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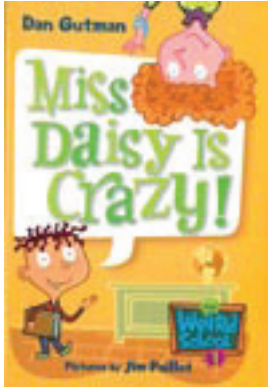
My Weird School

By DAN GUTMAN



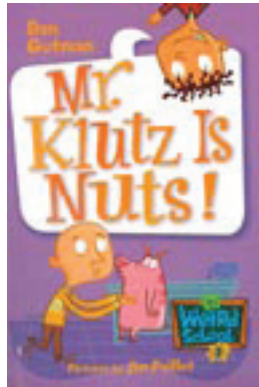


Meet A.J. and his friends in these really wacky school stories by Dan Gutman.



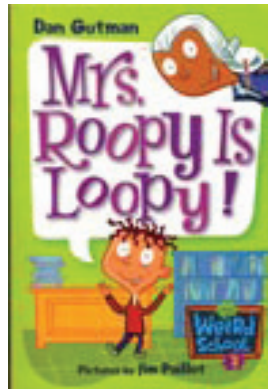
#1: MISS DAISY IS CRAZY

Miss Daisy, who teaches second grade, doesn't know how to add or subtract. Not only that, she doesn't know how to read or write either. She is the dumbest teacher in the history of the world!



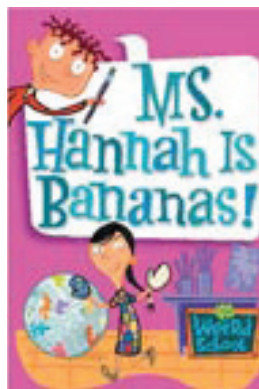
#2: MR. KLUTZ IS NUTS!

Principal Klutz was hanging upside down from the school flagpole! He kissed a pig on the lips! He painted his bald head orange! And now he wants to bungee jump off the roof of the school, dressed like Santa Claus!



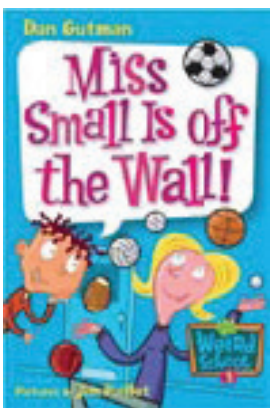
#3: MRS. ROOPY IS LOOPY!

Mrs. Roopy, the new librarian, comes to school wearing a pot on her head! One day she thinks she's George Washington, and the next day she's Little Bo Peep! The worst part is, she doesn't even know how crazy she is!



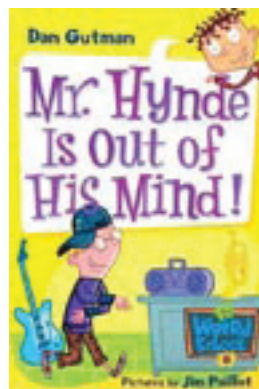
#4: MS. HANNAH IS BANANAS!

Ms. Hannah wears dresses made out of pot holders and collects garbage instead of throwing it out. This is the weirdest art class ever!



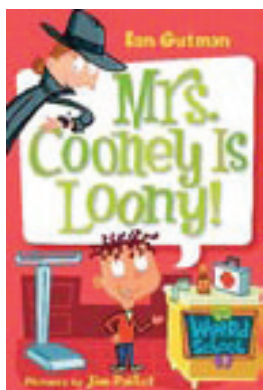
#5: MISS SMALL IS OFF THE WALL!

Miss Small, the gym teacher, is teaching the gang to juggle scarves, balance feathers, and do the Chicken Dance! Is this any way to stay in shape? Whatever happened to good old-fashioned dodge ball?



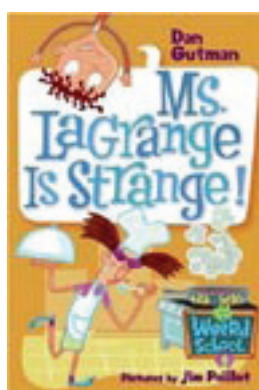
#6: MR. HYNDE IS OUT OF HIS MIND!

Music class is awesome! Mr. Hynde, the teacher, raps, breakdances, and plays bongo drums on the principal's bald head. But he has some funny ideas—like making A.J. kiss Andrea in the school play. YUCK!



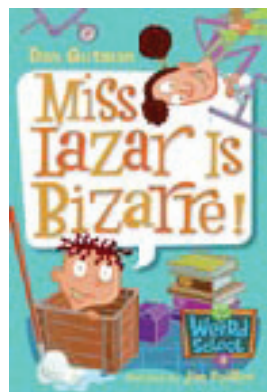
#7: MRS. COONEY IS LOONY!

Mrs. Cooney, the school nurse, is a real knockout—and A.J. has a crush on her! But what if Mrs. Cooney's beauty and charm are just a cover for her secret identity as an international spy?



#8: MS. LAGRANGE IS STRANGE!

Ms. LaGrange talks funny and she's from some other country called France! Plus, she's writing secret messages in the mashed potatoes! Ms. LaGrange is the weirdest lunch lady in the history of the world!

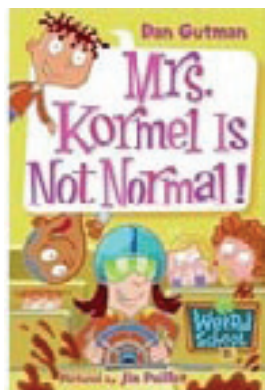
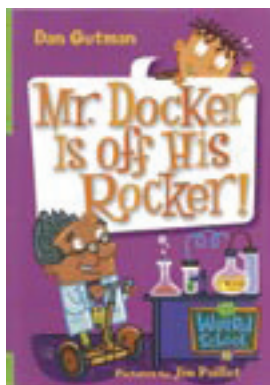


#9: MISS LAZAR IS BIZARRE!

Miss Lazar likes to dance around the school with a mop! She has a secret room down in the basement where she keeps the bad kids! She says cleaning throw up is fun! Miss Lazar is the weirdest custodian in the history of the world!

#10: MR. DOCKER IS OFF HIS ROCKER!

Mr. Docker must be a mad scientist! He does nutty experiments and he has an evil, demented, cackling laugh. Plus he invented a car that runs on potatoes. Mr. Docker is the weirdest science teacher ever! Is he trying to take over the world?

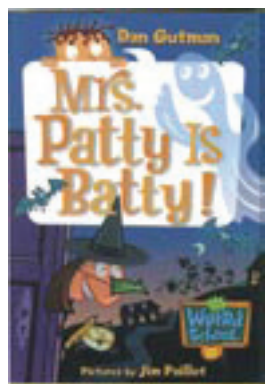
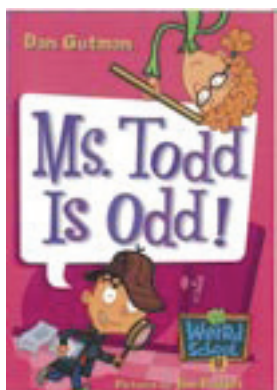


#11: MRS. KORMEL IS NOT NORMAL!

First the school bus gets a flat tire, and then Mrs. Kormel is totally lost in the middle of nowhere. A.J. and his friends may never get to school! Mrs. Kormel is the weirdest bus driver in the history of the world, and she's driving everyone crazy!

#12: MS. TODD IS ODD!

Ms. Todd is subbing, and A.J. and his friends are sure she kidnapped Miss Daisy so she could take over her job. They're going to have to do the detective work to get the goods on her! Ms. Todd is the weirdest substitute teacher in the history of the world!

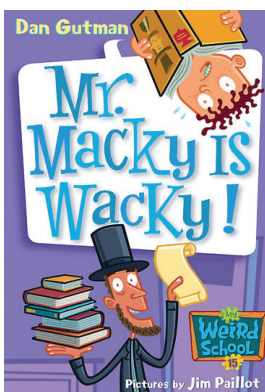
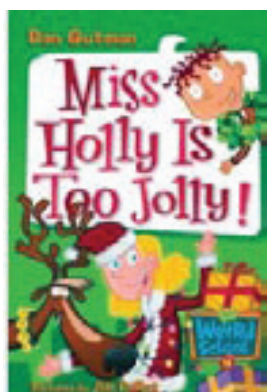


#13: MRS. PATTY IS BATTY!

Mrs. Patty, the secretary, gives out the best Halloween candy! But her house is haunted! People say she's a witch and her husband is a ghost. Is it worth A.J.'s risking his life for the best candy ever?

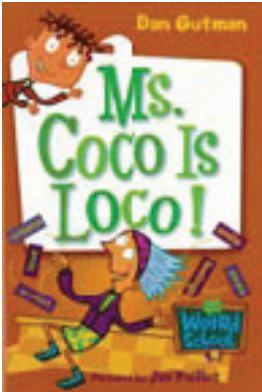
#14: MISS HOLLY IS TOO JOLLY!

Miss Holly, the Spanish teacher, is hanging mistletoe everywhere! That means boys will have to kiss girls. And girls will have to kiss boys. Ugh! Miss Holly is taking the holidays way too far!



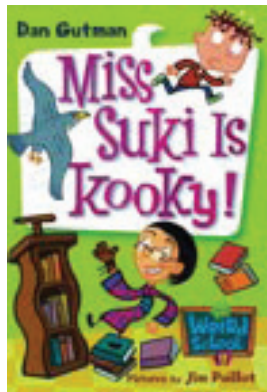
#15: MR. MACKY IS WACKY!

It's Presidents' Day, and Mr. Macky, the reading specialist, actually expects A.J. and his friends to read stuff about the presidents! Not only that, but he lives in a log cabin and thinks he's Abraham Lincoln! Is he for real?



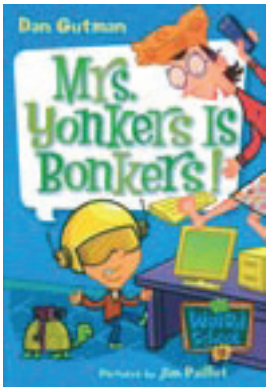
#16: MS. COCO IS LOCO!

It's Poetry Month! And Ms. Coco, who runs the gifted and talented program, is poetry crazy! She thinks boys should have feelings! She talks in rhyme! All the time! Will A.J.'s life ever be normal again?



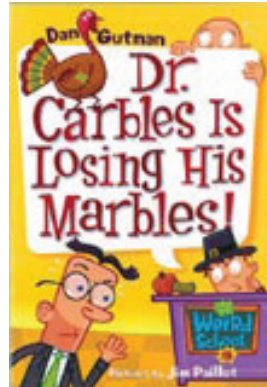
#17: MISS SUKI IS KOOKY!

Miss Suki is a famous children's book author - and she's coming to A.J.'s school! She lives in the rainforest and writes about endangered animals. But when her pet raptor gets loose in the classroom, it's the kids who are going to be endangered! YIKES!



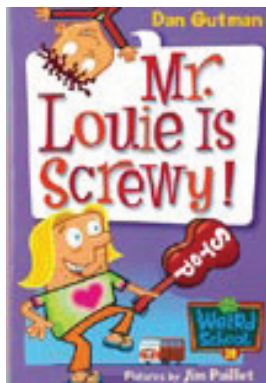
#18: MRS. YONKERS IS BONKERS!

Mrs. Yonkers, the computer teacher, is the nerdiest teacher in the history of the world. She can type with her feet! She buys foam cheese heads off eBay! She even puts a Webcam on a turtle! Is she trying to take over the world?



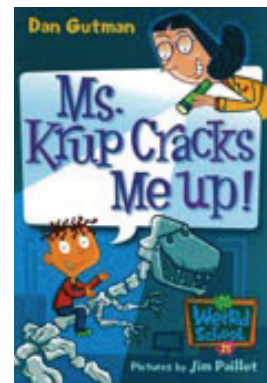
#19 DR. CARBLES IS LOSING HIS MARBLES!

It's Thanksgiving, but the kids at Ella Mentry School aren't feeling very thankful. That's because Dr. Carbles is grumpier than ever, and he wants to fire Mr. Klutz! Will A.J. and his friends be able to save their principal's job?



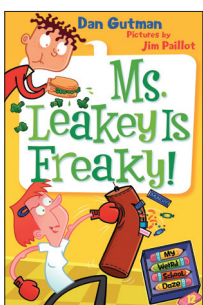
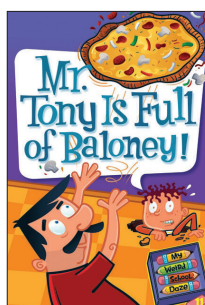
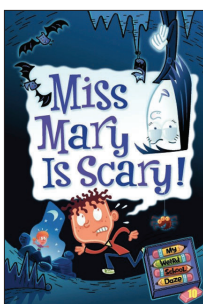
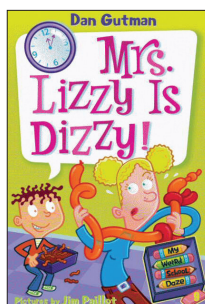
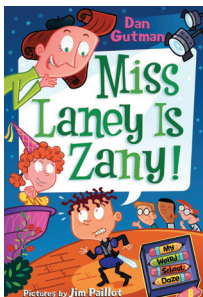
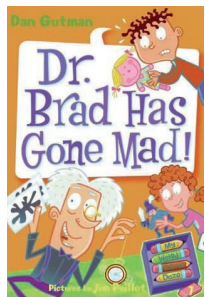
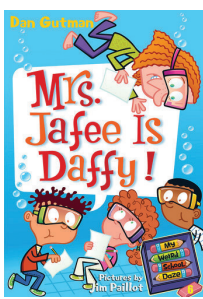
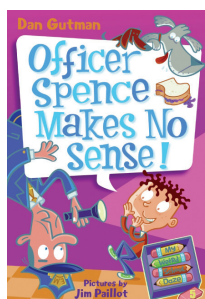
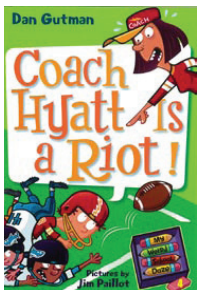
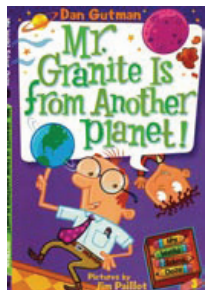
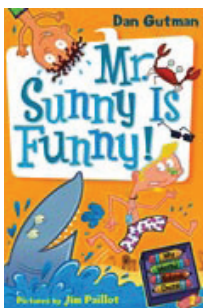
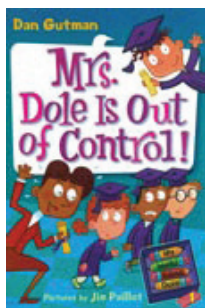
#20 MR. LOUIE IS SCREWY!

It's Valentine's Day! And Mr. Louie, the hippie crossing guard, put a love potion in the water fountain. Now teachers are flirting with each other! Girls are asking boys out on dates! Will A.J. have to kiss Andrea? Not if he can help it. Yuck!



#21 MS. KRUP CRACKS ME UP!

A.J. thinks that nothing can possibly be as boring as a sleepover in the natural history museum. But anything can happen when Ms. Krup is in charge. The tour guide says that dinosaur skeletons come to life in the middle of the night. Is she right?



#1 MRS. DOLE IS OUT OF CONTROL!

Ryan's mom is the new PTA president and she's going to turn 2nd grade graduation into THE EVENT OF THE CENTURY! A petting zoo, a marching band, fireworks and live animals—Mrs. Dole is totally out of control!

#2 MR. SUNNY IS FUNNY!

A.J.'s family rented a beach house for the summer, and you'll never guess in a million hundred years who rented the house next door. Well, you have to read the book to find out. So nah-nah-nah boo-boo on you! Ok, Ok, it's Andrea and her family. And she has a monster crush on Mr. Sunny, the hunky (but weird) lifeguard. Oooh! When are they gonna get married?

#3 MR. GRANITE IS FROM ANOTHER PLANET!

It's the start of a new school year, and A.J.'s third-grade teacher, Mr. Granite, is out of this world! He's a supergenius who talks weird, acts weird, and looks weird. He knows everything! Is he a computer posing as a person, or does he come from another planet?

#4 COACH HYATT IS A RIOT!

It's pee-wee football season, and A.J.'s new coach is crazy. She wants the boys to do push ups in the mud. She wants them to pick up a car. And worst of all, she wants to put girls on the team! You'll never believe what happens in the big game!

#5: OFFICER SPENCE MAKES NO SENSE!

The security guard at Ella Mentry School has gone off the deep end! Somebody is stealing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches from the vomitorium, and Officer Spence is on the case. He's arresting everybody in sight! Somebody is going to go to jail! Who is it?

#6: MRS. JAFFEE IS DAFFY!

The new vice principal of Ella Mentry School has some crazy ideas on how to teach kids. A.J. and the gang have to stand on their heads while they do math! They have to take a spelling test underwater! Everybody has to do yoga! Could it possibly get any weirder?

#7: DR. BRAD HAS GONE MAD!

Dr. Brad, the school counselor, sure has some wacky ideas! He waves shiny watches in your eyes! He shows you messy ink blots! Can he read your mind?

#8: MISS LANEY IS ZANY!

A.J. has to go see Miss Laney, the speech teacher, which makes no sense at all because he already knows how to talk. Miss Laney has him say weird tongue twisters and forces him to star in the third-grade play, ROMEO AND JULIET. Will there be kissing? Ew, disgusting!

#9: MRS. LIZZY IS DIZZY!

Help! With the Recess Enrichment Program, A.J. and the gang have to take classes even during recess! The new teacher, Mrs. Lizzy, teaches how to make balloon animals, how to compost worms and lots of other weird useless skills that nobody would ever want to know in a million hundred years!

#10: MISS MARY IS SCARY!

Something weird is going on! Mr. Granite has been assigned a student teacher, and A.J. and the gang think she might be a vampire. Miss Mary lives in a cave and sleeps hanging upside down from the ceiling. Her boyfriend, Zack, looks like a zombie and plays in a heavy metal band. And worse than all that, they're British! Eeeek!

#11: MR. TONY IS FULL OF BALONEY!

Oh no! A.J.'s mom just got a job, so he has to go to After School Kid's Kare. And Mr. Tony, the guy who runs it, is crazy. He wants to get into the Guinness Book of World Records by making the world's largest pizza! Will A.J. and the gang be able to tunnel out of the child care room and escape to freedom? Run for your lives!

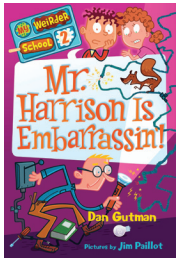
#12: MS. LEAKEY IS FREAKY!

Kids are getting too unhealthy, so Ella Mentry School has hired a health teacher to make the kids eat right and exercise. Ms. Leahey is a real health nut. She makes a punching bag filled with junk food! She makes a robot that smokes and drinks! She opens up a fast food restaurant that sells broccoli burgers!



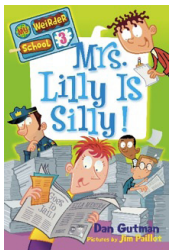
#1 MISS CHILD HAS GONE WILD!

The third grade has won a poetry contest, so they get to go on a field trip to the zoo. That's how they meet Miss Child, the weirdest zookeeper in the history of the world. She thinks animals are smarter than people! She thinks elephants can paint pictures! She keeps snakes in her pockets for fun! Guess who's going to wind up in a cage with a lion?



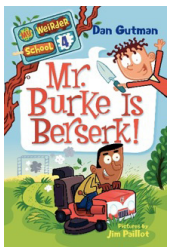
#2 MR. HARRISON IS EMBARRASSIN'!

Mr. Harrison, the tech guy at Ella Mentry School, can fix anything: computers, phones, pencil sharpeners. He can also build anything, like a solar-powered umbrella. What a nerd! But when the power goes out in the school, everyone is yelling and screaming and freaking out in the dark. Will Mr. Harrison be able to save the day?



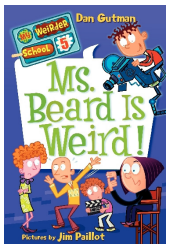
#3 MRS. LILLY IS SILLY!

It's Career Day at Ella Mentry School! Mrs. Lilly is a reporter for the local paper. She's going to come back and help the kids make their own newspaper all about the school. What will happen when A.J. and the gang become investigative reporters? Who's going to get fired? Who's going to end up in jail?



#4 MR. BURKE IS BESERK!

Mr. Burke cuts the grass, trims the bushes, and does the landscaping around Ella Mentry School. He wants to have a corn maze on the baseball diamond and drag races with his riding mower. What's up with the crop circles in the soccer field? And what did he bury under the monkey bars?



#5 MS. BEARD IS WEIRD!

Lights, camera, action! A hot new reality show, "The Real Teachers of Ella Mentry," is filming at school. Everybody wants to look good on TV so they can win the show's grand prize—an all-expenses-paid vacation and a year's supply of pork sausage. The weird director, Ms. Beard, tells the teachers and students to act normal. Yeah, like that's gonna happen!

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