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Amy Wimmer Schwarb started working for a local newspaper, the Warren Weekly, when she was 12 years old, and she used her first “paycheck”—a \$20 gift certificate to The Outfit in downtown Warren—to buy a really awful 1987-era purple paisley sweater. Since then, she has covered everything from police shootings and hurricanes to the antics of a foul-mouthed parrot named Bubba. She spent nine years as a reporter and editor at the St. Petersburg Times in Florida and is now executive editor of Indianapolis Monthly.

John Schwarb grew up wanting to be the play-by-play radio voice of the Cincinnati Reds, but at Indiana University found that the written word would likely carry him farther in journalism. He took a particular interest in the annual student-run bicycle race, the Little 500, and parlayed two years of covering it for the Indiana Daily Student into a book contract after graduation. After finishing “The Little 500: The History of the World’s Greatest College Weekend” (which still makes a great gift, by the way), he relocated to Florida to start a newspaper sportwriting career. Three papers and eight years later (the final five-plus at the St. Petersburg Times), he and his wife, Amy, returned to Indiana to start a family. John began a freelance writing career, and today most of his time is spent as a motorsports correspondent for ESPN.com. And listening to Reds games on the radio.