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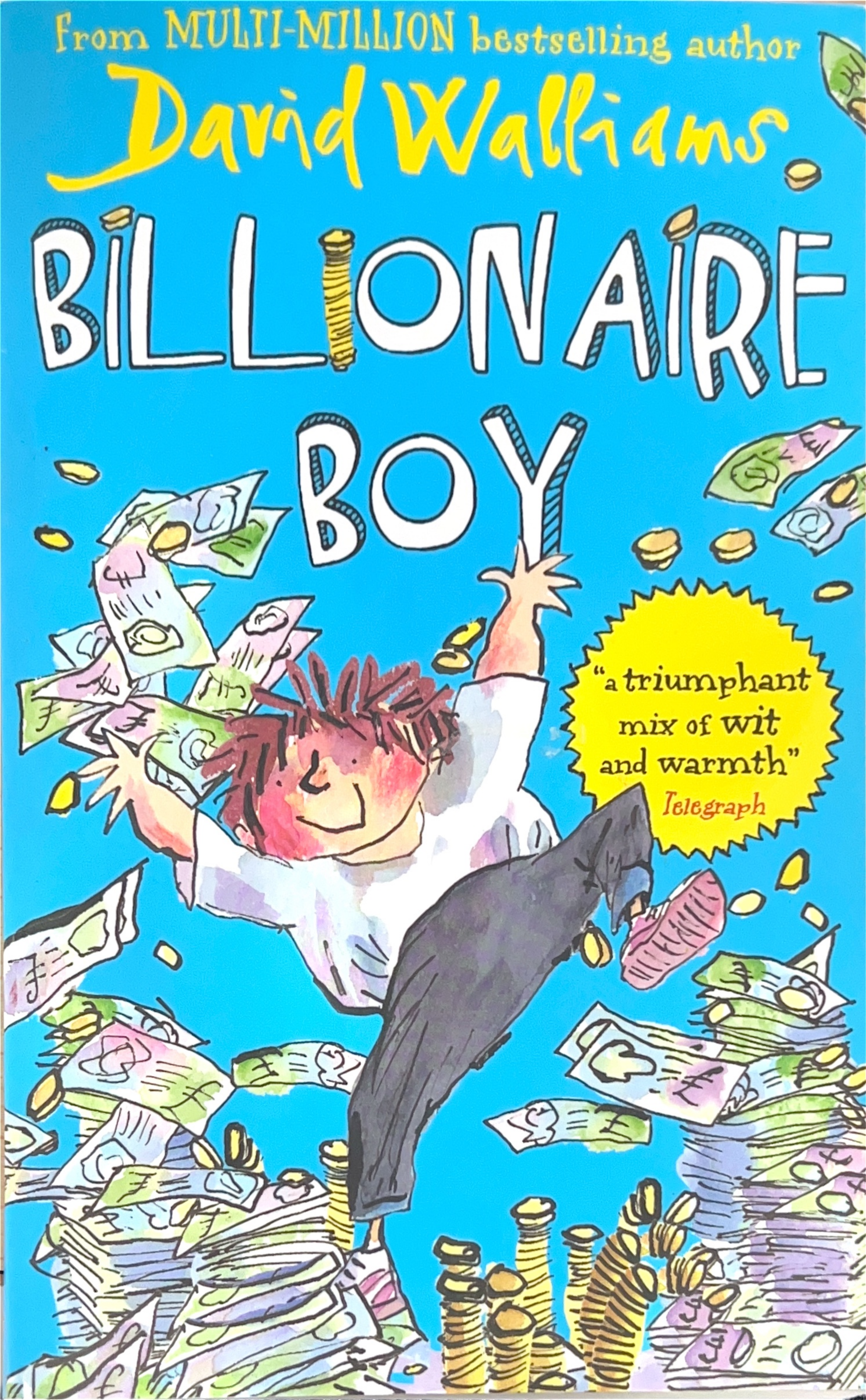
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New Girl

The half-term holidays came and went, and when Joe returned to school on the Monday morning he found he wasn't the centre of attention any more. There was a new girl at school, and because she was soooooo pretty everyone was talking about her. When Joe walked into his classroom there she was, like a giant unexpected present.

"So what's the first lesson today?" she asked as they walked across the playground.

"Sorry?" spluttered Joe.

"I said, 'what's the first lesson today?'"

the new girl repeated.

"I know, it's just... you're really talking to me?" Joe couldn't believe it.

"Yes, I am talking to you," she laughed. "I'm Lauren."

"I know." Joe wasn't sure if the fact that he had remembered her name made him sound suave or like a stalker.

"What's your name?" she asked.

Joe smiled. At last there was someone at the school who knew nothing about him.

"My name is Joe," he said to Lauren.

"Joe what?" asked Lauren.

Joe didn't want her to know that he was the Bumfresh billionaire. "Erm, Joe Potato."

"Joe Potato?" she asked, more than a little surprised.

"Yes..." stammered Joe. In the moment he had been too overwhelmed by her beauty to be