My Weird School #1: Miss Daisy Is Crazy!
Synopsis

With more than 10 million books sold, the My Weird School series really gets kids reading! For A.J. and the gang at Ella Mentry School, weirdness and fun are all part of the routine. In this first book in the outrageously funny series that has reached millions of readers around the world, second-grade teacher Miss Daisy is in over her head. She doesn't even know how to add or subtract! But the kids have other things on their minds. Principal Klutz has promised that if they read a million pages in books, they can turn the school into a video-game arcade for one whole night! One thing's for sure: "life at Ella Mentry School is never going to be the same again! Perfect for reluctant readers and word-lovers alike, My Weird School has something for everyone. Supports the Common Core State Standards.

Book Information

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Shipping Weight: 2.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)
Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars — See all reviews (124 customer reviews)
Age Range: 6 - 10 years
Grade Level: 1 - 5

Customer Reviews

My younger son (1st grade) really enjoys the My Weird School series by Dan Gutman. He is just starting to learn to read so the MWS series are books that I read to him at bedtime. We own 4-5 of
the books and have checked out several more from our local library. Pros: There are some very silly and funny parts, which encourage children to read more. My son loved Dr. Brad Has Gone Mad because Dr. Brad speaks with an accent. ("I vant you to look at zeez pictures and tell me vut you see.") Or when the teacher says to take out your reading log, AJ says, "I don't have a reading log. Who wants to read a log?" There are some educational parts (for example, the book about Presidents' Day, Mr. Macky is Wacky, "I'm James Madison. I am the 4th president--and the shortest. I'm about five feet four inches tall."). Cons: The language in the book is not appropriate. Every book starts with "My name is A.J. and I hate school." My sons (1st and 4th) like school and I want them to continue to like school for as long as possible. I know they will at some point not like school anymore. I'd rather that they didn’t get the idea too soon that they’re "supposed to" hate school. So I when I read the book, I either just read, "My name is A.J." or if I read the I hate school part, then I'll try to counter that with, "That's too bad! School can be so fun!" Every book also has several instances of name-calling, mostly "dumbhead." I usually don't read the name calling parts. If I accidently do read it or it's part of the plot, then I stop and remind my son that we don't call people names. Several times the main character will say, "Nah-nah-nah boo-boo on her." AJ and another character Andrea are always bickering. "Maybe you'll finally get kicked out of school," said Andrea.

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