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# Ingram Screen Shot

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (Movie Tie-In Edition) - Not Available - Publisher Out of Stock Indefinitely 

Contributor(s): [Andrews, Jesse](#) (Author)



ISBN: 1419720279 EAN: 9781419720277

Publisher: [Harry N. Abrams](#) ([View Publisher's Titles](#))

US SRP: \$17.95 US

Binding: Hardcover

Pub Date: June 16, 2015

Copyright Date: 2015

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Dewey: [ELC](#)

Lexile Level: [820](#)

Features: Dust Cover, Price on Product, Movie/TV Tie-In

Target Age Group: 14 to 17

Physical Info: 1.2" H x 8.3" L x 5.5" W (0.95 lbs) 304 pages

Carton Quantity: 28

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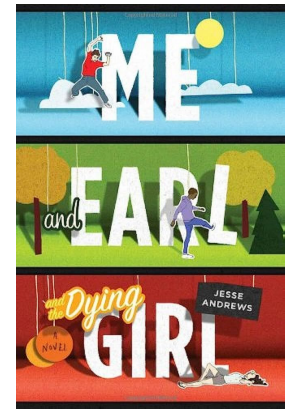
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# What reviews look like:

## Booklist

March 1, 2012

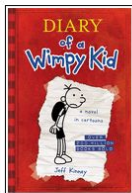
\*Starred Review\* Greg Gaines, 17, would be the first to tell you that his constant dickhead behavior makes him the least likely person to befriend a classmate dying of leukemia. But he is pushed into it by his mother and, well, the result is this horrifyingly inane, unstoppable barf-fest of a book. Greg prefers to keep a low profile at school, instead collaborating with his almost-gangsta pal, Earl, on terrible remakes of classic films: Apocalypse Later with Super Soakers, The Manchurian Cat-imate with cats. But his knack for cracking jokes keeps the dying girl, Rachel, smiling, and pretty soon the whole school thinks he is some kind of hero. He is even pushed into making a final opus: Rachel the Film, aka the worst film ever made. One need only look at the chapter titles ( Let's Just Get This Embarrassing Chapter Out of the Way ) to know that this is one funny book, highlighted by screenplay excerpts and Earl's pissy wisdom. What's crazy is how moving it becomes in spite of itself. The characters are neither smart or precocious. Greg is not suitably moved by Rachel's struggle. His film sucks. He thinks bereavement means being attacked by beavers. But it's this honest lack of profundity, and the struggle to overcome it, that makes Andrews' debut actually kinda profound.--Kraus, Daniel Copyright 2010 Booklist



# Ingram Screen Shot: Juvenile Book

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Diary of a Wimpy Kid #1) (Diary of a Wimpy Kid #01) [LOPAC](#)

Contributor(s): [Kinney, Jeff](#) (Author)



ISBN: 1419741853 EAN: 9781419741852

Publisher: [Harry N. Abrams](#) [View Publisher's Titles](#)

US SRP: \$14.99 US [Price this Title](#)

Binding: Hardcover

Copyright Date: 2007

Pub Date: April 01, 2007

**Annotation:**

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

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LCCN: 2006031847

Lexile Level: [350](#)

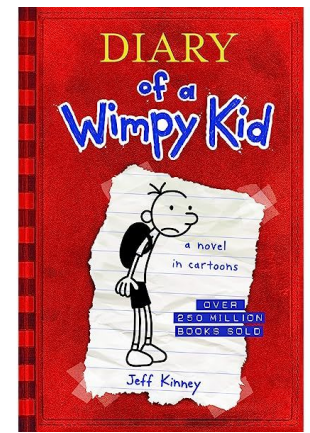
**Series:**

[Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#)

Features: [kids](#), [Price on Product](#), [Illustrated](#), [Table of Contents](#)

Target Age Group: 09 to 12

# Review of a Juvenile Book:




## School Library Journal

April 1, 2007

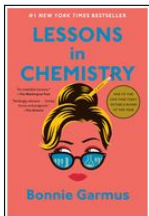
Gr 5-8-Greg Heffley has actually been on the scene for more than two years. Created by an online game developer, he has starred in a Web book of the same name on [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) since May 2004. This print version is just as engaging. Kinney does a masterful job of making the mundane life of boys on the brink of adolescence hilarious. Greg is a conflicted soul: he wants to do the right thing, but the constant quest for status and girls seems to undermine his every effort. His attempts to prove his worthiness in the popularity race (he estimates he's currently ranked 52nd or 53rd) are constantly foiled by well-meaning parents, a younger and older brother, and nerdy friends. While Greg is not the most principled protagonist, it is his very obliviousness to his faults that makes him such an appealing hero. Kinney's background as a cartoonist is apparent in this hybrid book that falls somewhere between traditional prose and graphic novel. It offers some of the same adventures as the Web book, but there are enough new subplots to entertain Funbrain followers. This version is more pared down, and the pace moves quickly. The first of three installments, it is an excellent choice for reluctant readers, but more experienced readers will also find much to enjoy and relate to in one seventh grader's view of the everyday trials and tribulations of middle school.-Kim Dare, Fairfax County Public Schools, VA (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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# Ingram Screen Shot - Adult Fiction Title

Lessons in Chemistry 

Contributor(s): [Garmus, Bonnie](#) (Author)



ISBN: 038554734X EAN: 9780385547345

Publisher: [Doubleday Books](#) ([View Publisher's Titles](#))

US SRP: \$29.00 US

Binding: Hardcover

Pub Date: April 05, 2022

**Annotation:**

"Set in 1960s California, this ... debut is the ... story of a female scientist whose career is constantly derailed by the idea that a woman's place is in the home, only to find herself starring as the host of America's most beloved TV cooking show"--

**Formats:**

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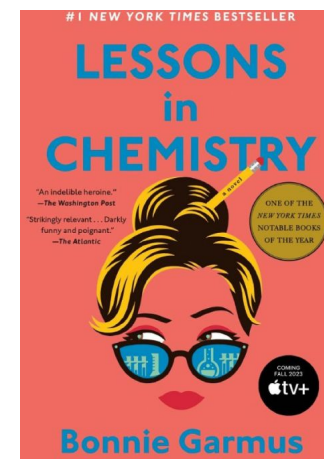
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# Review of an Adult Fiction book:

**Publishers Weekly**  
February 28, 2022


Garmus debuts with a perplexing feminist fairy tale set in 1960s Southern California. Plucky chemist Elizabeth Zott believes she's not like other women ("Most of the women she'd met in college claimed they were only there to get their MRS," Garmus writes. "It was disconcerting, as if they'd all drunk something that had rendered them temporarily insane"). She proceeds to fall madly in love with her colleague, have his child, and then, after being sidelined by double standards, sexual harassment, and scandal around her pregnancy, she's dismissed from her job and becomes an overnight sensation as the host of a daytime cooking show. This trajectory, and its few tragedies, are intermittently interrupted by the anthropomorphized thoughts of her dog, Six-Thirty: "Humans were strange, Six-Thirty thought, the way they constantly battled dirt in their aboveground world, but after death willingly entombed themselves in it." In the end, everything works out—not because the patriarchy is destroyed or fairness is achieved, but thanks to the favors of a rich female benefactor equipped to strike back at those who humiliated Zott. While the scenes of Zott hosting her show do have their charm, the overall effect is about as deep as a Hallmark card. The author has a great voice, but contemporary readers will be left wondering who this is for. Agent: Jennifer Joel, ICM. (April.)

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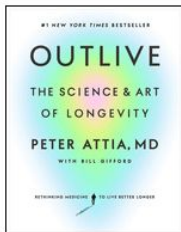




# Ingram Screen Shot - Adult NonFiction Title

**Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity** 

Contributor(s): [Attia, Peter](#) (Author) , [Gifford, Bill](#) (With)



ISBN: 0593236599 EAN: 9780593236598

Publisher: [Harmony](#) ([View Publisher's Titles](#))

US SRP: \$32.00 US

Binding: Hardcover

Pub Date: March 28, 2023

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Dewey: [612.68](#)

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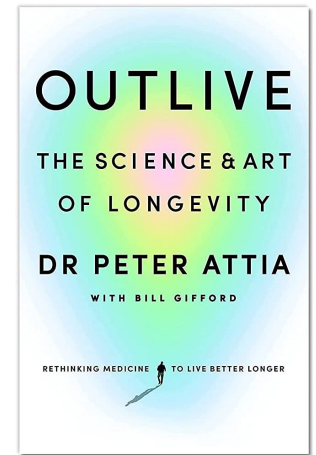
Features: Price on Product, Illustrated, Bibliography, Index, [Table of Contents](#)

Physical Info: 1.6" H x 9.1" L x 7.3" W (1.85 lbs) 496 pages

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Number of Units in Package: 1

# Review of an Adult NonFiction book:



## Kirkus Reviews

March 28, 2023

A data- and anecdote-rich invitation to live better, and perhaps a little longer, by making scientifically smart choices. Trained as an oncological surgeon, Attia became interested in longevity because he saw that the “Four Horsemen” worked against it: diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and Alzheimer’s disease. All play a role in an unhealthy system, and all interrelate. If you have Type 2 diabetes, then your chances of developing heart disease, cancer, and neurological disorders increases, and if your goal is to live well in old age, then it behooves you to change your ways in order to keep your insulin reception levels in the clear. How to do so? Attia avoids toss-off recommendations, instead examining categories of self-care. One powerful component of healthful living is the sort of exercise that burns body fats and sugar most efficiently. This, too, interrelates with diet. “The best science out there,” he writes, “says that what you eat matters, but the first-order term is how you eat: how many calories you take into your body.” Accordingly, caloric reduction strategies play a role, combating the effects of what he calls the Standard American Diet, “our default food environment.” Attia, a lucid and careful writer, eschews easy recipes for what to eat and how to exercise, for his conception of what he calls Medicine 3.0 tailors self-care to self, as in “know thyself.” Therein lies a key point: His book abounds in science and not pat prescriptions precisely because biology doesn’t have the same axiomatic certainties as mathematics and because, in order to participate in Medicine 3.0, readers must be truly active and not reactive. “You must be well informed, medically literate to a reasonable degree, clear-eyed about your goals, and cognizant of the true nature of risk,” he writes. It may not produce a new Methuselah, but Attia’s welcome book deserves the attention of anyone seeking a healthier life. Copyright © Kirkus Reviews, used with permission.

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**Me and Earl and the dying girl : a novel**  
by Andrews, Jesse

**Summary**

The New York Times bestselling novel that inspired the hit film!

This is the funniest book you'll ever read about death.

It is a universally acknowledged truth that high school sucks. But on the first day of his senior year, Greg Gaines thinks he's figured it out. The answer to the basic existential question: How is it possible to exist in a place that sucks so bad? His strategy: remain (read more)

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by Andrews, Jesse

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**Books+Publishing** April 1, 2012

The words 'hilarious' and 'cancer' aren't an obvious match, but in Jesse Andrews' debut YA novel, the two meet for a biting look at life and friendship. Until senior year, Greg Gaines has successfully spent his years flying under the radar and hanging out with Earl, remaking art-house movies like *Aguirre*, *the Wrath of God* and the much improved ([read more](#))

**Booklist** March 1, 2012

\*Starred Review\* Greg Gaines, 17, would be the first to tell you that his constant dickhead behavior makes him the least likely person to befriend a classmate dying of leukemia. But he is pushed into it by his mother and, well, the result is this horrifyingly inane, unstoppable barf-fest of a book. Greg prefers to keep a low profile at school, instead collaborating ([read more](#))

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