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Book Review

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Reviewer

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Primary, Intermediate

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192

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2013

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Scholastic

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9780545175364

Tippy Tinkletrousers, ever the super villain, wants revenge on Captain Underpants, his nemesis. Tippy has time travel on his side, and with another Tippy from the past, he is ready to wreak havoc and defeat Captain Underpants once and for all! George and Harold, along with their trusty pets, Crackers and Sulu, must try and stop Tippy as he attempts to extract his revenge, which ends up causing the extinction of dinosaurs and the ice age in the process. Unfortunately, George and Harold's time machine is destroyed, so they need Tippy to get them back to the present. With the help of their pets, some cavemen, and of course, Captain Underpants, they are able to make it back safe and sound with a few hilarious kinks along the way.

Dav Pilkey has perfected the hybrid between comic and chapter book. He organizes the text in a way that appeals to all readers and includes frequent humorous comics with illustrations to keep children engaged. The potty humor is on point for the audience, but is witty and tastefully planned, causing many adult readers to snicker as well. The comics are designed as if written by a child, but the main body of text uses proper spelling and grammar. The famous 'Flip-O-Rama' brings the action to life as the reader is able to simply flip a page and see low-scale animation in action. The plot humorously includes explanations for the extinction of dinosaurs, the ice age, and the creation of the earth, which may spark a child's interest in learning more about the true reasons.