What to read after Dog Man, by age

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What to read after Dog Man, sorted by age: the same-age series for a 7-year-old, the step up for 8 and 9, and what a 10-year-old who still loves comics reads next.

What to read after Dog Man depends less on the child's age than on what they loved about it: the jokes, the animals, or simply that it is a comic. For a 7-year-old who wants more of the same, the answer is Cat Kid Comic Club, The Bad Guys or Captain Underpants. For an 8- or 9-year-old ready for a longer story, Wings of Fire's graphic novels or Amulet. For a 10-year-old who still wants comics, Berrybrook Middle School. Each is below with whose age it is, and our page for it has the same picks.

Finishing Dog Man is a small crisis in a lot of houses. Fifteen books is a long run, the last one comes out on 3 November 2026, and then there is nothing left with that name on it. The good news is that Dog Man readers have already learned the most useful thing a reader can know: that a series keeps going, and the next book is waiting.

How we chose

Books Like Dog Man, by Age is a page that picks from the 29 series Peabody lists in order (as of 30 October 2026). Every series carries a few plain tags (funny, animals, heroes, fantasy and so on) and a starting age. The page scores each series by what it shares with Dog Man, puts first the ones the Dog Man page already names as next reads, and sorts them into three groups: the same age, a bit older, and the same kind of book. It never picks Dog Man itself. Nobody pays to be on it, and there are no buy buttons.

The same age as Dog Man (about 6 to 10)

- Cat Kid Comic Club by Dav Pilkey: the spin-off from the same world, five books. Li'l Petey helps a crowd of baby frogs make their own comics, and each kid's comic inside is drawn a different way. Scholastic labels every book 7 and up.
- The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey: a wolf and his crew try very hard to be good. Twenty books, big pictures and few words on a page, part comic and part chapter book. The age, about 6 to 10, is our own estimate: the publisher's US pages didn't open when we checked.
- Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey: the series that came first, twelve novels, finished in 2015. Short chapters with lots of cartoons and comic pages, a step up from a comic. About 6 to 10, our estimate again.

A bit older, when they're ready (8 and up)

These keep the comic panels but tell one long story across the books, so they ask more of a reader than Dog Man's book-by-book adventures:

- Wings of Fire, the graphic novels, by Tui T. Sutherland, drawn by Mike Holmes: nine books, full-colour comic pages with more words than Dog Man. Scholastic labels every one 8 to 12.
- Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi: nine books, finished in 2024. Short bubbles, but a long, serious fantasy story. Scholastic labels the books 8 to 12 or 9 to 12, book by book.

The Dog Man page also names Hilo by Judd Winick, a boy with no memory who falls from the sky, as the next read for when Dog Man starts to feel easy. We don't have its checklist yet, so it isn't on the after page; it is on our kids' list of what to read after Dog Man.

For a 10-year-old who still wants comics

- Berrybrook Middle School by Svetlana Chmakova: school, friends and real life in manga-style panels that read left to right. JY, the Yen Press imprint for younger readers, lists the newest book as 10 and up. The sixth, Fight, is due on 26 January 2027.

Ten is not too old for Dog Man, either. The publisher's age is a floor, not a ceiling, and rereading a favourite series is reading.

Younger, for a quick easy win

Pizza and Taco by Stephen Shaskan starts at 5: two best friends and a goofy plan, a line or two of speech in each bubble. A little brother or sister who wants to read what the big kid reads can start here.

Questions grown-ups ask

What do most kids read after Dog Man?

Cat Kid Comic Club, because it is the same author and the same world, and The Bad Guys, because it has the same speed and silliness. Both are on the Top 10 series to read after Dog Man list.

My child only reads Dog Man. Should I push chapter books?

There is no need to push. Captain Underpants and The Bad Guys sit halfway between a comic and a chapter book, so they are a gentle step if your child is curious. Comics are reading, and many children go back and forth for years.

How do I keep track of what they've read?

Each series page has a checklist kept on your device, and My Shelf gathers them all and prints one reading log. The three-question picker suggests three series from what this device has already ticked.

Peabody (peabody.kids) is free through the end of 2026, and our own library has stories for every reading level.

Free at peabody.kids/blog/what-to-read-after-dog-man