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**New from the creator of Captain Underpants, it's Dog Man, the #1 New York Times bestselling, crime-biting canine who is part dog, part man, and ALL HERO!**

George and Harold have created a new hero who digs into deception, claws after crooks, and rolls over robbers. When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history, and Dog Man is born. With the head of a dog and the body of a human, **this heroic hound has a real nose for justice. But can he resist the call of the wild to answer the call of duty?**

## Dog Man Details

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## From Reader Review Dog Man for online ebook

### Tisha says

I am not a fan of intentional misspelling and bad grammar.

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### Jason says

I really appreciate how Pilkey pushes boundaries of good taste here, but in a way that's going to thrill kids and probably annoy adults. The whole premise for Dog Man is a little macabre--a dog gets his head sewed onto a cop's body--but because the whole thing is couched in such silliness, you're not inclined to put that much thought into it. My favorite moment was when two cops high five each other while one of them is holding a pile of crap, and it splatters everywhere. Soooo gross, but if you're a 5 to 11 year old, sooooo awesome!

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### Stacy Fetters says

Received a copy at BEA Chicago!!!

George and Harold are back, a little older and re-releasing Dog Man!

Officer Knight and Greg the dog get into trouble for breaking in the Chiefs new green couch. Now its warm and covered in dog hair. The Chief freaks out and kicks them to the curb.

Petey the cat is up to something sneaky to take down those two nosy cops. Something goes amiss and those two are rushed to the hospital. Gregs body is going and Knights head is going. A nurse comes up with an inventive idea and they create... dun dun dun!! Dog Man!!!

Dog Man is here to save the day (I guess like Mighty Mouse) (Oh! right, Im old)

Petey tries and tries to ruin this cops day and it just falls flat. Dog man is quite the little genius... even if he loves hot dogs and sniffing butts.

Any fans of Captain Underpants will fall in like with Dog Man. Contains the same wacky humor and all the glorious misspellings.

If this doesn't make kids fall in love with reading then I don't know what to tell you except..... toot toot (thats a dog farting)

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### Aliza Werner says

Supa good! Many laugh out loud moments and clever ideas. Kids will gobble this up.

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### Nicola Mansfield says

This newest book by Dav Pilkey is a full-colour graphic novel. While wondering about the loose threads left at the end of the last Captain Underpants book George and Harold start searching their house and come upon hundreds of comics they wrote in first and second grade featuring Dog Man. They edit them, making the

pictures better and correcting the spelling mistakes (though not all grammar ones) and present to us here three adventures of Dog Man a superhero cop. It's a lot of fun and just what one expects from Dav Pilkey. The target age group is younger than the Captain Underpants crowd but even I enjoyed it. Looking forward to the next instalment which the last page says is coming Jan. 2017.

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### **Brittany says**

I didn't enjoy this quite as much as Captain Underpants...and that's a sentence I never thought I'd have to write. I can definitely see the kid-appeal in these books and appreciate the subtle adult humor and pro-reading inclusions.

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### **Barb (Boxermommyreads) says**

So I've always been curious about this children's book and figured when better to check it out than during the Dog Days of Summer readathon. I knew nothing about Dog Man himself and was slightly shocked to find that he was created when a sneaky cat blew up a cop and his dog. The cop's body survived and the dog's head survived so they created Dog Man. And honestly, I don't know what the force would do without him because he is clearly the smartest one in town.

Vol. 1 contains 4 tales of Dog Man fighting crime and while the art was very simplistic, it was also very appropriate for the subject and the targeted audience so I can see why so many children like it. I grabbed this one from OverDrive and since I have access to the rest, I'm sure I'll grab them at some point in the future as well.

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### **Christina (Confessions of a Book Addict) says**

I read this comic/graphic novel aloud to my son who thought it was hilarious. Some things were over his head, but for the most part, he was really into the story and was sad to see it end. I thought it was annoying in the same sense that Captain Underpants is, but I get I am not the target audience. This series will be another hit, especially with reluctant readers.

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### **Theresa Grissom says**

Oh my gosh, this book is HYSTERICAL!! I haven't laughed this hard in a good while. As an elementary librarian, I can see this book being highly popular with 2nd-5th grade. And a sequel in January 2017? Yeah!! This one's a winner Dav Pilkey!

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### **Margie says**

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes, human and non-human. They can be ordinary individuals placed in extraordinary circumstances, the victors in an unexpected challenge. Some heroes have remarkable skills or

characteristics unknown to others until a situation demands their use. Heroes can be a part of everyday life or come from the pages of fiction.

For a moment let's agree on two things. Dogs' lives are simply too short. Not all humans use their brain power to its fullest capacity. In the wonderful, wacky realm of "What-If" from the marvelous mind of a beloved author and illustrator a new hero is born. Dog Man (Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, August 30, 2016) written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey is a hilarious collection of four adventures penned by those creative comedians George Beard and Harold Hutchins

My full recommendation: <http://librariansquest.blogspot.com/2...>

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### **Scott Robins says**

The first graphic novel under the Graphix imprint for Dav Pilkey will not disappoint kid readers. In fact, it maintains a lot of the charm and humour from his Capt Underpants series but feels totally new and original. Continues to push boundaries in regards to crass, scatological and off-colour humour - I laughed out loud in many parts, which means your kids will be rolling on the floor reading this.

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### **Erica says**

this book was hilarious. god bless this book. omg. hi. hello. it's me. this book is funny.

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### **Josiah says**

Fourth-graders George Beard and Harold Hutchins sure know how to tickle the funnybone, don't they? Whether they're creating adventures for Super Diaper Baby, Captain Underpants, or Dog Man, theirs is a sublime mix of intentional and unintentional comedy, superintended by that great funnyman of children's literature, author and illustrator Dav Pilkey. Based on George and Harold's earliest sketches, Dog Man is a unique hero dedicated to stopping evildoers, and chapter one of this book is his origin story. Officer Knight and Greg the Dog, members of the police department, aren't particularly liked by the chief. Officer Knight has the physical strength and toughness to be a star cop, but lacks intelligence; Greg is sharp-witted enough to challenge savvy lawbreakers, but isn't physically suited for police work. When Petey the Cat figures on eliminating them both at once with a bomb, he doesn't realize he's actually creating his own greatest rival on the police force. Officer Knight and Greg barely survive the blast, but the only way doctors can keep them alive is to surgically combine Officer Knight's body and Greg's head. The resulting "Dog Man" has the brains and physique to capture Petey, and the cat doesn't wait long to test his half-canine pursuer with a gigantic vacuum cleaner programmed to hunt Dog Man down and do away with him. But Dog Man turns the tables, destroying the vacuum and hauling Petey off to jail. The competition between criminal and crime stopper has begun.

Chief is just as annoyed by Dog Man as when Officer Knight and Greg were separate. He yells when Dog Man jumps on him to lick his face in greeting, or makes a mess in Chief's office. There's a plot afoot for the mayor to replace Chief with an evil robot, but Dog Man gets wind of the underhanded deal and investigates. Meanwhile, Petey escapes from jail, secretly aided by the mayor. The dastardly cat is back on the streets

committing crimes, and the mayor has her excuse to fire Chief and install her robot in his position. Dog Man is sad, but determines to stop the bad'uns and get Chief his job back. Petey and the mayor are soon locked in a struggle to be crime lord of the city, and Dog Man uses them to defeat each other. With Petey behind bars and the mayor disgraced, all that's left is for a new police chief to be selected...and I think you know where a loyal friend and public servant like Dog Man will turn to find the right man for the job.

Contemplating his failure in a jail cell, Petey realizes he's been challenging Dog Man the wrong way. Getting away with crime requires an ineffective police force, so Petey decides to drain their intelligence by removing every book in the world. The plot works: Petey is back on the loose and everyone but him is so intellectually deficient that he can commit felonies and they don't even notice. It's exactly what Petey wanted, but over time he grows irritated with the universal lack of rudimentary intelligence. No one else can do anything right, and it sorely tries Petey's patience. Luckily, Dog Man stumbles upon Petey's hidden stash of literature. After reading a few smart tomes, he regains his wits, then disperses reading material to everyone else, restoring the world's critical balance of knowledge. Petey heads back to the stony lonesome, and Dog Man has again triumphed over evil.

Petey used Invisible Spray in his first jailbreak, and he goes a similar route to start our final adventure. After receiving a can of Living Spray in a package sent to his cell, Petey sprays a hot dog to life, and orders the meaty meal to fetch the guard's keys. Once he's on the outside, Petey blows a dog whistle to summon every canine in the city—including Dog Man—then traps them in a cage with spikes slowly descending from the ceiling. With Dog Man neutralized, who will protect the public from Petey's maniacal mischief? But the hot dog Petey brought to life didn't just go rot. It used the Living Spray on other hot dogs, and they're all furious at the lack of respect shown them by the city's people. They're not cute, they're an army in revolution mode! Maybe an enforcer with imposing size is what the talking hot dogs need to be taken seriously, and with the Living Spray in hand, they can bring any inanimate object to life. Can Dog Man leverage the wrath of the hot dogs to thwart Petey one last time?

The main area of excellence in *Dog Man* is humor, and that's difficult to convey in a review. Every chapter has laugh-out-loud moments, nuggets of comedy gold that ensure readers of any age will enjoy themselves. My favorites are in chapter one, the origin story, but the humor is spot-on throughout *Dog Man*. There's some light sentimentality, too. Chief is constantly down on Dog Man, aggravated by his best cop's canine quirks, but when there's serious trouble and Chief needs a friend, Dog Man never fails him. The glimmers of appreciation for Dog Man shown by the chief warm the heart because they're rare, and because Dog Man earns them with his personal loyalty and indefatigable defense of justice. *Dog Man* is a book with humor and heart, and I appreciate its subtle messages about freedom of expression, the value of learning, and dogged perseverance (\*rimshot\*). I'd consider giving it two and a half stars, and if there's an especially reluctant young reader in your life, this might be the book that can get them interested.

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### **Michelle Kelley says**

I am a huge fan of Captain Underpants and loved the days I would read them aloud to my son, Tra-La-LA!-ing and fliporama-ing and laughing along the way. So I was super excited for Dog Man, another Pilkey Underpants companion book. While I thought the level of potty humor in the Underpants books I read were just right - enough to appeal to boys but not enough to be completely tasteless, I thought Dog Man just took it too far. I sat through enough pee and poop references without flinching until page 129 where one officer holds up a pile of poop in his hand and then another officer instinctively high-fives the hand full of poop creating a huge poop explosion and shower. Really? Totally unnecessary. And I was just kind of done. But I still sat through the remaining poop and pee jokes along the way wrapped up in a less than stellar storyline and which lacked the level of fun and charm of Pilkey's Captain Underpants. Sorry, I'm going against the

grain here and just saying I'm not a fan of this one.

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**Michele Knott says**

This book is supa good!

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