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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?

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Laura says

So

CUTE!!
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Steph (loves water) says

Read this many times with my son, and laughed hysterically every time!

Caleb says

I don't think this worked all that well as Kat Kong, on account of dogs and mice not having the same sort of relationship as cats and mice, although the imagery was pretty cool. Godzilla doesn't lend itself to the sort of one-for-one parody that King Kong does, and so this doesn't really play off Godzilla the way Kat Kong played off of its monster movie inspiration.

But what I really disliked about it was that the mice were barbecuing mice-sized ribs and drumbsticks, and it was the smell of this meat cooking that awoke the titular monster. Where did the mice get tiny little cows and chickens? Or tiny little mammals and birds of any kind? Were they eating baby mouse ribs?! That's a very disturbing thought to put in young readers' heads, Dav Pilkey!

Claire says

I love this book and so do kids it seems. While a horrible, stinky dog terrifies Mousopolis, the mice have to plan their defense. It's hysterically funny for adults as well as children. It would be great for a family storytime as older kids will appreciate the story as much as the little ones.

Becky says

First sentence: It was summertime in the city of Mousopolis, and mice from all corners of the community had come together to compete in the First Annual Barbecue Cook-Off.

Premise/plot: This picture book is rated G--EG to be exact, for extremely goofy. In Dogzilla, the smell of barbecuing meat awakens a ferocious beast. This beast--Dogzilla--makes its way to the city and through the city. Can anything stop Dogzilla's rampage? Will the mice prove to be courageous?

My thoughts: I really like this one too. Both Kat Kong and Dogzilla are over-the-top silly.

"Gentlemice," said Professor O'Hairy, "this monster comes from prehistoric times. It is perhaps millions of years old." "Maybe we could teach it to do something positive for the community," suggested the Big Cheese. "I'm afraid not," said Professor O'Hairy. "You simply can't teach an old dog new tricks! If we're going to defeat this dog, we've got to think like a dog! We've got to find something that all dogs are afraid of--something that will scare this beast away from Mousopolis FOREVER!"

Text: 4 out of 5

Illustrations: 4 out of 5

Total: 8 out of 10

Kristin says

Oh gosh, this picture book is too cute! Will the residents of Mouseopolis escape the terrors of the dreaded Dogzilla? Find out in Dav Pilkey's Dogzilla!

Monster says

Dav Pilkey's unusual style of illustration- photographic collage retouched with acrylic paint- gives his book a surreal look even before the story has started. Although his rating of EG warns that some material may be too goofy for grown-ups, the book is like a giant inside joke for the parents. Kids will slide right inside the story of Dogzilla, a giant dog who emerges from a volcano at the smell of barbecue in the city of Mousopolis (populated, you guessed it, by mice), eating barbecue and accidentally destroying Mousopolis in her wake. The leader of the desperate mice, the Big Cheese, hits on a plan to chase Dogzilla away- by threatening her with a bath! She finally retreats into the volcano. Problem solved, right? Well... there's always next year. Pilkey's combined narrative and illustration make Dogzilla an absurd delight your kids will love to share, and Pilkey's over-the-top sense of humor will make it a book adults will enjoy sharing with them as well. There's a companion book, Kat Kong, that lovers of Dogzilla will want to check out as well. Highly recommended. Contains: extremely bad jokes.

Sara Ullery says

Dogzilla by Dav Pilkey Ages 7-11 Grades 2-5

- This is a silly story about a mice city and the attack of Dogzilla. This book has vivid images that give incredible detail to the story. This book uses expressive language that will expand vocabulary in a fun way. The mice work together to find a way to get rid of Dogzilla once and for all!
- Educators may use this book for English, Creative writing, and problem-solving activities.
- Ages 7-11 Grades 2-5
- Individual students will enjoy reading this book on their own. They can take the larger words they may not understand yet and look up the definitions.
- Small groups may create new sentences using the larger vocabulary from this book to create their own fun story.

- As a class, after reading the book students can work together to formulate their own “Dogzilla” and create a solution to the problem.
 - This book is available in libraries, bookstores, and ebooks.
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Qt says

Cute, clever story, with inventive and really fun pictures: photos combined with art!

Caroline Daniel says

- Dogzilla written and directed by Dav Pilkey
 - o This is a silly fictional book about a dog being a dog. The dog smelt a yummy smell coming from the first ever annual barbecue cook-off. This peaked the dogs interest and she made her way to Mousopolis. While the dog was doing her dogly duties, she practically destroys mousopolis. The mice spend the majority of their time trying finding ways to successfully get rid of the Dogzilla. They finally successfully do so by attempting to give her a bath. This sends Dogzilla running to the hills. Next year around the same time the mice figure they have nothing to worry about during their annual barbecue cook-off until they come face to face with the puppies!
 - o Grade level: 1st or 2nd grade
 - o Appropriate Classroom Use: I would only use this book for entertainment purposes only. There is no educational or life lessons found in this book. Younger kids would find it funny and entertaining!
 - o Individual students who might benefit from this book would probably be boys that are around the age of 6 to 7.
 - o Small Group use: This could be used for small group readings but I probably would not test my students over this book. I would purely use it for entertainment reading if the children choose to read it.
 - o Whole class use: I would read this book out loud if we had some free time during the day. This might be a book the students choose for me to read when they can choose a book since it is funny.
 - o Related Books in genre/subject or content areas: I could not find any. This book seems to be one of a kind.
 - o Multimedia connections: None that I am aware of.
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Tracy says

Must be read with appropriate squeaky mouse and monster dog voices to illicit a multitude of giggles from five year olds.

Ryan says

How awesome is it for an author to use his own pets as inspiration for a book. What makes this story even better is that he used real pictures of his dog and mice, and layered over/under paint to fill out the graphic. To make his smiling dog look like he is eating a building, or tearing off a dino mouse's tale. Such a wonderful

story that you could imagine your granddad telling you, while he point to the dog sleeping on the floor. Completely wonderful.

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

This is a very silly book and really pretty stupid unless you love dogs. The author says the stars are all his pets. His adorable mutt takes center stage as Dogzilla. All the scenes are photos of the dog and/or other animals with the surroundings of the scene painted on. It's obvious that the photos are just random pictures taken of this little guy/gal, usually grinning re-purposed for this book, but somehow the effect is freakin' hilarious. The beast is a mixed breed, chunky, kind of funny looking and probably older unlike most dogs in children's books and his goofy maw with tongue hanging out brings a smile to my face every time. The mice only add to the zaniness, kind of like the mice in Babe. The story is cute and taken with the photo montages makes a delightful story for a dog lover like me. (I make no such claims for cat lovers.)

Karen Fisher says

Biased review. This is my absolute favorite children's book because one of our dogs, Radner, is one of the puppies pictured at the end. EVERY child should have this book!

Beverly says

I really liked this story and the paintings; although I do agree with some of the other reviewers that the paperboy looks very young. I noticed that the dog is a Corgi, the same breed of dog as in Pilkey's Dogzilla. I liked the peaceful looking town and the gradual change from dark night to dawn to daytime.
