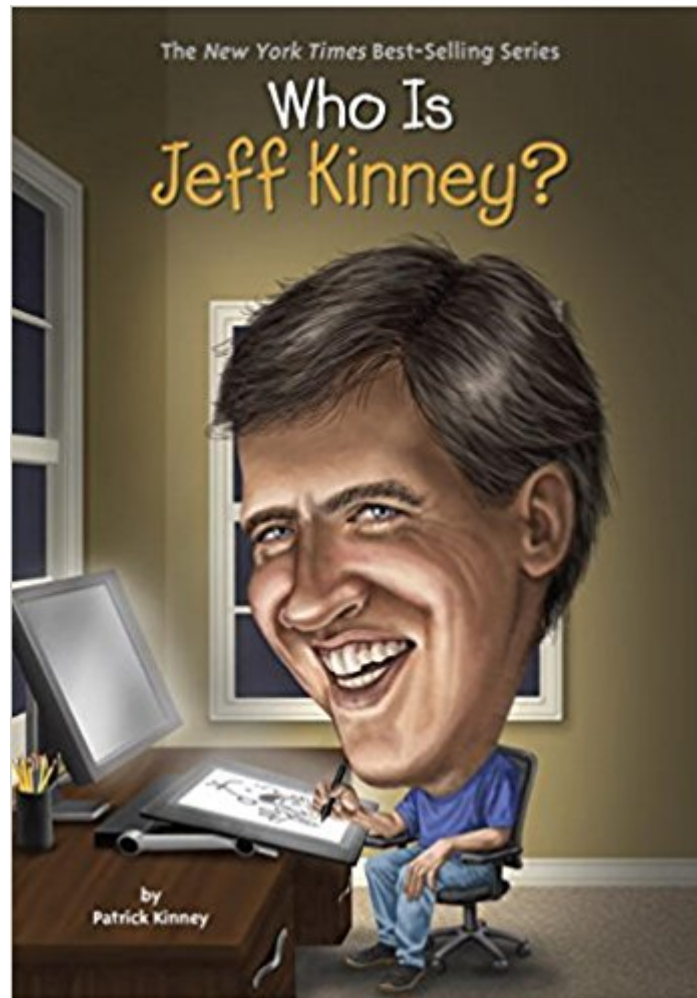




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Who Is Jeff Kinney? (Who Was?)



Synopsis

Even as a kid, everyone thought Jeff Kinney was talented. People loved his drawings, and when he went to college, his comic strip Igdoof was so popular that it spread to other universities! Still, Jeff faced challenges. His cartoons were rejected by syndicates that claimed his art was unprofessional. Then, an idea struck: Jeff would write a journal from the perspective of a child, illustrated with doodles just like a kid might do. And so, the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series was born--and it was a hit! In this biography, Jeff's brother, Patrick Kinney, provides a knowledgeable look at the life of this best-selling author/illustrator. From Jeff's childhood pranks to his job developing online games, kids will love the chance to learn more about the creator of the popular Wimpy Kid books.

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Customer Reviews

Patrick Kinney is a freelance writer living in Northern Virginia. He has written two books for children and provides creative content for Poptropica, a kids' website.

Who Is Jeff Kinney? [Patricia and Brian Kinney](#) [As home in Virginia, there is a framed newspaper article hanging on the wall. The headline reads: "Igdoof Takes On the Real](#)

World. There is a photo of their son Jeff, twenty-two years old, grinning next to a drawing of a bug-eyed cartoon character. That character was Igdoof. In college, Jeff wrote and illustrated a popular comic strip about him. The article predicted that Jeff would have no trouble becoming a professional cartoonist. That was his dream. But after several years of disappointment, Jeff wasn't so sure. When he came home to visit his parents, he'd look at the article and frown. He wondered if his dream would ever come true. In college, Jeff had been a celebrity. Fans of Igdoof asked Jeff for his autograph. They wore T-shirts with characters from his comic strip on them. Besides Igdoof, there was a green bean named Pooshfa. Another was Jerome, a man with incredibly red lips. But to become a professional cartoonist, Jeff needed a syndicate. That's a company that sells comic strips to newspapers all over the United States. The trouble was, no syndicate liked Igdoof. The rejection letters began piling up. One thing became clear to Jeff. His illustrations weren't good enough. They didn't look as professional as the artwork in Calvin and Hobbes, The Far Side, and other comic strips in the big newspapers. Jeff's drawings looked more like the doodles of a kid in middle school. Even so, Jeff knew he had funny ideas. He just needed a way to share them with an audience, the way he had in college. Jeff got an idea that might work. What if he wrote an illustrated journal from the point of view of a middle-school kid? Then his drawings wouldn't have to be all that good. That idea was the beginning of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, one of the most popular children's books ever.

As usual these books are great. My kids learn a lot reading those while me and I know other parents read them too. Several reviewers commented that this particular book was about an unknown author. For lots of kids aged 8 and up this author is very well known since he wrote a very successful series of books. It thus makes a lot of sense that a book about him be written for kids.

awesome book

Really great reference for research projects!

fast delivery, great content!

My son read all of the Diary of a Wimpy Kids books, so I knew this book would interest him. He loved it. Recommend.

Great inspiration for young writers and cartoonists.

My 12 year old grandson enjoyed this. He reads me passages from The Wimpy Kid Diary series on the phone each night and last night he read me from this book. We're both Jeff Kinney fans.

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