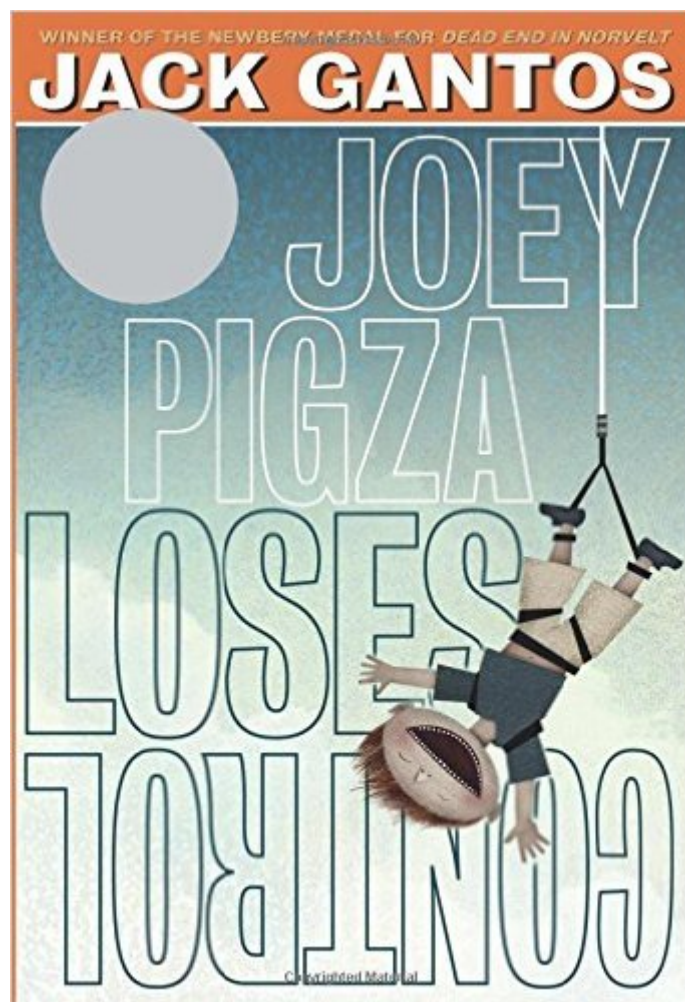


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# Joey Pigza Loses Control



## Synopsis

The sequel to Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key, a National Book Award Finalist When Joey Pigza meets his dad for the first time in years, he meets a grown-up version of his old out-of-control self. Carter Pigza is as wired as Joey used to be -- before his stint in special ed, and before he got his new meds. Joey's mom reluctantly agrees that he can stay with his dad for a summer visit, which sends Joey racing with sky-high hopes that he and Carter can finally get to know each other. But as the weeks whirl by, Carter has bigger plans in mind. He decides that just as he has pulled himself up by his own bootstraps, Joey can do the same and become as normal as any kid, without the help of a doctor's prescription. Carter believes Joey can do it and Joey wants to believe him more than anything in the world. Here is the continuation of Jack Gantos' acclaimed Joey Pigza story, affirming not only that Joey Pigza is a true original but that it runs in the family. This title has Common Core connections. Joey Pigza Loses Control is a 2000 New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Book of the Year and a 2001 Newbery Honor Book.

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## Customer Reviews

I love Joey Pigza! Joey is such an erratic, yet heartwarming, character that really has you on his side for the entire book. As Joey says himself, he's always had a certain way about him that gets people on his side. As a teacher of both general education and special education students, I have at least one student with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, just like Joey, every year. Never

before have I felt so in touch with those students or empathize with their symptoms than I did while reading about Joey. Joey states plainly that he doesn't have many friends because most of the kids tease him. Joey also talks about his experiences in school and how about half the class wants him to get better and behave, and the other half eggs him on, so that he'll stop the teacher's lesson. This was a revelation for me. I had never made the connection that other students would encourage disruptive behaviors in class for less than pure motives and then turn around and ridicule these behaviors outside of school for being "weird". But it certainly fits the characteristics of the typical social interactions with such students. Joey's mom is such a patient and loving mother who just can't take Joey's antics and trouble that he gets into. Being a single mom, doesn't make matters better and when Joey is going to spend the summer with his loony dad and grandmother, things just get worse. Joey's dad is a HUGE disappointment throughout the book as he is given this momentous "second chance" with the son he left behind to begin a new life. He yells at Joey while he's playing baseball, he drinks in excess, and is very irresponsible with the role of parenting Joey. He cared more about Joey brushing his teeth than other essential needs for his son.

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