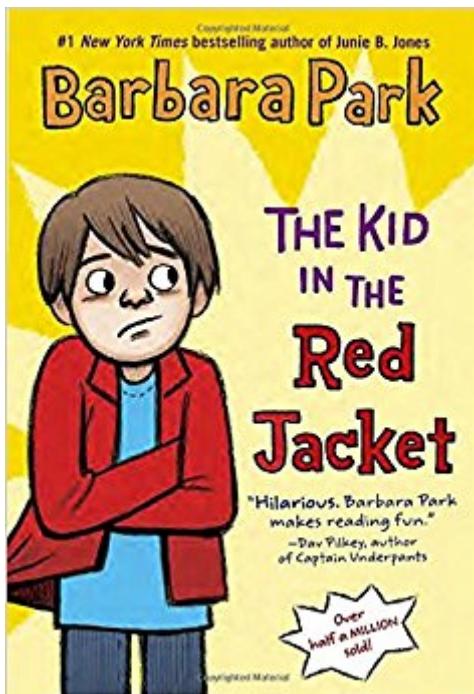


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# The Kid In The Red Jacket



## Synopsis

If you thought Junie B. Jones was FUNNYâ "catch more laughs from New York Times bestselling author Barbara Park with her hilarious middle-grade novelsâ "just right for fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid and I Funny! Â Can Howard SURVIVE life without friends? Howard Jeeterâ ™s parents have ruined his life. Theyâ ™ve moved him across the country, and all the kids in his new town act like heâ ™s totally invisible. At least, all of them except for his six-year-old neighbor, Molly Vera Thompson. Howard could use a friend. But a little girl who talks nonstop? Not what he had in mind. Still, when youâ ™re really lonely, youâ ™ll be friends with anyoneâ |right? Â An IRA-CBC Childrenâ ™s Choice A Library of Congress Childrenâ ™s Book of the Year A Parentsâ ™ Choice Gold Award Winner Â \* â œPark writes in a witty and bittersweet style about the awkward, supersensitive age of early adolescence. Another first-rate addition to the middle-grade popular reading shelf.â • â "School Library Journal, Starred Â â œ[A] witty middle-grade novel.â • â "Publishers Weekly

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## Customer Reviews

A new move across the countryand the younger girl who lives next doorforces Howard to reevaluate

his expectations of friendship in this witty middle-grade novel. Ages 8-12. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 4-6 Park commiserates with the problems of pre-adolescence in this first-person narrative of ten-year-old Howard Jeeter, whose life is temporarily destroyed by a cross-country move to a new family home. Howard knows what awaits him as he drives east from Arizona with his insensitive parents, bawling baby brother, and smelly basset hound to a historic house in Massachusetts: he will be a vulnerable and possibly despised ``new kid.'' His first contact on Chester Pewe St. is Molly, an intrusive first-grader with red hair ``styled kind of like Bozo's.'' Her desperate attempts to be friendly drive Howard to distraction and also make him anxious that his new classmates won't accept him if he hangs around a first grader. Howard's coming to terms with Molly's need for friendship is a particularly well-done part of the novel. As in *Operation: Dump the Chump* (1982) and *Beanpole* (1983, both Knopf), Park writes in a witty and bittersweet style about the awkward, super-sensitive age of early adolescence; her humor both reflects and sharpens the sensibilities of her readers in the areas of family and friend relationships. Another first-rate addition by this author to the middle-grade popular reading shelf. Linda Wicher, Lincolnwood Public Library, Ill. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is, by far, one of the best realistic fiction books ever written for kids. I use it to train my kids in literature circles, and they have excellent discussions about it. I have read this book with my classes at least 15 times, and I never get tired of it. Great for 4th or 5th graders (and their teachers)!

A humorous approach to the difficulties faced by children during a move. My 8 year old grandson enjoyed it a lot

This book was purchased for my grandson for school, he liked the book

Great

I've read this book aloud to my classes for years! It's a great story to introduce new kids to your class and really help them settle in with great humor! I love hearing the kids laugh out loud and giggle themselves silly hearing tales of Molly Vera Thompson. The book is full of great humor, fun

characters, and heart. I recommend this book for grades 3-5. Enjoy!

This was a great book for me. It was funny because Molly was so annoying and she said lots of funny words. I started reading this in my classroom, then it got so funny, I got this book on my kindle. I can't wait to read it this Summer! (=

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My daughter loves this book

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