A series challenge: finish Dog Man, Amulet or Bone in order

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A series reading challenge for kids: pick one series, such as Dog Man, Amulet or Bone, and read it to the end in order, ticking off each book. Free, with no account.

A series reading challenge is one series, read to the end, in order: on Peabody's Series Challenge a child picks a series, ticks off each book as it is finished, and prints the certificate at the last one. Dog Man, Amulet and Bone are three good ones to start with, and they are very different, so here is how many books each has, the publisher's ages and why the order matters. The challenge is free, like the rest of Peabody through the end of 2026, and needs no account.

Three series side by side

- By · Dog Man: Dav Pilkey · Amulet: Kazu Kibuishi · Bone: Jeff Smith
- Books · Dog Man: 14 out, a 15th due 3 November 2026 · Amulet: 9 · Bone: 9
- Finished? · Dog Man: Still going · Amulet: Yes, in February 2024 · Bone: Yes
- Age on the books · Dog Man: 7 and up · Amulet: 8 to 12 (9 to 12 for books 2 to 4) · Bone: 8 to 12
- Order · Dog Man: Number order; forgiving · Amulet: Number order; strict · Bone: Number order; strict

The ages are the publisher's, Scholastic's, not a reading level. Peabody doesn't print reading-level scores for these books; those belong to the companies that make them.

Dog Man: in order, but forgiving

Dog Man is a silly comic about a police officer with a dog's head and Petey, a cat who starts out as the villain. Every book has its own adventure, so a child handed book 7 first will still follow it. But the characters and the running jokes carry over from book to book, and a reader who goes from book 1 gets more of the jokes. Expect cartoon chases and fights, and potty jokes; if that matters in your house, read the first one together.

The fifteenth book, A Sprinkle in Time, is due on 3 November 2026 by Scholastic's own page. Seven and up is the publisher's age, but the short speech bubbles in big panels make Dog Man a good read-aloud for younger children too, and plenty of 10- and 11-year-olds still reread it.

Amulet: one story, nine books

Amulet is one long fantasy story told across nine books, and each picks up where the last stopped, often on a cliffhanger. Starting in the middle would spoil what came before, so this one really is read in order. It is finished: Waverider, the ninth, came out in February 2024, which means a reader who starts now can reach the end.

It is darker than Dog Man. The first book opens with a family tragedy, and there are monsters, battles and frightening scenes throughout. Read or preview the first book together if your reader is sensitive.

Bone: funny, then serious

Bone follows three cousins lost in a strange valley, across nine volumes that each pick up where the last left off. Scholastic's full-colour editions came out from 2005 to 2009; the story first appeared in black and white in 1995. It starts out funny and grows darker, with scary monsters, fights and some deaths, and a few characters smoke or drink in the early volumes. The later volumes are long and serious, so Bone suits readers a little older than most Dog Man fans.

How the challenge works

1. Pick a face. The reader is an animal face, never a name. Up to six faces fit on one device, so brothers and sisters keep separate records.
2. Pick a series. There are 29 series pages, from The Bad Guys and Cat Kid Comic Club to Diary of a Wimpy Kid and the Wings of Fire graphic novels.
3. Tick each book. A book ticked off on the series page's checklist counts in the challenge too, so nothing is logged twice. A child never types anything.
4. Print. The chart and the log print at any time; the certificate prints at the finish line and not before.

Everything a child logs stays on the device. Peabody receives only a count that a book was logged in the challenge, never the book, the title, the face or the age.

For more series worth finishing, book series to finish in order is the Book Club's Top 10.

No books at home? The Classics shelves

Not every family has nine graphic novels on the shelf. So the Series Challenge also offers Classics shelves, made from Peabody's own free library: the fables, the fairy tales, the myths, the legends and the world tales, ten of each (fewer where the library has fewer), easiest first. They work the same way as a series, a book at a time to the end, and every story is free to read in the library with a to hear it aloud.

Why read a series in order at all

A series read in order gives a child something a single book cannot: characters who change, jokes that grow, and a long story carried in their head for weeks. And knowing which book comes next takes the "what shall I read?" question away for a while.

Questions parents ask

The library only has book 4. Should we wait?

For Dog Man, go ahead: each book has its own adventure. For Amulet or Bone, it is worth asking the library to hold book 1, because each book carries straight on from the last. A Classics shelf fills the gap in the meantime.

Is Dog Man too young for my 10-year-old?

Not if they enjoy it. Seven and up is the publisher's age, and Peabody's own lists put it at about 6 to 10, but plenty of older children reread it. When it starts to feel easy, the Dog Man page suggests Hilo, with a little more story on each page.

Does Peabody sell the books?

No. Peabody sells nothing. Where its kids' lists have buy links, they are plain searches with no affiliate tag, so nobody is paid.

Free at peabody.kids/blog/series-reading-challenge