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The author of The Million Dollar Goal turns his attention to another sport--bowling--in this story about two boys who rally to save their town's decrepit bowling alley.

### **The Million Dollar Strike Details**

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### Francis says

I think that a huge part of my enjoyment of this book is that I am a bowler too (although I love the Canadian 5-pin version WAY better)! Some of the book related specifically to people who bowl, which I thought was fun.

The overall novel is about as far fetched as can be, but that added to the enjoyment. It kept me turning pages, which is the purpose of a book, is it not?

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### Zach Jaccarino says

i thought this book was pretty good even though it was made for younger kids. Because it has a pretty good story of how two kids didn't give up on something that they loved. I can relate this book to my life because there have been things that I love that I have not wanted to lose or give up on. I would recommend this book for kids ages ten to fourteen because it is more of a kiddybook. This book uses a lot of similes and metaphors because the boys are always comparing Mr. Zamboni to a mass murderer and a serial killer and all kinds of outrageous things. Also Squishy always compares the horror movies that he watches to the situations the boys are in. The deeper meaning is saying not to give up on something you love. Because if you keep fighting for it than you might be able to keep the thing you love.

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### Jacob H says

It was a very good book and very much you all should read it cause it was very dank and will make you cool if you read it

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### Derick says

It's really really interesting and it is really creepy when I read about Ouchie and his friend went into the dark building. The things came out from Ouchie's friend (I can't remember the name) is very humorous. The description of Mr. Z is exactly what I think a psycho look and act like.

If we all believe in fate, no one will try to strive for goal that is in his/her mind. Is that a possible way to live? I don't think so.

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### Max Yeshnowski says

Way to unbelievable

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### **Alwyns8 lim says**

This book is nice as it shows bowling to people, I learned from this book that a story has its beginning its middle and end. What happened was that two boys, Ryan Ouchie miller and Squishy Mcfeeters loved bowling. Ouchie is a "tweener and Squishy is a horror movie fanatic, the two boys met Mr. Zamboni who is a complete psycho to Squishy and is rich. but one day the town council want to close the bowling alley. Will they be able to save the alley?

this book is hilarious and recommended to fans of bowling

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### **Jane says**

This is a creepy mystery involving some very scary situations (an attempted bombing that might have killed hundreds, the attempted destruction of a building by fire, a massive earthquake, a murder, a sick clown). With our contemporary fear of terrorism, some of these situations strike me as too adult and anxiety-producing for elementary school kids. Nonetheless, my nine year old son rates the book four stars.

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### **Arno says**

the million dollar strike is a book that i will recommend to anybody. this book has comedy mystery and a little scary. the book is about how a boy finds this abandoned bowling place. and he tries to reopen it and he does. so they have a bowling challenge which is the first to make a strike wins million dollars. that is all i am going to tell you because then i am going to spoil it. there are some stuff in the book that in the beginning is weird but at the end you will get it. that is why i like this book.

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### **Kim says**

How two 13-year-old kids ever managed to pull off redecorating, refurnishing, and relaunching a decrepit old bowling alley is beyond me.

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### **Susan says**

Funny story about two boys, Ouchie and Squishy, who love to bowl. They meet the very odd owner of the bowling alley and then learn that the city intends to tear it down. So they decide to try to save it. In the meantime, the pinhead clown is trying to destroy the bowling alley and kill many people. It's a cute little children's book, but kind of strange and scary. Probably for 3rd to 5th graders.

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### **Omar says**

There is these 2 boys named Squishy and Ouchie that are ready to bowl. They love bowling at a place called Bowl-a-rama. They get out of school and go straight to the bowling place. They get there but there is a sign that says its closed. But Bowl-a-rama is always open at 3:00? Well im going in there and see whats going on. "No, Squishy dont!" He opened the door and nothing happened.

What I thought of this book was it was the best book I ever read in my life. I gave the book 5 stars because I like books that have action in them and that involve sports. Bowling is not my sport but I still love reading and playing it. I like how the author made the funny names and the flow of the story. I had never read a fabulous book in my life. Glad my friend recommended it!

I recommend this book to kids that love action and sports. Kids around 10 to 13 years old will love this book especially the other books written by the author which is Dan Gutman.

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### **SavagePugPlayz says**

Gud I guess. Kinda confused

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### **Chazzi says**

The Parkfield City Council had decided that Bowl-a-Rama is to be torn down. The owner, Gazebo Zamboni, hasn't done much to keep it up and it has become an eyesore. But in the eyes of Ouchie and Squishy it is the best place to be. They are two boys who love bowling, even if it isn't the coolest sport around.

To save Bowl-a-Rama, the boys come up with a plan to renovate it and make it the must up-to-date place to be. When Gazebo Zamboni reveals that money is no object and the boys can have free rein they go crazy and make their plans come true.

There is a little glitch in that Gazebo Zamboni is a bit crazy and believes that the world will come to an end New Years Eve. He was told by the ghost that haunts the place.

It is a wild ride as the boys renovate the place. Throw into that the mysterious Pinhead the Clown who seems to be planning his own end of the world scenario, Squishy's overactive imagination that life is really a horror movie, and some of the other characters and it is quite a lively book.

It may be a book for kids, but adults can enjoy it too!

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### **Matt says**

Ouchie and Squishy, the main characters in the Million Dollar Strike, work to save their favorite bowling

alley, the Bowl-a-Rama. Owned by the wealthy Gazebo Zamboni, the Bowl-a-Rama has been condemned by the city council. Zamboni is bald and to shine his head he puts it in the ball shiner. Ouchie and Squishy become friends with Zamboni, despite his weirdness, and work with him to save the bowling all from destruction, even though it soon becomes clear that someone doesn't want that to happen. Zamboni even sponsors a million dollar strike contest. Who will bowl for the million dollars? Will the alley be closed down for ever? Or will Ouchie and Squishy help save Bowl-a-Rama? You'll have to read the book to find out.

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### **Jonna VanWienen says**

I really wasn't sure about this one at first. Although it was fun and filled with My Weird School lingo it was on the creepy side- psychos, ghosts, etc. Then about half way in it started to get really good. Squish and Ouchie try to save the bowling alley and expose the evil Pinhead. It had a very clever ending. Dan Gutman's bowling puns and comments about English teachers and literature make me smile.

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