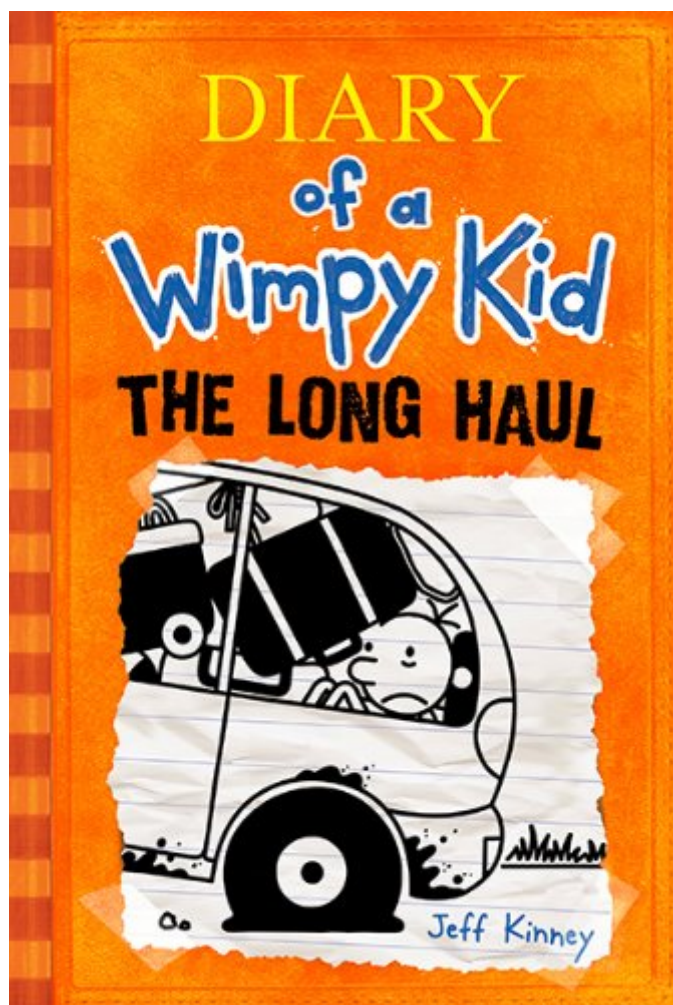


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The Long Haul (Diary Of A Wimpy Kid, Book 9)



Synopsis

A family road trip is supposed to be a lot of fun . . . unless, of course, you're the Heffleys. The journey starts off full of promise, then quickly takes several wrong turns. Gas station bathrooms, crazed seagulls, a fender bender, and a runaway pig not exactly Greg Heffley's idea of a good time. But even the worst road trip can turn into an adventure and this is one the Heffleys won't soon forget.

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Customer Reviews

Oh, my goodness. Mommy here, lovin' this book. My son read it to our family on our recent (22 hour) road trip. There are so many ways to relate to your kids in this book. We had some good laughs reminiscing with our kids about similar happenings in our own road trips as kids. We were even able to add to some of those memories, and our kids now have some of their own to write about. We also experienced a window that got stuck down one night, freezing cold, on the interstate! Daddy rolled down the window because middle child's feet stunk soo bad! It would not go back up! We have had so many laughs with these books. Seriously, if you are so stuck up that you can't possible relate to or enjoy the humor of the "All American Family", then I really hope you are

not my neighbor. LOL Thank you, Jeff.

Good, but not as good as the previous 8 books in the series. I can't quite put my finger on what's exactly different about this one, but it just doesn't feel right, almost like there was a guest writer attempting to mimic what made the other books so great, but not quite getting it. Maybe there just weren't enough funny digressions & there was definitely far too much wackiness for my tastes (I can handle zany but refuse to accept wacky or madcap.) Gotta say that I'm still looking forward to book 10 tho.

I was pleasantly surprised when I recently began reading the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. I blasted through volume one, and quickly read the following seven over the course of a week, finding the humor to be both hilarious and surprisingly geared toward the sensibilities of adults (I don't think these books are really written for kids, after all!). I was thrilled that volume 9, The Long Haul, came out so shortly after I read the first eight books, and I quickly picked it up. At first, I was a little disappointed, because the story revolves around a road trip, and that was something that had recently been done in another Wimpy Kid book. Also, the first part of the story is a little sparse in the humor department. Of course, I kept reading, and I'm VERY happy I did. Turns out, this is one of the funniest, if not THE funniest book in the whole series. In fact, it's one of the funniest books I've ever read. Some of my favorite parts include anything to do with that crazy pig (especially the mini bar incident), Greg's misguided vendetta against the Beardos, the great seagull mishap, Manny's short lived car-jacking, and... well, everything that happens when you cram a family this filled with craziness (and love) into one tight minivan on an ill fated quest for adventure.

My kids love every Diary of a Wimpy Kid book, and this is no exception. Both kids have read it and it was great for them. Easy to read, entertaining, and keeps them busy for a while. I'd say this book is great for tweens, as most of the Wimpy Kid books are sort of silly and could get younger kids into trouble by repeating the goofy things they read. My son especially loves these books (he's 11) and wrote a review himself: Join Greg as the Heffley's take an unexpected road trip. Things go from bad to worse. Manny gets a piglet, wallets are stolen (but not really). Oh how can things get worse?! Oh, car broke down in the woods...

"Pack your bags. We're going on a road trip." Thus begins the 9th book in the Wimpy Kid series. I have a feeling I know what you're thinking. Another Wimpy Kid book? Who wants to read more

about the selfish brat also known as Greg Heffley? I mean, let's face it, he isn't the best role model (or even close for that matter). I've cringed many times while reading these books with my son; the way Greg treats his supposed best friend Rowley or the way Rodrick treats Greg. Please, even my kids treat each other better than this (which is a good thing). Of course, my son and I have spoken about Greg's behavior and how he isn't nice to Rowley and only uses him to get what he wants. And I don't deny my son the chance to read something he really enjoys. Anything you read is a chance to learn something, even if the book just teaches you to recognize bad behavior. So, I was hugely surprised to find myself laughing out loud while reading this book to my son. Rowley is absent from this book and I think that helped. The book focuses entirely on Greg and his family and their misadventures. Greg's mom decides that a road trip is an excellent way to bring the family together. It doesn't exactly turn out as she expected, but they still manage to have quite the adventure. I don't want to give anything away, but there is a piglet, crazy seagulls, a water park adventure and many funny driving and motel scenes that many of us can relate to. How many of us have been on a family trip and Dad has to take a work call. Everyone in the car is supposed to be quiet.... Very funny scene!! Recommended to: Any fans of the Wimpy Kid series and even some people who aren't fans. If you like funny family stories where everything that can go wrong does, you will enjoy this book. Think (totally PG) book version of one of the Vacation movies.

My son is not a big reader and struggles greatly in school. Part of that is a result of his high functioning autism. We ordered this book for him for Christmas and he absolutely LOVES it! He read the entire thing with no assistance. I am so proud of him. I am also thankful he found a series he enjoys that is written well, yet still simply enough he can read it without a struggle. It's funny and cute much like the other books in the series and the movies.

My 6 year old son began reading "Wimpy Kid" books just as he was learning to read. Many times I would allow him to read before bed and would hear him laughing hysterically in his room. Now, 7 years old, he has read all of them and often will pick them up and read them again. They are silly, but the appeal to his age demographic was actually amazing to me. I didn't have to make him read... he wanted to read. And he loved them all. I would recommend the entire series to any parent of a child who is learning and becoming comfortable with reading comprehension.

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