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1996 and was named one of *People's* Best of Pages and a *New York Times* Notable Book.

Alexie has done readings and stand-up comedy performances with musician Jim Boyd, a Colville Indian. Alexie and Boyd also recorded an album together: *Reservation Blues*. In 1997 Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* was published. It made a huge impact on the literary world. In September 2007, the story in this book seems to be closely related to the story of the author, Sherman Alexie. It is a Spokane Indian, who was born in 1968. He grew up on the Spokane Indian Reservation in Wellpinit, Washington. Alexie had a dangerous operation as a baby and nearly died. The doctors said he would be mentally handicapped. This did not happen, but he suffered bad side effects, for example seizures, all through his childhood. Nevertheless, Alexie learned to read very quickly and he read long and difficult novels. All the things made him different, and he was different from other children on the reservation. As a teenager, Alexie ("Arnold," or "Junior") decided to change his high school. He left the reservation and started at Wellpinit High, about 20 miles away from Wellpinit. Here he was the only Indian. He did very well at school and became one of the best players on the basketball team.

Abbreviations

<i>abb</i>	abbreviation (Abkürzung)
<i>AE</i>	American English
<i>BE</i>	British English
<i>derog</i>	derogatory
<i>fml</i>	formal
<i>idm</i>	idiom
<i>inf</i>	informal
<i>sb</i>	somebody
<i>sl</i>	slang
<i>sth</i>	something
<i>vulg</i>	vulgar