How many Dog Man books are there? (counted on the day)

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How many Dog Man books are there? On 31 October 2026, 14 are out, and the 15th, A Sprinkle in Time, comes out 3 November 2026. The count, the spin-offs and what's next.

On 31 October 2026 there are 14 Dog Man books out, numbered 1 to 14. The 15th, Dog Man: A Sprinkle in Time, comes out on Tuesday 3 November 2026, which makes 15. Counted from Peabody's own Dog Man page, where every book is listed in order with the year it came out.

The number changes every year or so, which is why so many families ask. Here is the count, what counts and what doesn't, and how to keep track.

The count

All by Dav Pilkey, published by Scholastic's Graphix:

- Books: 1 to 2 · Years: 2016
- Books: 3 to 4 · Years: 2017
- Books: 5 to 6 · Years: 2018
- Books: 7 to 8 · Years: 2019
- Books: 9 · Years: 2020
- Books: 10 · Years: 2021
- Books: 11 · Years: 2023
- Books: 12 to 13 · Years: 2024
- Books: 14 · Years: 2025 (11 November)
- Books: 15 · Years: 2026 (3 November)

So: 13 books in the first nine years, then one a year. Book 14, Big Jim Believes, came out on 11 November 2025, and book 15 is out on 3 November 2026. Peabody's Dog Man books in order has every title, and the new Dog Man book post is all about book 15.

What counts as a Dog Man book

The 15 above are the numbered series. A few related books are not in that count:

- Cat Kid Comic Club, a spin-off by the same author in the same world. It is its own series with its own numbers; Peabody's Cat Kid Comic Club page lists the books in order.
- Dog Man Dynamite, which Scholastic calls a new, interactive book, listed for 3 August 2027. It isn't numbered in the series.
- The Captain Underpants books, an earlier series by the same author. In that world, Wikipedia's Dog Man page says (read 31 October 2026), Dog Man "was the first comic

book character created by George Beard and Harold Hutchins as kindergarteners". Peabody's Captain Underpants page has those books in order.

If a list online gives a bigger number, it is usually counting some of these too.

Do you need to read them in order?

It helps but isn't required. Each book has its own adventure, but the characters and the running jokes carry over from one book to the next, so a reader who goes in order gets more of the jokes. A child who is handed book 7 first will still follow it and can go back for the early ones. Our post does Dog Man need to be read in order? has more.

Keeping count at home

With 15 books, it is easy to lose track of which ones a child has read. On the Dog Man page, tick each book as it's read: the ticks stay on your device, nothing is sent anywhere, and My shelf then shows the next one to find. The page also prints a checklist that works as a reading log, and a "Remind me" on book 15 shows it on My shelf on the day it comes out.

When the series runs out, what to read after Dog Man and What should I read next? have series that fit the same reader.

How we counted

We count a book as out when its day has come. The list on Peabody's Dog Man page is checked against Scholastic's own pages, and the count on that page changes by itself on the morning a new book comes out. This post was counted on 31 October 2026; if you are reading it after 3 November 2026, the page will say 15.

Questions grown-ups ask

How many Dog Man books are there in 2026?

Fifteen by the end of the year: 14 were out on 31 October 2026, and book 15, A Sprinkle in Time, comes out on 3 November 2026.

What is the newest Dog Man book?

Until 3 November 2026 it is book 14, Big Jim Believes, from 11 November 2025. From 3 November 2026 it is book 15, Dog Man: A Sprinkle in Time.

What age are the Dog Man books for?

Scholastic's pages label the newest books 7 and up. Many younger children enjoy them read aloud, and plenty of 10- and 11-year-olds still reread them. Seven and up is an age for what's in the books, not a reading level.

Peabody is free through the end of 2026. Alongside the comics there is a library of stories for every reader, from first books up.

Free at peabody.kids/blog/how-many-dog-man-books-are-there