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The highly anticipated sequel to the #1 *NEW YORK TIMES* bestselling book!

Secrets have a way of getting out, especially when a diary is involved.

Whatever you do, don't ask Greg Heffley how he spent his summer vacation, because he definitely doesn't want to talk about it.

As Greg enters the new school year, he's eager to put the past three months behind him . . . and one event in particular.

Unfortunately for Greg, his older brother, Rodrick, knows all about the incident Greg wants to keep under wraps. But secrets have a way of getting out . . . especially when a diary is involved.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules chronicles Greg's attempts to navigate the hazards of middle school, impress the girls, steer clear of the school talent show, and most important, keep his secret safe.

Rodrick Rules Details

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Shannon says

This book wasn't as silly as the first one and it seems to focus more on Greg and his friends and family being mean to each other.

This book focuses more on Greg's relationship with his older brother and how Rodrick is always picking on him. Greg's younger brother Manny is a tattletale who gets away with everything. Greg has unfortunately been picking up a lot of Rodrick's personality traits too; he plays mean tricks on his classmates and is horrible to his "best friend." At this point I kind of want to read Rowley's diary more than Greg's.

His parents aren't much better either. His Dad piles up pillows in bed to trick his wife into thinking he's still there watching a movie with her. He just wants to play in the basement for hours by himself with his civil war models. Yeah, that's a healthy relationship. And when he goes to hear Rodrick play with his band in the school talent show he shoves cotton balls in his ears and stands at the back of the auditorium. That's a good Dad.

Also, Rodrick is apparently dumb as rocks but has found a way into manipulating his parents into doing his homework for him. I'm not sure why that would be funny or congratulated.

The whole reason Rodrick is picking on Greg and getting away with it is because he knows an embarrassing secret about Greg that happened during the summer. When you finally find out what the secret is, it's pretty underwhelming and dumb. It was nowhere near as funny as the "Cheese Touch" story that ran through the first book.

I don't really know what went wrong with this one. It seems like the whole book was full of mean people making poor choices. **Now I don't believe that the majority of children will be warped by reading about how to play mean tricks on people and get away with doing bad things, but this book wasn't very funny and the characters didn't have any redeeming qualities at all.** I hope the next one is funnier.

Alshaimaa says

This book I can't describe:D

It's funny

I read it so slow, so the laugh doesn't end of my day:)

Just a little something:

-dad said to Rodrick: well, for starters Abraham Lincoln didn't write "to kill a mockingbird":D

hahaha

I really recommend this book to everyone wanna have a relaxing time.

ENJOY

Nandakishore Varma says

I read this book for two reasons: I needed to get my book count up for the reading challenge, and reading We Need To Talk About Kevin immediately after No Country For Old Men was too much darkness, even for me. I picked this up from son's shelf, because I had enjoyed the first book: my son was flabbergasted, and my wife made fun of me, saying she'd give me Peter Pan next. But I am glad I did pick it up, however.

Greg Heffley is a loser: bullied by his elder brother and followed about by his tattletale younger one, ignored by the pretty girls and able to befriend only the unspeakable Rowley, he must be justified in feeling that life is unjust to him. He pours all this righteous indignation into the "journal" (he will kill himself before he calls it a "diary"!) his mother forces him to write. The result is HILARIOUS.

Jeff Kinney is a truly comic writer who has mastered the strength of the understatement. Greg's voice throughout the book is a sort of sardonic monotone—one is reminded of those sad-faced clowns who will have you in stitches. The journal is pieced together in little vignettes, like a series of connected jokes—and the punchline is often a cartoon. (I feel that authors should use illustrations more often, even in serious novels. In *Vanity Fair*, Thackeray's illustrations are as famous as his words.)

Greg, in this book, has grown up a little from his previous outing. His sarcasm has taken on an edge, and the portraits he paints of his Dad and Mom are less than flattering. Yet, they are lovable, all the same.

Jeff Kinney has written a book that can be enjoyed by children and adults alike.

Recommended whenever one needs a mood uplift!

Corbett Martin says

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Pooja says

Having an older bother like Rodrick is not trouble enough that Gregory has to spend a week with him alone when their mother comes up with this idea of getting them all together and writing in her columns about it!

Gregory has already less problems in his life that now Rodrick is literally ruling his life and being small, younger and the wimpy kid, Gregory can't do a thing about it!

My favorite part in this book is when Rodrick organizes the party and Gregory and Rowley keep their mouth shut and enjoy the party as this is the party no-middle-school person has been to!

If you want to have a light time, this diary is here to do the tricks!

KatieLynn says

Rodrick Rules was just as funny and descriptive as the other. In this book, Greg has disturbing conflicts with

his brother that enrages Greg. As Greg states his *moments* with Rodrick, he discovers Rodrick has been rather mean to him. I can't wait to read the third book!

Kenny Hernandez says

This book is great. Because it is base on a true movie. But my favorite part was when Rodick (older brother of greg). Made a big party and greg had to help Rodick pick up the mess but Rodick and greg was lucky at first. ut then

Kallie Polk says

awesome!!!!!!!

Hiba Arrame says

I swear this was funny ??? hell a lot funny than the first one! So it was about Gregory and his relationship with his brother Rodrick, and even though my relation with my brother was never the same but this! This was so funny.

The last page with the scientific experiment on plants and black pepper made me crack up!

[Shai] The Bibliophage says

Anyone who has a sibling or siblings could relate to Greg in this 2nd installment. Aside from Manny, Rodrick is one of my favorite character in this series. Rodrick could be a little pain in the ass for Greg but behind his facade, he cares and love for his younger brothers even though he just doesn't want to admit it.

Mephistia says

I didn't like it, personally. The cartoons were cute and funny -- some parents may think that means younger kids can read it, but the reading level is definitely around 5th grade and older. Think the age the first HP book was aimed at, and you have the correct reading age for this book.

Why I didn't like it? The protagonist never learned a lesson of any sort whatsoever. Throughout the book, it was hinted at that his elder brother (Rodrick) had a horrific secret held over his head. I was honestly eagerly waiting for Rodrick to let that cat out of the bag, because as odious as Rodrick was depicted to be, the protagonist himself was even more of a jerk.

This main character who we're supposed to sympathize with insults his "friends" constantly, talking about how he thinks they're stupid and he only hangs out with them because they have a hot babysitter or can get him good grades or some other reason. He makes fun of everyone around him, and it's sometimes funny and

sometimes insightful, but it's relentlessly cruel. I wanted him to be redeemed in the end, I wanted him to be taught a lesson. But he wasn't -- nothing happened.

I was hoping this would be something along the lines of "Harriet The Spy," but it wasn't. It wasn't funny, intelligent, life-changing or in any way great. The only decent thing about this book is that it apparently opens the door into reading for boys who otherwise showed little interest.

I say buy them the "Great Brain" series. Nothing Tom and his Great Brain can't handle.

Tal says

Ok, so I read this book to see why my students seem to love it so.

Now, I'm all for silly humor. I can understand that, but I don't get the attraction for this book. I hated it. I finished it in a little over a day, but never did I stop wishing for it to end. I think the characters were horrible; the people in the book did mean things to each other; every person in the book was inconsiderate to each other; etc. I really could go on! I know I'm going to hurt some feelings next week when I report to my students my feelings about this book, but it really wasn't good. Was there really even a storyline?

Archit Ojha says

I am reviewing this one soon for sure!

Betsy says

When last we saw our hero Greg Heffley he had survived everything from cursed cheese to an unfortunate stage debut. Not that much has changed in his life, of course. He's still a perpetual victim of his older brother Rodrick's crazy schemes and his younger brother Manny's three-year-old excesses. Greg might have to do what Rodrick says for a while too since his older brother knows something terrible, HORRIBLE even, that happened to Greg over the summer and he's threatening to tell the world. And though Greg might try to participate in everything from role-playing to writing his comic strip to forget it, eventually that sword of Damocles is going to fall. It's just a matter of time.

Kinney is almost eerily good at writing material that is as funny to kids as it is to adults. I haven't yet discussed this book with someone who doesn't know how the game Dungeons and Dragons works, so I wonder if a D&D newbie would find the game in which Greg's mom joins (calling her character "Mom") as funny as I did. For a sequel, there's a lot of new stuff in this book as well. We finally get a chance to see Loded Diper (Rodrick's band) play. We see Manny enter preschool on Halloween Day with disastrous results. And then there's the Mom Bucks program instituted by Greg's mother. That one sounded a little too real to have been made up, though.

You could probably use these books in class to discuss the concept of the “unreliable narrator” because at a certain point, Greg’s life is what every pre-teen to teen boy feels like his own life is. Everybody gets away with stuff except for you. Parents are too nerdy or out-of-it to be of any use, friends are unreliable, and the world is a scary place where your unique skills are not recognized. You get the distinct feeling that Greg might be exaggerating some of the events in his life, but that’s not a bad thing. That said, it’s hard not to feel vindicated when Rodrick finally has something bad happen to him at the end of the book. Who knew that YouTube can be the ultimate high school equalizer! It brings adolescent embarrassment to a whole new level.

There are a lot of familiar callbacks, of course. Fights with best friend Rowley, for example. And I was very sad to find that one of my favorite characters, Fregley, didn’t make an appearance in this sequel. Still, it all basically comes down to this: If you like the first “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” then you will like the second. Maybe it doesn’t carry the surprise of the first book, but what sequel does? Thoroughly enjoyable and unrepentantly hilarious.

Lucy says

it was also very funny and kids who can read should deffntly read it
