Horrible Harry Goes Cuckoo
It was February and things in Miss Mackle’s third grade room at Southeast School would soon be heating up because it was too cold ... if that makes any sense. Mr. Beausoleil had just gotten out his "Big Blue Bag" of ice melt and that only meant one thing. Doug’s best friend Harry, a guy who loved "anything creepy, slimy, gross, or horrible" summed it up by saying, "It means no outdoor recess again, like last week. I can’t stand being cooped up any longer. I’m going cuckoo!" Mary and Ida were going to be happy because they’d be able to have their Cute Club, but Harry Spooger and Sidney La Fleur, a.k.a. "Sid the Squid," would soon be heating up Room 3B with their quarreling. The class was working on a unit about birds and when Sid told Harry he was going to do his on "A yellow tweeto like you!" he was asking for trouble. Big time. One nose twist later and Mrs.
Doshi reported them to Miss Mackle. As far as Doug could figure out the two of them were going to spend a whole "sixty full minutes, or three thousand six hundred seconds" with the principal, Mr. Cardini, after lunch. Things were going from bad to worse when Harry was scolded by the librarian for fooling around in the library. Harry turned up missing after that "pook" incident and when Doug finally found him he was running around in the gym leaping in the air. Had Horrible Harry really gone cuckoo? What in the world was making him act like that? Horrible Harry is marvelously mischievous when he goes "cuckoo" in Room 3B. Anyone who has ever met Harry will appreciate his funny, finer qualities. Miss Mackle's entire third grade class, a class who is experiencing cabin fever, will delight its readership with their antics and bird unit. The nose twisting and "purple pook catcher" incidents were especially amusing.

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