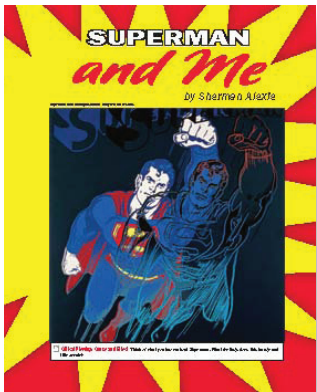


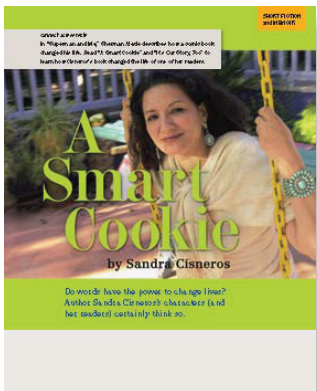
UNIT 4 CLUSTER 2 SELECTION SUMMARIES



Superman and Me

Genre: Essay

Growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation, writer Sherman Alexie was influenced by his father, an avid reader and book lover. Alexie describes how he taught himself to read, at the age of three, using comic books. He recalls how books saved his life.



A Smart Cookie/It's Our Story, Too

Genres: Short Fiction and Memoir

In an excerpt from *The House on Mango Street*, a mother reflects on the mistakes she made in her life and gives advice to her daughter. In “It’s Our Story, Too,” a writer describes how *The House on Mango Street* changed her life.