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To the cool kids of Washington,

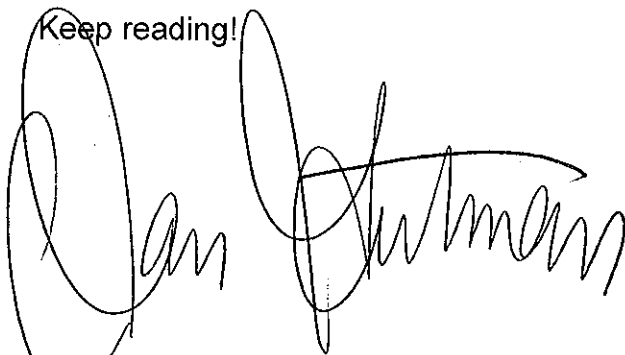
Wow! I can't believe that you actually chose my book *The Homework Machine* as the winner of the Sasquatch Reading Award! I am blown away! Thank you so much. I haven't won a lot of awards, so this means a lot to me.

Kids often ask me what inspires me to write my books. I know it's corny and all, but honestly, it's kids like YOU. You see, when I was a kid, I didn't like to read very much. I found it boring and hard to do. That's why I try to write books that are easy to read and entertaining. I hope all kids like my books, but I particularly try to reach the kids who don't like reading.

I'm so glad you enjoyed *The Homework Machine*. Now you have to read *The Return of The Homework Machine!* I've written lots of other books too, many about sports and some about other subjects. I hope you'll check them out. After all, it's kids like you who inspire them.

If you would like to learn about my other books, stop by my web site (www.dangutman.com) and visit sometime. Until then...

Keep reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Gutman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large loops and a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Dan Gutman