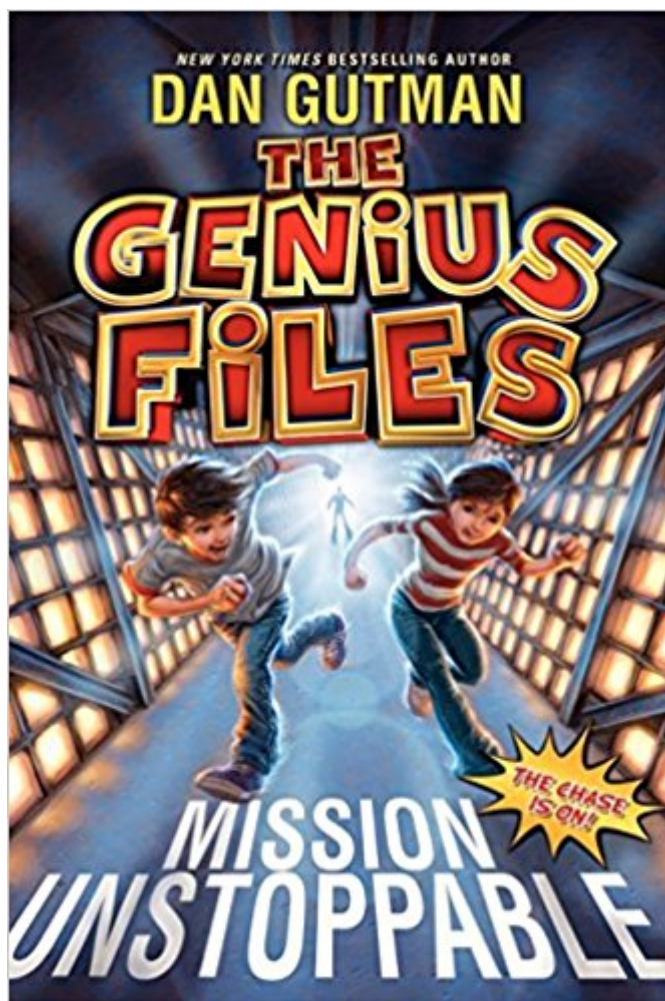


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# The Genius Files: Mission Unstoppable



## Synopsis

The most exciting road trip in history begins! In this action-packed, New York Times bestselling adventure, twelve-year-old twins Coke and Pepsi McDonald embark on a family vacation you'll have to read to believe. With the real-kid humor that has earned Dan Gutman millions of fans around the world, and featuring weird-but-true American tourist destinations, *The Genius Files* is a one-of-a-kind mix of geography and fun. As Coke and Pepsi dodge nefarious villains from the Pez museum in California all the way to the Infinity Room in Wisconsin, black-and-white photographs and maps put young readers right into the action. And don't miss the next leg of the journey in *The Genius Files: Never Say Genius!*

## Book Information

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Series: *Genius Files* (Book 1)

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Thrill seekers and Gutman fans alike will welcome the opening installment of the *Genius Files* series, which follows twin 12-year-olds Coke and Pepsi McDonald on their cross-county vacation. The precocious brother and sister uncover a secret government plot to use "YAGs," or Young American Geniuses, to solve the complex problems of the nation, and find that they are on the list. Suddenly, their 3,000-mile road trip becomes a lot more exciting. The McDonalds

trek across the U.S. includes stops at the Donner Party Memorial, a museum of PEZ memorabilia, and the world's largest ball of twine, all while being pursued by dangerous "dudes with bowler hats." Although the interjection of factual information from their college-professor father is a bit forced at times, Gutman's novel offers a quirky look at Americana that will engage curious minds. Frequent sidebars direct readers to Google Maps to track the twins' journey, and occasional photos of the attractions add appeal. Those looking for a fun and suspenseful read similar to those from Pseudonymous Bosch will not be disappointed. Grades 5-8.

--Erin Anderson

"There is no shortage of humor or action . . . Gutman continues to do what he does best: entertain readers." --Publishers Weekly

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My daughter loved these books in 4th-6th grade. She has read them and listened to them numerous times and they will rank as one of her all time faves.

I read this after an editor who had read a draft of a book of mine recommended Dan Gutman and this series as something to read. Well, it did help me with my own work, but I gotta tell you, it's damn good anyway. For one thing, I've been most of the places the kids visit in this book (and in book 2, for that matter) and really enjoyed them. This book is a mystery, adventure, action-packed, uh,

travel guide. No kidding. Ever been to Cedar Point? These guys have! Good humor for everyone, and some villains who are, shall we say, not the brightest bulbs on the string, yes? "The places in this book are real. You can visit them. You should visit them." And buy the book to read along the way.

Received on time and as expected.

I have three daughters ages 11, 10, and 9. We took turns reading chapters aloud from this Kindle e-book. It was a lot of fun! And while I can understand some reviewer's concerns with issues of the kids trusting strangers, etc., those are great times to have conversations with your kids about those issues. What we loved about this book was how the author wove in so many fun facts about America, and all the quirky places to visit! So many funny moments! When Coke finally "did the dump" was the best!! The situations the kids found themselves in were definitely dangerous, but it was great to see them learn to work together, and survive. I highly recommend this book series as a read-aloud, or for an older child (9-12) to read themselves. We're looking forward to reading the next installment!

This book was an action packed thrill! It was filled humor throughout Coke and Pepsi's entire journey. Never for a minute did I want to put this book down. I really liked that it wasn't a big long novel that drags on for who knows how long. I don't have anything bad to say about it, and I recommend it to anyone who enjoys reading humorous action stories. I can't wait to read the second genius files book!!!!!!!!!! :)

The book Genius Files: Mission UNstoppable ( I really like the tilde XD) the kids were crazy,nuts,awsome and most of all #COKE AND PEPSI MCDONALD'S. XD

good read

This is an incredible book that I have enjoyed reading numerous times. From the first page I was hooked, I couldn't put it down.

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