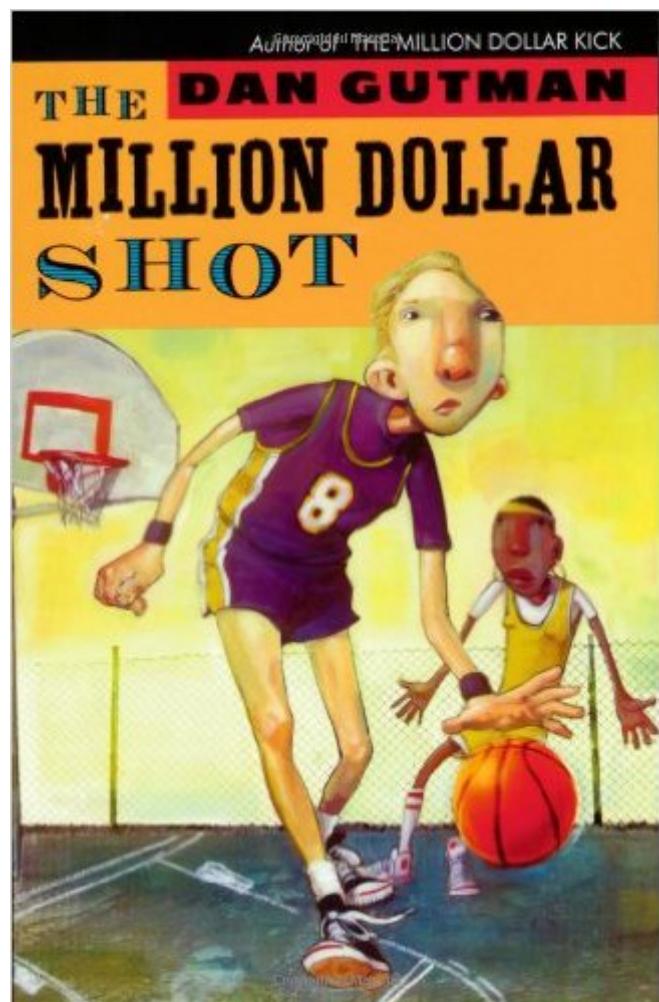


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# The Million Dollar Shot (new Cover) (Million Dollar Series)



## **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**

The Million Dollar Shot The Million Dollar Shot is just one of many great sports books by Dan Gutman. Once you pick it up, you will not want to stop. Eddie's mom hates her job, and she does not like her boss at all. He laid her off her job, and she thinks she should get it back. But meanwhile Eddie and Annie are trying to get into this NBA free throw contest in New York City. Annie loves to write poems, and Eddie loves to play basketball. Eddie enters this contest to try to help his mom by getting her job back so that means winning the million dollars, but getting in he has to write a poem and Annie helps him do that. Annie loves to write poems and Eddie loves to play basketball. Eddie and Annie live in the same trailer park so they get to know one another. Annie is a nice friend to send in her own poem. They both like each other really well. They both are really nice to each other. This is just one of great realistic fiction. The conflict in the book is between Eddie's mom and her

boss/Job, and also between Eddie and winning the million dollars and get his mom's Job back. This book is 5th grade and up reading level. Does Eddie Sink the shot that could win him millions? Find out by reading *The Million Dollar Shot*.

Eddie Ball has always been good at basketball, but he could never seem to be able to do well under pressure. Eddie is an only child, who is 11 years old, and lives with his mom in a trailer park. His dad died two years ago. One day after school Eddie goes to shoot some hoops when he sees a girl who just moved into the neighborhood. Her name is Annie, and she is pretty good at basketball. After a few weeks they become best friends. Eddie's mom gets fired from her job and now they're out of money. Then Eddie finds out that he just won a poetry contest and now has a chance to make a million dollars. All he has to do is make one free throw.....during half time of the NBA finals in front of a whole stadium of people, and many people watching it on TV across the country. Eddie practices shooting free throws with Annie every day, but when it comes down to the big shot, can Eddie make it under the pressure? This book was very good and interesting. It wasn't that exciting but it was never boring. Sometimes the book repeats itself, but you almost always want to read more.

*The Million Dollar Shot* is an excellent book that's very exciting. There was a lot of suspense and every chapter left 'the ball hanging in mid air.' I give this book and its author five stars!!

One of the books I read this summer was "*The Million Dollar Shot*" by Dan Gutman. I chose this book because it sounded really interesting and because I like basketball. "*The Million Dollar Shot*" is a fictitious story about an eleven-year boy, Eddie Ball, trying to get a chance to win a million dollars by shooting a foul shot at the NBA finals. To get a chance to win the million dollars, Eddie has to send in ten Finkle box tops and an original poem about Finkle Foods. The kid with the best poem about Finkle Foods would get a chance to earn a million dollars. Unfortunately for Eddie, his mom works for Finkle Foods so Eddie can not participate. The story tells us how Eddie overcomes this obstacle to get a chance to win the top prize money. The main characters in this story are Eddie Ball, Annie Stokely and Mr Stokely, who happens to be Eddie's basketball coach. Eddie Ball is eleven and he really enjoys playing basketball. Eddie lives in a trailer with his mom as his father passed away when he was young. He loves to practice basketball a few trailers down the road. Annie Stokely is also eleven and is Eddie Ball's best friend. Annie Stokely also lives in a trailer with her dad as her mom died from a gunshot. Annie is very good at basketball too. She and Eddie love

to play 'HORSE' together. Because of Eddie's friendship with Annie, Eddie's two guy friends, Ty and Johnny, do not want to be friends with him anymore. Eddie's coach, Mr Stokely, loves playing basketball. He nearly made it to pro basketball. Mr Stokely is a very helpful guy. He coaches Eddie day and night to help him win the million-dollar prize. My favorite character in the book is Eddie because he likes basketball, and so do I. I admire him because he has perseverance and he keeps trying hard to get what he wants. My favorite scene in this book is when Eddie is going to take the basketball shot with his eyes closed. I like that scene because it is very exciting. It makes me feel like I'm in the audience when Eddie is shooting. I won't spoil the fun by telling you what happens next. I like "The Million Dollar Shot" because it is very funny and exciting. I feel that the book is very good so I would recommend it to my friends. I would rate this book an 8/10.

My 8 year old son read this book and loved it. He then asked me to read it out loud to him and his 5 year old sister, and they both loved it. I enjoyed it, too. The story is interesting and the characters are realistic. Dan Gutman does a great job of building the suspense to the climactic moment when the 11 year old narrator takes the million dollar shot during halftime of the NBA finals. (My son was amazed that Mr. Gutman was able to write two whole chapters -- albeit short ones -- focusing on the period of time while the ball was in the air. And we eagerly devoured them. I took the opportunity to point out that this was GOOD WRITING). Along the way Mr. Gutman throws in a few lessons about friendship, loyalty, and the value of hard work. These lessons are easy to take, because the story flows so smoothly. All three of us recommend this book.

"The Million Dollar Shot," about a boy who can win \$1,000,000 for sinking one free throw, offers somewhat greater complexity than many books in which a contest is central. For one thing, there's a real, live, gross but pathetic villain; not everyone is nice. Questions of corruption and bribery arise, as do those of the death of a parent, retribution, and race relations (this last in a rather casual but good manner). The boy's training for his free throw is a great example of discipline, and the dismissal of rap as an art form will please many parents. Without drowning anyone in Dostoevskian depths, the book still offers its young readers a pretty fair amount of stuff to chew on, and will stretch their brains without their even noticing.

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