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Dog Man: Mothering Heights: From the Creator of Captain Underpants (Dog Man #10)

Summary

Dog Man and Petey face their biggest challenges yet in the tenth Dog Man book from worldwide bestselling author and illustrator Dav Pilkey.

Dog Man is down on his luck, Petey confronts his not so purr-fect past, and Grampa is up to no good. The world is spinning out of control as new villains spill into town. Everything seems dark and full of despair. But hope is not lost. Can the incredible power of love save the day?

Dav Pilkey's wildly popular Dog Man series appeals to readers of all ages and explores universally positive themes, including love, empathy, kindness, persistence, and the importance of doing good.

Contributor Bio

When Dav Pilkey was a kid, he was diagnosed with ADHD and dyslexia. Dav was so disruptive in class that his teachers made him sit out in the hallway every day. Luckily, Dav loved to draw and make up stories. He spent his time in the hallway creating his own original comic books -- the very first adventures of Dog Man and Captain Underpants.

In college, Dav met a teacher who encouraged him to illustrate and write. He won a national competition in 1986 and the prize was the publication of his first book, *World War Won*. He made many other books before being awarded the 1998 California Young Reader Medal for *Dog Breath*, which was published in 1994, and in 1997 he won the Caldecott Honor for *The Paperboy*.

The Adventures of Super Diaper Baby, published in 2002, was the first complete graphic novel spin-off from the Captain Underpants series and appeared at #6 on the *USA Today* bestseller list for all books, both adult and children's, and was also a *New York Times* bestseller. It was followed by *The Adventures of Ook and Gluk: Kung Fu Cavemen from the Future* and *Super Diaper Baby 2: The Invasion of the Potty Snatchers*, both *USA Today* bestsellers. The unconventional style of these graphic novels is intended to encourage uninhibited creativity in kids.

His stories are semi-autobiographical and explore universal themes that celebrate friendship, tolerance, and the triumph of the good-hearted. Dav loves to kayak in the Pacific Northwest with his wife.

Quotes

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