My Weird School Daze #1: Mrs. Dole Is Out Of Control!
Synopsis

A.J. and the gang are graduating! But the out-of-control PTA president is turning the whole thing into a huge ceremony complete with fireworks, a petting zoo, and a flyover by the Blue Angels! Is moving up to third grade such a big deal? And what could possibly go wrong?

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years
Grade Level: 1 - 5

Customer Reviews

My daughter enjoys this series. She was 7 when she started reading these books. She finds them very funny. It’s nice to have a series of books that would be appropriate for a girl to read without the mouthiness and inappropriate antics of some other series’ available.

My daughter loves this series of book and even though she can plow through one of them in a day it is still a book that distracts her from TV, computer or video games. That is a plus in todays society. The content is decent for late second graders but I always would advise a parent to skim a book before handing it over to their child to read.

I read it out loud to my kids and we were all hysterical. They didn’t even get some of the funniest
references, but they loved it, and they loved that I was laughing as hard as they were. Very few books I read in the entirety of their childhood made me laugh out loud, but this is exceptional. It is the only book in the series like this, and I have read quite a few.

Reviewed by Christina Wantz Fixemeron 07/15/2008

It's the end of the school year, and Mrs. Daisy's class is going to "graduate" to third grade. A.J. and the class just found out that Ryan's mom, Mrs. Dole, is the new PTA president, and she has big plans for the celebration. Did you know you can Rent-A-Anything, even Blue Angels?! MRS. DOLE IS OUT OF CONTROL is the first installment of the "My Weird School Daze" series, which follows the 21-book "My Weird School" series. The story is told from the point of view of A.J., a rambunctious boy who has a lot in common with Dennis the Menace. The writing is on a young boy's level, but some parents may not appreciate the occasional name calling and A.J.'s attitude. A.J. isn't a great example of how to behave. On the other hand, a lot of A.J.'s perspective is typical of the average elementary-school boy. The best way to get someone interested in reading is to give them a book that speaks to them. Chances are, this book will relate to boys everywhere.

We were visiting our son and family and my granddaughter who is 7 was just beginning to read these books. She read them to me every night before bedtime. She and I, son, laughed until we cried, so I had to order them for my niece who is having a birthday soon.

This book is about A.J. and the gang graduating for third grade. Instead of Mrs. Dole setting up a graduation, she goes way overboard and sets up a petting zoo and blue angels! After Mr. Klutz said "throw your caps in the air!", A.J. accidentally knocked over the eternal flame! After that, Emily caught on fire, the petting zoo animals escaped! "Drop down and roll!" A.J. said. Then, Emily dropped down and rolled and hit the table and the cake fell on Emily! The good news is that the cake put the fire out. The bad news is that the cake fell over. This is some of the silliness that happens in the book. I'm giving this 5 stars because it is really funny and exiting. I am 9 and I think any kid in elementary school should read this book.

I am not sure how we came across these books, but I read the first one to my son when he was just 5. He was hooked right off the bat! Some parents think some of the humor is inappropriate, but I don't feel that way. I actually, used to look forward to reading these to him and the humor is what my son enjoys about them. He is now 9 and they are still his favorite. I like how the characters progress.
through Elementary school, as my son grows, they grow with him. I find it amusing he relates so much to the main character A.J., and classmates to characters in the series. The books are pretty easy reading. He started reading them on his own by the start of 1st grade, but it was the love of these books that encouraged him to make the effort.

Dan Gutman understands young readerâ€™s humor and has created a fantastic book formula to draw in even the most reluctant of readers. The My Weird School series is perfect for students to practice their reading skills with its repetitive yet hysterical narrative and story lines. But donâ€™t mention that part to your kiddos, they might run away in fear they could learn something. A must have collection for any grade school library or classroom!

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