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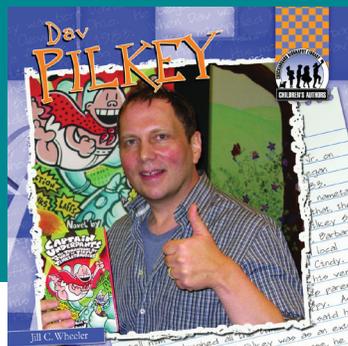
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## Book Review

# Dav Pilkey

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Primary, Intermediate

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### Pages

24

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2013

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### Publisher

ABDO

Did you know that Dav Pilkey wrote books under the pseudonym “Sue Denim”? This biography of the legendary author shares many interesting facts about Dav Pilkey’s personality, history, and works. Many readers will find his story relatable, as he has ADHD and created characters who do too. This book walks readers through Dav’s education and explains the vast differences in his elementary, high school, and college education, the challenges he faced in school, and a few of the jobs he held before becoming a published author. The book does a thorough job of speaking to all of Dav’s works, not just the Captain Underpants books for which he is most known.

This book introduces readers to the wide world of children’s literature. It helps readers to understand the importance and the process of analyzing children’s books to know what makes them “good,” relatable content, and educates about the use of attention-grabbing and age-appropriate graphics. It also explains that larger type is less intimidating to many readers, especially younger or struggling readers. While most readers will be familiar with these aspects of books, they may not have articulated or understood why they are drawn to the books they like, and this will serve to further their metacognition about what they like to read and why. It also includes nonfiction text features such as a table of contents, bold words, images with captions, an index, a glossary, and websites for further reference. This book will be an encouragement to readers who have big imaginations and hope to work in creative fields one day.