

Triple Chocolate Brownie Genius by
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My name is Michael and I am in grade 8. Here is the kind of guy I am. Teachers tell my parents I am lazy, unmotivated, never get involved in school activities, and refuse to fulfill my potential. The kids at school think I am fun, a great guy, and a friend to everyone. My friend Hilary (Hil for short) thinks that's just why I would make the BEST school president. I don't want to be president because it sounds like a lot of work for a back-row guy like me. Hilary is the one who would make a good president! She's the one with the good grades. She is the one who the teacher's know will fulfill her potential. But she finally convinces me with her secret weapon. Student Council meetings. They take place during school hours and I would get to miss algebra, my most hated class. So maybe I should put my popularity to work. Hil my campaign manager gets to work. Here are her ideas.

1. My campaign – Nothing. No speeches, no issues, no debates, no campaigns for votes.
2. My platform? Here is what Hil decides.

Read page 9 – “Don't you think I should have a platform?” To page 10 “have a good time.”

My slogan – “Have some fun and get a C!” “Vote Michael Wise for President.”

I won by a landslide. My parents could not believe it. I had never ever been involved with anything at school. I think things would have worked out perfectly fine, but then I went and ate a whole batch of my mom's famous Triple Chocolate Brownie Delight and suddenly I became smart. Not just ordinary smart, but super smart. I could not control my brain. I turned into a smart aleck know it all and managed to get all the kids super mad at me. Hil and I finally figured out that I had swallowed one of my dad's experimental computer chips. I just had to get rid of it before the brainiac label I know had ruins my life. Hil and another unmotivated guy like I used to be named Sludge come up with all these bizarre plans to get the chip out of my body. Some of them are very scary. Meanwhile instead of doing the play I had chosen before my brain turned smart titled “Cyborg Robots Fight Till the Gruesome Death, we were now doing Romeo and Juliet. My brain's fault of course. I have to play Romeo and kiss a girl in my class. How embarrassing is that. Now that I am smart people just expect too much from me. My parents are even starting to make big big plans for me and my big brain. I finally find a way to get rid of the chip, but at the exact worst moment of my life. You won't believe what happens.

This book will make you laugh out loud. To find out what happens to Michael read Triple Chocolate Brownie Genius by Deborah Sherman.