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## GET READY TO ROCK THIS FALL!

### #1 International Bestselling Author Jeff Kinney Hits the Road for *Diper Överlöde* Tour Fan-Favorite Rodrick Heffley Takes Center Stage in Disney+ Animated Film, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*, and Disney+ Movie Tie-In Edition

New York, NY (September 13, 2022)—Amulet Books, an imprint of Abrams Children’s Books, announced today Jeff Kinney’s “**The Diper Överlöde Show**,” timed to the publication of *Diper Överlöde* (*Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book 17*). Releasing on October 25, 2022, in hardcover, ebook, audio, and 27 foreign editions, *Diper Överlöde* follows middle-schooler Greg Heffley as he charts the rise of his older brother Rodrick’s band, Löded Diper.

Rodrick, a longtime fan-favorite character of the series, is also at the forefront of the next all-new animated film, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*, premiering on Disney+ on December 2, 2022. The animated movie is based on the second book in the beloved series. Amulet will publish the movie tie-in edition of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules* featuring exclusive full-color, 3D animation art on the book cover. Releasing in hardcover, *Rodrick Rules* (*Special Disney+ Cover Edition*) will be published on November 24, 2022, with a 1-million-copy announced first printing.

The rock ’n’ roll adventure continues as Rodrick’s band, Löded Diper, comes to life on tour this fall in “The Diper Överlöde Show.” Traveling in a wrapped and branded *Diper Överlöde* van, Kinney will partner with 12 bookstores in major music cities to host in-person concert-style events. At each venue, Kinney will emcee the epically entertaining show, which will feature performances from the Löded Diper band as well as opportunities for concertgoers to show off some of their singing, dancing, and musical talents onstage. Details for “The Diper Överlöde Show” will be available on [WimpyKid.com/appearances](http://WimpyKid.com/appearances).

Kinney will partner with bookstores across the country to host “The Diper Överlöde Show” on:

- Monday, October 24: Loganberry Books in Cleveland, OH
- Tuesday, October 25: Cover to Cover in Columbus, OH
- Wednesday, October 26: Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Cincinnati, OH
- Thursday, October 27: Carmichael’s Bookstore in Louisville, KY
- Friday, October 28: Parnassus Books in Nashville, TN
- Saturday, October 29: novel. in Memphis, TN
- Sunday, October 30: Lemuria Books in Jackson, MS
- Monday, October 31: Octavia Books in New Orleans, LA
- Tuesday, November 1: Beausoleil Books in Lafayette, LA
- Wednesday, November 2: Blue Willow in Houston, TX
- Thursday, November 3: BookPeople in Austin, TX
- Friday, November 4: Barnes & Noble in Dallas, TX

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*, an all-new animated movie based on the second book in Jeff Kinney’s wildly popular book series, comes exclusively to Disney+ December 2, 2022. The riotous antics of angst-ridden, disaster-prone middle-school student Greg Heffley continue in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*, focusing this time on his complicated relationship with his older brother, Rodrick. A spikey-haired high-school student, Rodrick is lazy and undisciplined, and spends way too much time practicing with his rock band, Löded Diper. While he loves to torment Greg, he ultimately has a deep affection for his younger brother. Directed by Luke Cormican (*Teen Titans Go!*) and written and produced by Jeff Kinney, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules* features the voices of Brady Noon (*The Mighty Ducks: Game Changers*), Ethan William Childress (*mixed-ish*), Edward Asner (*Up*), Chris Diamantopoulos (*Silicon Valley*), Erica Cerra



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(*Power Rangers*), and Hunter Dillon (*Deadpool 2*). *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules* features the original song, “Can You Smell Us Now?,” written and produced by Jon Levine, with lyrics by Jeff Kinney, and performed by Jimmy Tatro.

Kinney is one of the world’s bestselling authors; *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books are published in 82 editions in 67 languages and have sold more than 275 million copies globally. Published in 2007, the first *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book was an instant bestseller. The series has remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for fifteen years since its publication and through the release of the sixteenth book as well as the three-book spin-off *Awesome Friendly Kid* series. The series is also a fixture on the *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *IndieBound* bestseller lists and is one of the top-five bestselling book series—adult and kids—of all time. The first book in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series was adapted by Kinney as an original, full-color animated film and premiered on Disney+ on December 3, 2021.

### **About the Author**

Jeff Kinney is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and a six-time Nickelodeon Kids’ Choice Award winner for Favorite Book for his *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. Jeff has been named one of *Time*’s 100 Most Influential People in the World. He is also the creator of Poptropica, which was named one of *Time*’s 50 Best Websites. He spent his childhood in the Washington, D.C., area and moved to New England in 1995. Jeff lives with his wife and two sons in Massachusetts, where they own a bookstore, *An Unlikely Story*. For more about *Wimpy Kid* visit [wimpykid.com](http://wimpykid.com).

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