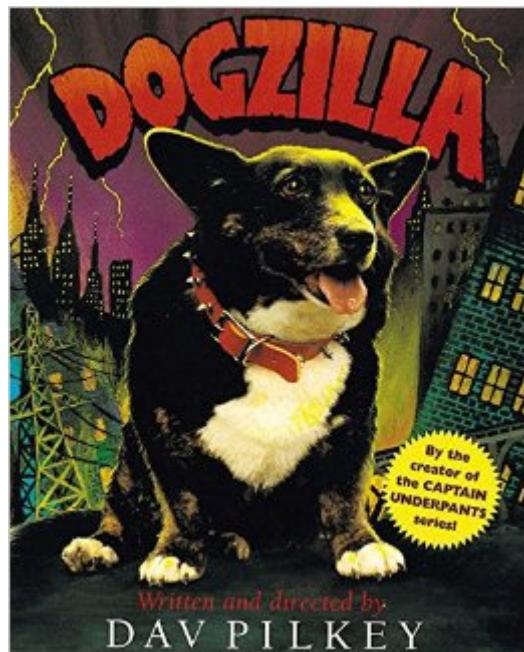


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Dogzilla (digest)



Synopsis

It's time for Mousopolis's First Annual Barbecue Cook-Off. But just when the fun is about to begin, the irresistible aroma of barbecue sauce awakens the most frightening creature known to mousekind: the dreaded Dogzilla. As her horrible doggy breath fills the streets, the residents of Mousopolis must run for their lives. Can they get rid of that big stinky dog before it's too late?

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

I couldn't help but laugh out loud when I saw this book in the "staff recommendation" section of my local bookstore. I pulled it off the shelf and read through the whole thing. People passed by me wondering why I was chuckling, then I showed them the pictures and they laughed with me. Who would have thought that little doggie antics would wreak havoc on the poor clever innocent little mice. And all he wanted was the barbecue he was sniffing. I loved the ending too. Because of the one thing the mice didn't count on after they'd driven the devastating doggie away....get this book to find out! You'll laugh as much as I did!

I first saw a copy of Dogzilla at a dog show in San Diego. It features a Cardigan Welsh Corgi on the cover. Show visitors snapped up the books in a hurry. I bought a copy and have been a Dav Pilkey fan ever since. Children LOVE this book as well as adults. Pilkey's idea of placing cut-out photos of

real animal "actors" imposed on colorful, cartoonish paintings of Mousopolis really make the book appealing to little ones. His jokes are "wink-winks" above kid's heads aimed at the adult readers. Dogzilla is funny and spellbinding for little ones who want to read it again and again. If you love smart and imaginative picture books, this one is a "must have" for your collection.

Both Dogzilla and Kat Kong are extremely child-friendly and funny books. Every child I have ever given this book to has immediately asked to have it read to him or her. I myself stood in the aisle of the store and laughed out loud the first time I came across these books. The puns are everywhere, both visual and verbal, and the brave mice and adorable photos of dogzilla are hard to resist.

This is one of the cutest juvenile books I have seen. The illustrations are hilarious. The prose is clever and melodramatic. I was laughing out loud when I read it. Highly recommended. It deserves a sequel.

This book will get read again and again, but you won't get tired of reading it. The pictures are funny and the text is readable by my 7 year old, with a little practice. It's fun for all. Even his older sisters want to read it to him.

Dogzilla is the perfect gift for dog lovers, horror movie buffs and anybody with a wacky sense of humor. The last couple of pages always makes me smile.

My 7-year-old son listed Dav Pilkey's two books - Dogzilla and Kat Kong - on his wish list for the school book fair. I was prepared to be underwhelmed - a cute idea, but not earth-shaking, if you will. I was pleasantly surprised with the quality - the original idea was cute, basing his stories on the old monster movies, and he's carried that theme through with several amusing movie tie-ins, including "credits" and "ratings" - as well as "in" jokes from the movies and groaningly bad puns. These little extras help keep the adult reader's interest. The art is lavish and fun as well. I amused myself with trying to figure out how he created the images, and he discloses that he collages stuff with graphics software, but uses acrylic paints and photos of his live pets as well. It's one of those good ideas that you'll kick yourself for not doing (if you're a writer/graphic artist like me) - but it's so well done, I'm happy to have a copy. The energy in the art, as well as the paint and palette remind me a bit of Eric Carle (Very Hungry Caterpillar). But the humor is more subtle, snarky, aimed for the school-aged child. There's no violence or bathroom humor, but Dogzilla managed to amuse even

our jaded 12-year-old neighbor without resorting to those tactics. Both kids are quick to dismiss a story that's been "sanitized for their protection" - and there was no hint of that, despite the fact that no mice get eaten. There's great material here for a hammy read-aloud performance - squeaky voices, especially, since the main characters are mice. Lots of self-consciously bad dialog that's really fun to read. Pilkey knows it's a silly idea, and has the maximum amount of fun with it - this equates to fun for the reader and the kids you're reading to. You'll want them both - Kat Kong and Dogzilla.

My 7 year old loves dogs, puppies, etc. While he has brought home many a library book with stories (fictional) about dogs, this book is by far his absolute favorite. (I am now buying it for him for the holidays.) What's neat is that I don't get sick of reading it to him either. It is extremely clever and funny and even has a bit of a surprise ending. The pictures are great. This is going to be a classic (at least in our house).

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