

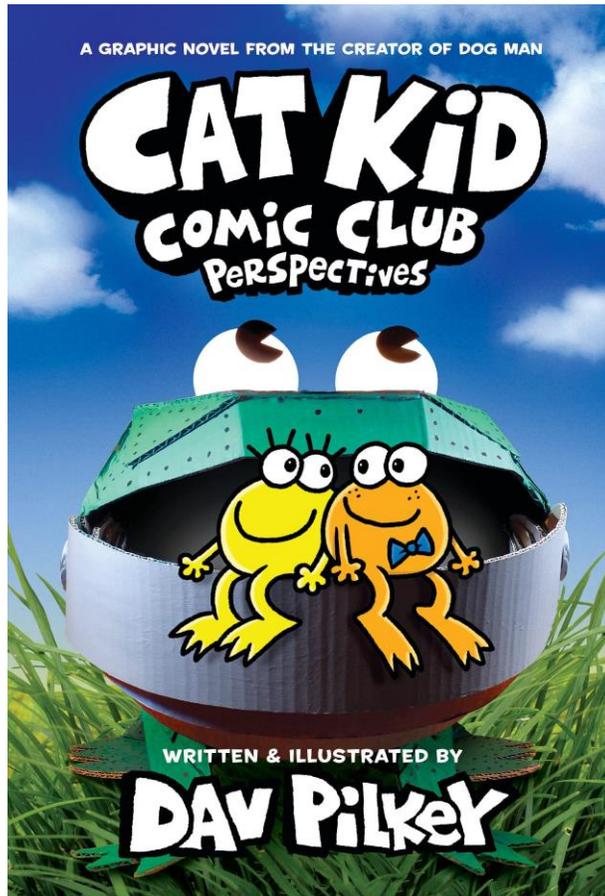
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Review of *Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives* Written by Dav Pilkey & Illustrated by Dav Pilkey

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Child/Student Reviewer: Lily Johnston, Grade 3



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In this second addition to the Cat Kid Comic Club series, Lil Petey, Molly, and Flippy team up to help the tadpoles share their comics. Even though they are just learning to create comics, when they hear from each other and their teachers, they learn a new perspective, or point of view. When two of the tadpoles, Melvin and Naomi, keep disrespecting one another and not getting along, Flippy assigns them a project to work together so that they might learn from each other's perspective. Though their partnership begins by only seeing each other's differences, their shared experiences help them to see the world around them from each other's point of view.

My daughter, Lily, is picky about the books she chooses for independent reading, but The Cat Kid series and Dog Man series by Dav Pilkey are her favorites. This book may appeal to children looking for a graphic novel, chapter book format, with comics and words integrated to tell humorous yet meaningful stories. Dav Pilkey channels his inner-child through clever dialogue and character development that builds throughout each book. As kids return to the books again and again, they can make deeper meaning with embedded life lessons. As a bonus, Pilkey also often includes step-by-step instructions for drawing fan-favorite characters. Visit <https://pilkey.com> for more!

Educators should be aware that Pilkey unabashedly draws on all types of humor, including some bathroom humor that many kids find hilarious and entertaining. It could offer an opportunity to talk

with children about author's purpose and why Pilkey includes all types of humor in his storylines.

Student Review: Lily Johnston, Grade 3

