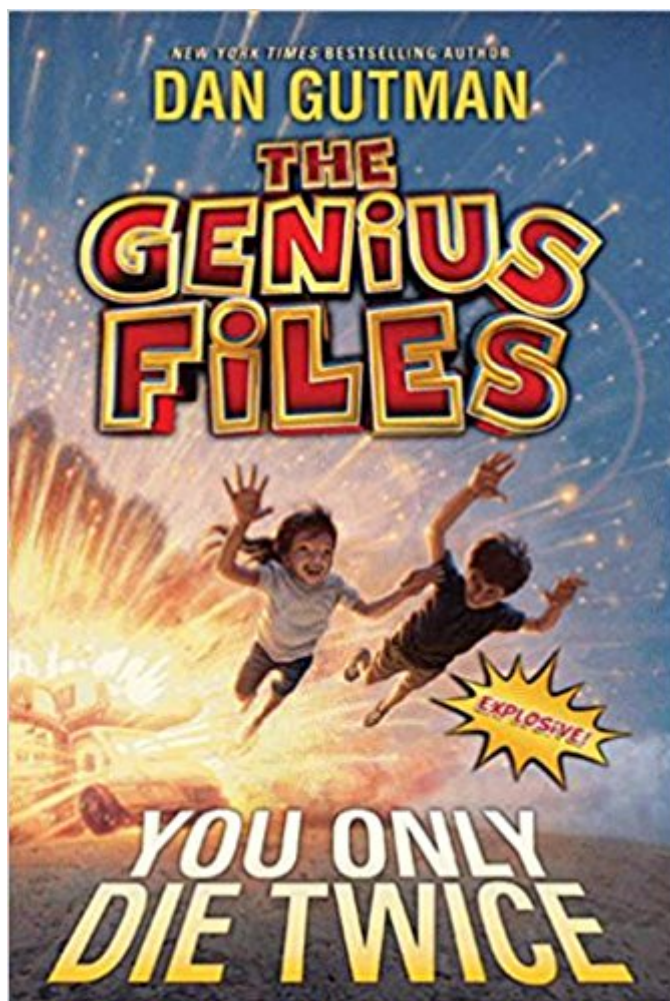


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The Genius Files #3: You Only Die Twice



Synopsis

The most dangerous road trip in history continues in the wacky third book of Dan Gutman's New York Times bestselling The Genius Files series, following twins Coke and Pepsi McDonald as they dodge nefarious villains all the way to Graceland. With the real-kid humor that has earned him millions of readers around the world, and featuring all new weird-but-true locations around America, this third book in the New York Times bestselling Genius Files series is one wild ride! The genius twins Coke and Pepsi have narrowly escaped a vat of a Spam, a pit of boiling fry oil, and a score of crazed adults all bent on killing them. But just when they thought they were safe, their arch nemesis Dr. Herman Warsaw reappeared, engaged to their Aunt Judy! Whoa! "didn't he die already?!" Now, as the twins continue their family road trip from Washington D.C. through the South, it will take every bit of their genius abilities to outwit their wacky enemies. It doesn't help that their parents remain totally oblivious! When they finally get to Graceland, Elvis's home in Memphis, Tennessee, Coke and Pepsi come to an explosive conclusion you'll have to read to believe!

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Intrepid twins Coke and Pep(s)i McDonald are back in the third installment of Gutman's popular

Genius Files series, chased around the country by comical villains as they decipher clues, wield weapons, and experience the curiosities of American geography. Our omniscient narrator, with tongue in cheek, continually breaks the fourth wall to address readers directly, catching us up on the twins' previous adventures and unfurling the new ones. And although the backstory is a bit confused, the silly, improbable, episodic thrills are the main attraction, and they don't disappoint. This time out, the McDonald family RV is driving through the mid-Atlantic and Southeast, stopping at every peculiar landmark (from the world's largest frying pan to the respective birthplaces of the twins' eponymous soda-pop names) to learn a history lesson and rescue one another from sudden death. A final face-off at Graceland with the Evil Elvis, who has been tracking them (or has he?), ends with a bang and a cliff-hanger promise for the next installment. Each chapter includes Google Maps coordinates for readers to follow along. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: This third title in the New York Times best-selling series kicks off with a five-city tour for Gutman as well as a national media campaign, YouTube channel with video content, and more. Grades 5-8. --Thom Barthelmess --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Coke and Pepsi McDonald didn't plan to be fugitives. They didn't plan to be trapped in a pool of flesh-eating soda pop. And they certainly didn't plan to be pulverized in a giant shredder or crushed in a turbo-charged carnival ride. But what choice do you have when an evil Elvis impersonator is chasing you across America? This cross-country road trip is about to take an explosive turn! Want to join in the fun? Fire up the old Google Maps and follow the McDonald twins as they get chased from the World's Largest Frying Pan all the way to Graceland, Elvis Presley's home in Memphis, Tennessee. Lucky for the twins: You Only die twice! . . .

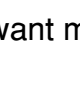
I read these books aloud with my ten- and seven-year old kids. They love the adventure and the different sites visited. The tone is fun and humorous, with quick pacing. While part of the plot is dependent upon the parents making themselves absent (splitting up with the kids at various locations), they're not bad parents and obviously care about their kids, which is a nice change from some books for kids this age.

I'm surprised sometimes that this is not as well known as Diary of a Wimpy Kid or Stick Dog, but kudos to Mr. Gutman. He writes some of the best stories, and my kids devoured this series. The last book in the series, my kiddo said was the best wrap up he's ever read... Highly recommend this series!

Probably the best book I ever read in my whole life! It was so detailed, and the theme of the story, the smartest kids in the world, fighting for their lives while on a drive around America from San Francisco to Washington D.C. Overall the best book ever and I recommend it to everyone!

Again, this book was a wonderful birthday gift

Good book

It was really scary when Miss Higgins talked about the "your head starts to feel like 90 pounds and your arms will fall off and your blood will all go to your head and your legs won't move for ever and..." More and more. Now I want my dad to buy the "Genius Files #4" The Yoo-hoo Bineboo Family

These books are written for younger children, but as an adult reader I have enjoyed them. They are quirky, funny, and beyond logic. However, the writer does a wonderful job making them believable for young and old alike. In a time when authors of yesteryear have seem to all but disappear along comes this writer to help encourage children to WANT to read again.

Great book

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