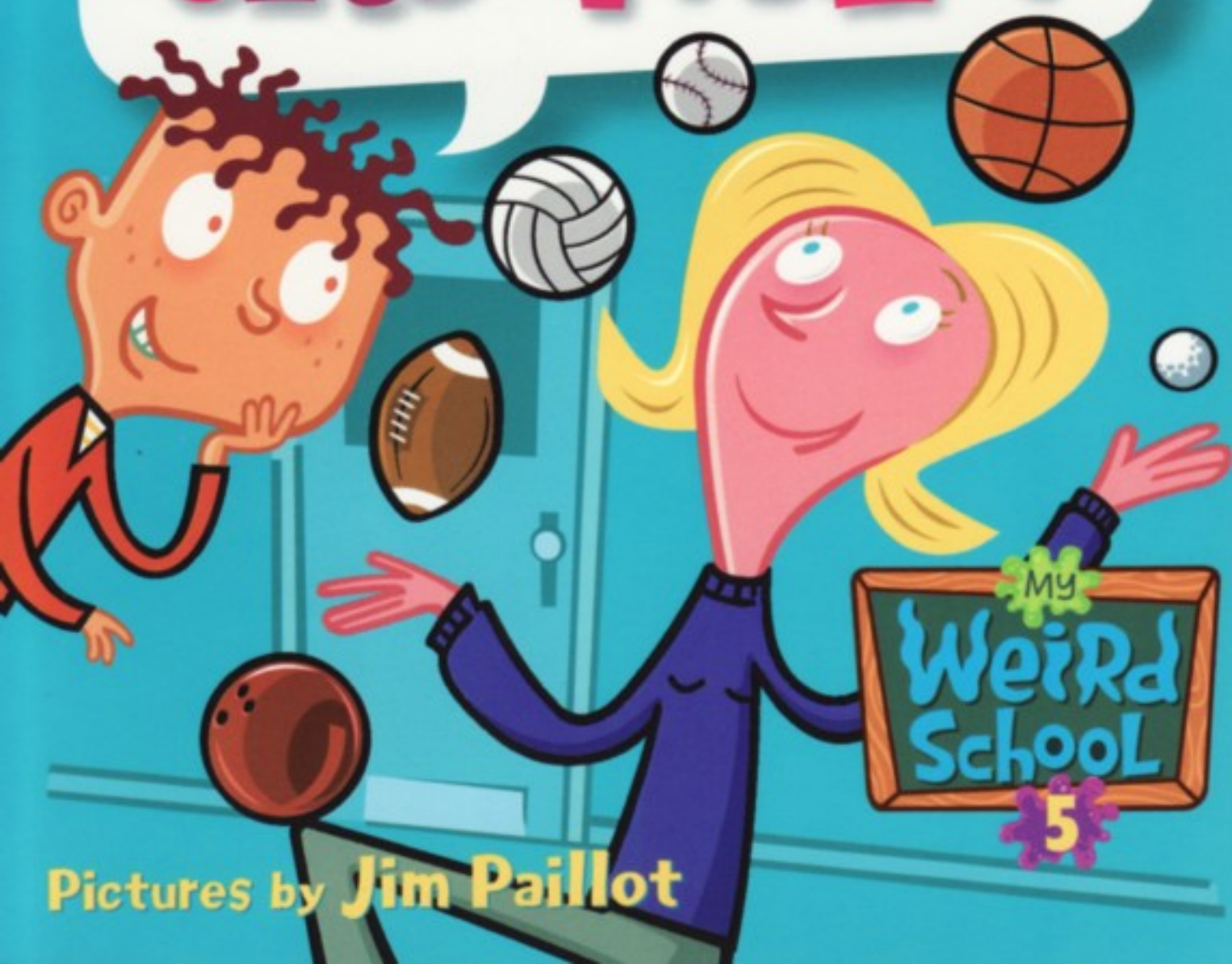


Dan Gutman

# Miss Small Is off the Wall!



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# **Fizz Ed Is the Coolest**

My name is A.J. and I hate school.

Well, I hate that reading and writing  
and arithmetic part of school, anyway.  
That stuff is for the birds!

There's only one thing about school  
that I like.

Fizz Ed.

Fizz Ed! I *love* Fizz Ed! Fizz Ed is the coolest! Fizz Ed isn't even like school at *all*. Fizz Ed is what you would be doing if you didn't have to *go* to school. If you ask me, school would be cool if we could just have Fizz Ed all day long and forget about all that boring reading and writing and arithmetic stuff.

Well, actually, to be honest, I've never had Fizz Ed. At my school, the Ella Mentry School, we didn't have Fizz Ed last year when we were in first grade. But my friend Billy around the corner goes to a different school. Billy's in third grade, and he told me that at his school they play dodgeball and basketball and



football in Fizz Ed. They get to do anything they want.

Man, I wish I could go to Billy's school instead of boring old Ella Mentry School. I've been waiting forever until I got to second grade, when we would have Fizz Ed.

"Okay, everybody, it's time to line up," my teacher, Miss Daisy, announced one morning after we pledged the allegiance.

"Line up for what?" we all asked.

"Fizz Ed!" Miss Daisy said. "We're going to meet Miss Small in the gym."

"Yippee!"



Something weird is going on!

Miss Small, the gym teacher, is teaching A.J., Andrea, and the gang to juggle scarves, balance feathers, and do the Chicken Dance! Is this any way to stay in shape? Whatever happened to dodgeball?

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