morrison, 2012-11 Wednesday, December 10, 1941 Hitler speaks to Reichstag tomorrow. We just heard the first casualty lists over the radio. ... Lots of boys from Michigan and Illinois. Oh my God! ... Life goes on though. We read our books in the library and eat lunch, bridge, etc. Phy. Sci. and Calculus. Darn Descartes. Reading Walt Whitman now. This diary of a smart, astute, and funny teenager provides a fascinating record of what an everyday American girl felt and thought during the Depression and the lead-up to World War II. Young Chicagoan Joan Wehlen describes her daily life growing up in the city and

**part time indian: Dune (Movie Tie-In)** Frank Herbert, 2023-09-26 • DUNE: PART TWO • THE MAJOR MOTION PICTURE COMING NOVEMBER 3rd, 2023 Directed by Denis Villeneuve, screenplay by Denis Villeneuve and Jon Spaihts, based on the novel *Dune* by Frank Herbert • Starring Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya, Rebecca Ferguson, Josh Brolin, Austin Butler, Florence Pugh, Dave Bautista, Christopher Walken, Stephen McKinley Henderson, Léa Seydoux, with Stellan Skarsgård, with Charlotte Rampling, and Javier Bardem Frank Herbert's classic masterpiece—a triumph of the imagination and one of the bestselling science fiction novels of all time. Set on the desert planet Arrakis, *Dune* is the story of Paul Atreides—who would become known as Maud'Dib—and of a great family's ambition to bring to fruition humankind's most ancient and unattainable dream. A stunning blend of adventure and mysticism, environmentalism and politics, *Dune* won the first Nebula Award, shared the Hugo Award, and formed the basis of what is undoubtedly the grandest epic in science fiction.

**part time indian:** Principles Ray Dalio, 2018-08-07 #1 New York Times Bestseller

"Significant...The book is both instructive and surprisingly moving." —The New York Times Ray Dalio, one of the world's most successful investors and entrepreneurs, shares the unconventional principles that he's developed, refined, and used over the past forty years to create unique results in both life and business—and which any person or organization can adopt to help achieve their goals. In 1975, Ray Dalio founded an investment firm, Bridgewater Associates, out of his two-bedroom apartment in New York City. Forty years later, Bridgewater has made more money for its clients than any other hedge fund in history and grown into the fifth most important private company in the United States, according to Fortune magazine. Dalio himself has been named to Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world. Along the way, Dalio discovered a set of unique principles that have led to Bridgewater's exceptionally effective culture, which he describes as "an idea meritocracy that strives to achieve meaningful work and meaningful relationships through radical transparency." It is these principles, and not anything special about Dalio—who grew up an ordinary kid in a middle-class Long Island neighborhood—that he believes are the reason behind his success. In *Principles*, Dalio shares what he's learned over the course of his remarkable career. He argues that life, management, economics, and investing can all be systemized into rules and understood like machines. The book's hundreds of practical lessons, which are built around his cornerstones of "radical truth" and "radical transparency," include Dalio laying out the most effective ways for individuals and organizations to make decisions, approach challenges, and build strong teams. He also describes the innovative tools the firm uses to bring an idea meritocracy to life, such as creating "baseball cards" for all employees that distill their strengths and weaknesses, and employing computerized decision-making systems to make believability-weighted decisions. While the book brims with novel ideas for organizations and institutions, *Principles* also offers a clear, straightforward approach to decision-making that Dalio believes anyone can apply, no matter what they're seeking to achieve. Here, from a man who has been called both "the Steve Jobs of investing" and "the philosopher king of the financial universe" (CIO magazine), is a rare opportunity to gain proven advice unlike anything you'll find in the conventional business press.

**part time indian: Silent Striker** Pete Kalu, 2015-07-02 Marcus is the best player in his football team. He's actually so good that there's a very real chance he'll be signed by Manchester United. But when he discovers he may be losing his hearing, his whole world falls to pieces and he finds himself having to put them back together on his own. But is this feeling of isolation real or just a consequence of his own behaviour? While dealing with parents, friends and first girlfriends, Marcus gradually understands that accepting the help of others is ultimately an acceptance of self. A novel about friendship and family, *The Silent Striker* explores the issue of disability, and deafness, and the different ways in which we can choose to handle it. 'I enjoyed reading the book from the beginning to the end. YA fiction for all ages' Assia Shahin - blogger. 'An amazing book and it would benefit people, whether they are hard of hearing or not. (Robert Murrell, age 13, profoundly deaf and wears hearing aids. (Reviewed for the National Deaf Children Society) 'Full to the brim with the joy, heartache and passion for the beautiful game.' (Carnegie Medal winner Melvin Burgess) 'A strong inspirational story about human aspiration.' (Commonwealth Writers' Prize shortlisted Jacob Ross) 'Touching, funny and well tackled!' (Muli Amaye, novelist) 'A story that takes you through every emotion a young schoolboy goes through.' (Dotun Adebayo, BBC Radio 5) 'The Silent Striker scores! There are hundreds of books about the beautiful game and *The Silent Striker* is near the top of the table. A brilliantly realised young adult novel. *The Silent Striker* is moving, funny and uplifting. A must read!' (Rodney Hinds, the VOICE Newspaper) 'Marcus' battles to contain his temper against petty school authority and casual racism; his passion for football; his gradual acceptance of his disability are vividly and engagingly portrayed in this un-showy but moving urban story.'

**part time indian: Holy Bible (NIV)** Various Authors,, 2008-09-02 The NIV is the world's best-selling modern translation, with over 150 million copies in print since its first full publication in 1978. This highly accurate and smooth-reading version of the Bible in modern English has the largest library of printed and electronic support material of any modern translation.

**part time indian: Fat Kid Rules the World** Kelly L. Going, 2003 In this outstanding, funny, and edgy debut, Going tells an engaging story of two unlikely friends who meet when a high-school dropout talks a boy out of suicide--and who ultimately save each other.

**part time indian: Not If I See You First** Eric Lindstrom, 2015-12-01 In the tradition of Gayle Forman and John Green comes this extraordinary YA debut about a blind teen girl navigating life and love in high school. Parker Grant doesn't need 20/20 vision to see right through you. That's why she created the Rules: Don't treat her any differently just because she's blind, and never take advantage. There will be no second chances. Just ask Scott Kilpatrick, the boy who broke her heart. When Scott suddenly reappears in her life after being gone for years, Parker knows there's only one way to react--shun him so hard it hurts. She has enough on her mind already, like trying out for the track team (that's right, her eyes don't work but her legs still do), doling out tough-love advice to her painfully naive classmates, and giving herself gold stars for every day she hasn't cried since her dad's death three months ago. But avoiding her past quickly proves impossible, and the more Parker learns about what really happened--both with Scott, and her dad--the more she starts to question if things are always as they seem. Maybe, just maybe, some Rules are meant to be broken. Debut author Eric Lindstrom's *Not If I See You First* combines a fiercely engaging voice with true heart.

**part time indian: Head Start Program Performance Standards** United States. Office of Child Development, 1975

**part time indian: The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven** Sherman Alexie, 1997 Weaves characters, themes and language in 22 linked stories that evoke the complex density of life in and around the Spokane Indian Reservation. The author is one of Granta's 20 Best Young American Writers.

**part time indian: It's. Nice. Outside.** Jim Kokoris, 2015-12-08 It's. Nice. Outside. explores that universal tension between being a parent and keeping true to yourself. In this laugh-out-loud, heartbreaking, generous family novel, Jim Kokoris returns to the heartfelt writing of *The Rich Part of Life*. Meet John Nichols. He's 50-something years old, an ex-basketball player, ex-author, ex-philanderer, ex-husband, ex-high school English teacher. And he's father to three: two overachieving adult daughters, and 19 year-old Ethan, who will never be an adult. John's oldest daughter is getting married, and as the whole family travels from their homes in New York and the Chicago area, John is secretly preparing for a life-change that will alter his family's hearts forever.

**part time indian: *Zen and the Art of Faking It*** Jordan Sonnenblick, 2010-02-01 From masterfully funny and poignant Jordan Sonnenblick, a story that will have everyone searching for their inner Zen. Meet San Lee, a (sort of) innocent teenager, who moves against his will to a new town. Things get interesting when he (sort of) invents a new past for himself, which makes him incredibly popular. In fact, his whole school starts to (sort of) worship him, just because he (sort of) accidentally gave the impression that he's a reincarnated mystic. When things start to unravel, San needs to find some real wisdom in a hurry. Can he patch things up with his family, save himself from bodily harm, stop being an outcast, and maybe even get the girl?

**part time indian: The Keepers of Metsan Valo** Wendy Webb, 2021-10-05 The spirits of Nordic folklore come calling in this entrancing tale of family secrets and ancient mysteries by the #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Haunting of Brynn Wilder*. In *Metsan Valo*, her family home on Lake Superior, Anni Halla's beloved grandmother has died. Among her fond memories, what Anni remembers most vividly is her grandmother's eerie yet enchanting storytelling. By firelight she spun tall tales of spirits in the nearby forest and waters who could heal--or harm--on a whim. But of course those were only stories... The reading of the will now occasions a family reunion. Anni and her twin brother, their almost otherworldly mother, and relatives Anni hasn't seen in forever--some with good reason--are all brought back together under one roof that strains to hold all their tension. But it's not just Annie's family who is unsettled. Whispers wind through the woods. Laughter bursts from bubbling streams. Raps from unseen hands rupture on the walls. Fireflies swarm and nightmares stir. With each odd occurrence, Anni fears that her return has invited less a welcoming and more a warning. When another tragedy strikes near home, Anni must dive headfirst into the mysterious

happenings to discover the truth about her home, her family, and the wooded island's ancient lore. Plunging into the past may be the only way to save her family from whatever bedevils Metsan Valo.

**part time indian:** *Conversations with Sherman Alexie* Sherman Alexie, 2009 Interviews with the Native American author of the short story collections *Ten Little Indians* and *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*; the National Book Award-winning young adult novel *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*; and the screenplay *Smoke Signals*

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