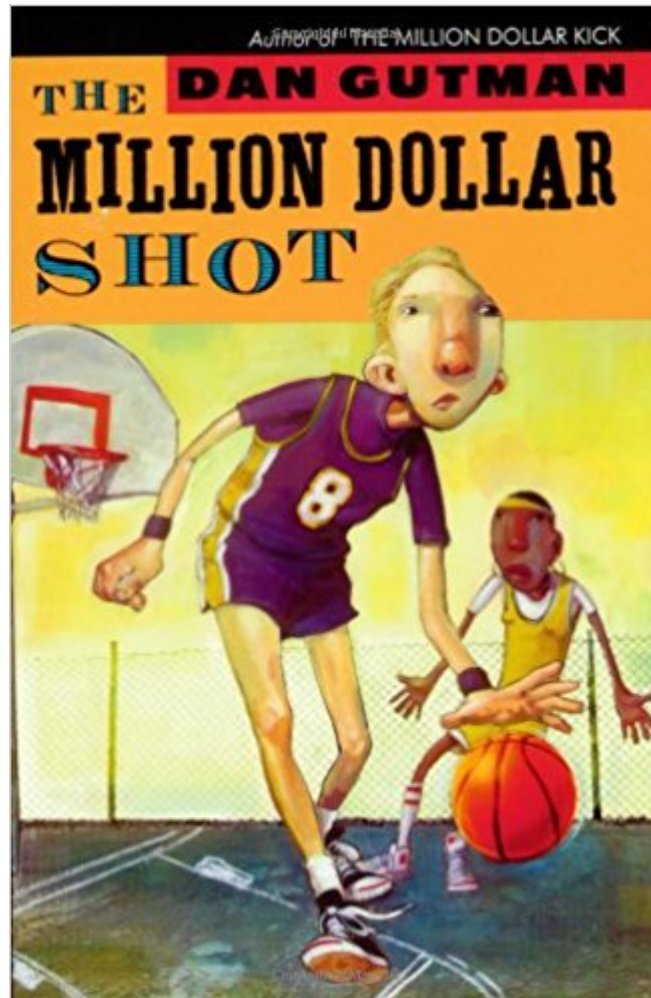




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The Million Dollar Shot (new Cover) (Million Dollar Series)



Synopsis

Eddie Ball has the chance of a lifetime: to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot during halftime at the NBA finals, no less. But someone really wants Eddie to shoot an air ball on the big day, and will do anything to sabotage the million dollar shot...

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Gr 3-6-Eleven year-old Eddie Ball has a problem. He and his mother have dreamed of moving from the trailer park where they live, but now she has lost her job with Finkle Foods. Eddie and his friend, Annie, learn of a poetry contest sponsored by Finkle Foods. The winner of the contest gets an opportunity to sink a foul shot during halftime at the NBA finals and win one million dollars. Eddie is a good basketball player, and with coaching from Annie's father, he becomes even better. Mr. Finkle tries to get Eddie to throw his chance at winning the money because Finkle Foods is in financial trouble. Another complication arises when it appears someone is trying to sabotage Eddie's practice sessions. Eddie's friendship with Annie, the mystery of the sabotage, and the growing relationship between Eddie's mother and Annie's father create several interesting storylines. Narration by Johnny Heller is clear, and he does an excellent job portraying Eddie and the other characters. His

reading enhances the humor and excitement of the story. The suspense and sports action will especially hook reluctant readers. A good choice for school and public libraries. Ginny Harrell, William M. McGarrah Elementary School, Morrow, GA Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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It was one of the lists for my daughter's "Battle of Books" competition for high elementary school graders.

LOVE THIS BOOK!! Read it in one day. It is for a book club that I am helping sponsor. I will be ordering the other Million Dollar books.

SPOILER Just read this book as leader of my son's 2nd grade book club. The kid enters the contest by submitting his friend's poem as his own, yet this is never addressed morally in the book. This is fraud, and should have disqualified his entry into the contest, whether the friend gave him permission or not. It definitely came across to me that everyone, aside from the main character, the poem writer and their families, assumed the main character had written the poem. To quote the book, page 20, "All you had to do to enter the contest was send in ten Finkle box tops and an original poem about Finkles. The kid with the best poem would be chosen to shoot the million dollar shot." I know the book does not mention the specific rules for the contest, other than it's not open to employees of the company or their family members, but most of us know that, in a real life contest such as this, it is implied, if not outright stated, that the contest applicant is required to be the writer of the poem. Technically, you could say this book doesn't mention that so we can't assume it, but I still have a problem with how it is portrayed in the story. To me, the friend is the one who should have submitted that poem and taken the basketball shot. This is not something I want my son being taught as "OK," and it is the main point of the whole book that I will always remember--which is sad.

Hi I am a 10 year old boy who loves sports. I gave this 5 stars because it has a lot of detail and a

great story hope you read it. I've not been able to put it down. It only took me about 3 1/2 hours because I couldn't put it down and I don't usually read a lot.

I liked it per the star rating

I started this new thing with my 8 year old because he doesn't like to read. I buy us both the same book & we read a chapter then talk about our favorite part & what we think is going to happen next. This book had us both ready to keep reading more! Great story line & it kept my son interested. I hope the other series are just as good!!

My 4th Grader liked it.

Great book! Fast shipping! Thank you!

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