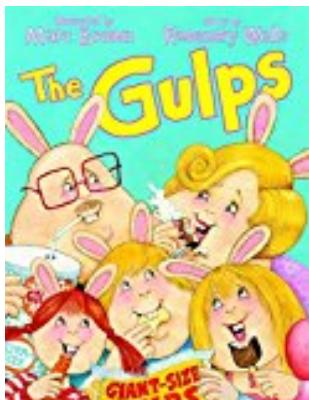


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Description:

From School Library Journal PreSchool-Grade 2—A paean to healthful eating and physical fitness. Sadly, too many youngsters resemble the overweight Gulps, who are undeniably human, despite Brown's signature bunny ears. The family is headed for a theme park in their RV filled with televisions and junk food. When the vehicle breaks down, the youngest child recognizes that it is overloaded. The only trim person in the family, Dawn enjoys vegetables and is in heaven when a neighborly man, Farmer Spratt, invites them into his home. However, the others are miserable; their bodies prevent them from doing even the simplest tasks. While these couch potatoes welcome an outing to a county fair with deep-fried treats, the reality of their physical condition hits home. A dance platform and a wagon collapse under their weight, and the waterslide must close after they

get stuck. Redemption for the Gulps comes in the form of exercise and sensible eating with vacation plans switched to a hike up "Mount Dauntless." Brown's busily patterned cartoons in confectionery colors with cotton-candy clouds humorously depict the rotund characters in this tongue-in-cheek tale. For group sharing where obvious parallels could prove hurtful to an overweight child, consider Bernard Waber's equally humorous and more subtle *Fast Food! Gulp! Gulp!* (Houghton, 2001).—Gloria Koster, West School, New Canaan, CT

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From The Gulp family's Dizzyworld vacation takes a detour when their overburdened RV stops and won't budge. The supersized junk-food junkies--Papa, Mama, Brother, and Sister--are baffled, though slim little sister Dawn, who prefers salads to shakes, declares, "This family's too fat to roll!" Only Dawn appreciates the salad supper offered by kindly Farmer Spratt, but after getting stuck on the county-fair waterslide and experiencing a few similar difficulties, the Gulps realize that they have to get fit to get rolling again. The characters are rabbits humorously outfitted like humans, and the scenes are stuffed with playful details to catch the eye. Wells' message, though couched in silliness and humor, is still obvious; the story may even make some kids feel self-conscious. But in the end, there's no teasing going on; the focus is squarely on the limitations overweight people may experience and the benefits of nutritional eating and activity. A cautionary yet supportive book that highlights an important issue. *Shelle Rosenfeld*

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