# Books like Dog Man for 6 to 10 year olds

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Ten comic series like Dog Man for 6 to 10 year olds, sorted by what your child loved about it: the jokes, the animals, the heroes, or drawing comics of their own.

The books most like Dog Man are other funny comic series with short speech bubbles and a joke on most pages: Cat Kid Comic Club, The Bad Guys, Bunny vs Monkey, Lunch Lady, CatStronauts and Captain Underpants are the closest, and all of them suit roughly 6 to 10. Which one fits your child depends on what they loved about Dog Man, so below they are sorted that way, each with whose age it is.

"Books like Dog Man" is one of the most-typed questions about children's books, and the answers out there tend to be a wall of covers. A child doesn't love Dog Man for its cover. They love it for one or two particular things, and it is quicker to match the thing than the book.

## What makes a book "like Dog Man"

Four things, roughly in the order children mention them:

1. It is funny on every page. Not a funny book with some jokes in it; a joke book with a story running through.
2. The pictures do most of the work. Big panels, short bubbles. Our note for the series says "Short speech bubbles in big comic panels, with a joke on most pages."
3. Animals behave like people. A dog-headed cop, a cat who starts as the villain, a tiny kitten.
4. There are more of them. Fifteen numbered books, so finishing one is never the end.

A book that has three of the four will usually land.

## If they loved the jokes

- Bunny vs Monkey by Jamie Smart: a polite, easily scared rabbit and a loud, chaotic monkey in a forest of odd animals. Twelve books as of 30 October 2026, a joke on almost every page. The US publisher's pages label books 3 and 4 ages 8 to 12, but the humour reaches younger.
- Lunch Lady by Jarrett J. Krosoczka: a school lunch lady secretly fights silly villains with gadgets made from the cafeteria. Ten books, finished in 2014. Penguin Random House labels it 7 to 10.
- Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey: the series Dog Man came out of, twelve novels with cartoons and comic pages. About 6 to 10 is our own estimate.

## If they loved the animals

- The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey: a wolf, a shark, a snake and a piranha try hard to be heroes. Twenty books. About 6 to 10, our estimate.
- CatStronauts by Drew Brockington: a team of cats flies space missions. Eight books; the publisher labels them 6 to 10 or 6 to 9.
- Narwhal and Jelly by Ben Clanton: a narwhal and a jellyfish, short chapters in comic panels, for the younger end of the range. We don't have its checklist yet.

## If they loved the heroes

- InvestiGators by John Patrick Green: two alligator detectives and a lot of puns. Often named in the same breath as Dog Man; it is on our list of series to add, so there is no Peabody page for it yet.
- Babymouse by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm: a mouse who daydreams she is a queen or a hero, then has to deal with her locker. Twenty books, finished. Penguin Random House labels it 7 to 10.

## If they want to make their own comics

- Cat Kid Comic Club by Dav Pilkey: the spin-off from the same world, in which baby frogs learn to make comics and each frog's comic is drawn differently. Scholastic labels every book 7 and up. It is the one most children reach for first.

## For the youngest Dog Man fans

Pizza and Taco by Stephen Shaskan: two best friends, short chapters, a line or two of speech per bubble. The publisher says 5 to 8.

## A note on the ages

Every age above is said with whose it is: the publisher's label where a publisher's page gave one, or "our estimate" where none would open. A publisher's age is a guess about who will enjoy a book, not a reading level, and we don't print reading-level scores. For the same picks sorted by age rather than by taste, see Books Like Dog Man, by Age, and the Top 10 series to read after Dog Man.

## Questions grown-ups ask

## Is there anything exactly like Dog Man?

Cat Kid Comic Club is the closest: the same author, the same world, and Li'l Petey from Dog Man runs the club. After that, The Bad Guys has the same speed and silliness.

## What's like Dog Man for an older child, 9 or 10?

Bunny vs Monkey keeps the jokes and is labelled 8 to 12. A child who wants a longer story can try the Wings of Fire graphic novels, which are labelled 8 to 12 and have more words per page.

## Are these all comics?

Most are. Captain Underpants and The Bad Guys are hybrids: short chapters with many pictures and some comic pages. Each series page says which it is.

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