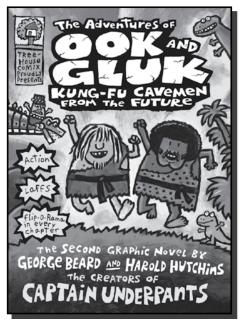




Four New Books!!!



TRA-LA-LAAAAAA! SCHOLASTIC ANNOUNCES A NEW FOUR-BOOK DEAL WITH DAV PILKEY

The first book, *The Adventures* of Ook and Gluk, Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future, will be published August 10, 2010, with a one million-copy first printing!

In this all-new graphic novel, George Beard and Harold Hutchins present the sensational saga of two silly caveboys

named Ook and Gluk (*Ook* rhymes with "kook," and *Gluk* rhymes with "truck").

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Ook and Gluk have a pretty awesome life

growing up together in Caveland, Ohio, in 500,001 BC—even though they're always getting in trouble with their evil leader, Big Chief Goppernopper.





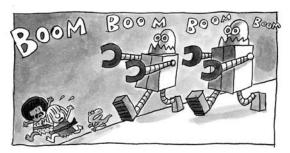
But Ook and Gluk's groovy lives take a turn for the terrible when an evil corporation from the future invades their quiet, prehistoric town. When Ook, Gluk, and their little dinosaur pal, Lily, are pulled through a time portal to the year 2222 AD, they discover that the world of the future is even worse than the devastated one they came from.



Fortunately, they find a friend in Master Wong, a martial arts instructor who trains them in the ways of kung fu, so that they may one day return home and make things right again.

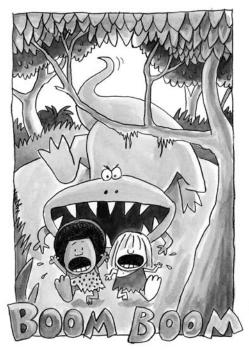


But when their time of destiny arrives, will they have what it takes to defeat killer robots, mecha-dinosaurs, and time-traveling villains? Find out in *The Adventures of Ook and Gluk, Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future*. Featuring the world's cheesiest animation technology, "Flip-O-Rama," in every chapter.





The 26 Differences Between these two Pictures





A Conversation with Dav Pilkey

Where did you get the idea for Ook & Gluk?

Dav Pilkey: I got the idea from something that my editor, Bonnie Verburg, had witnessed firsthand when she was visiting her son's kindergarten class one day.

This particular day was "show-and-tell" day, and Bonnie's son, Robbie, had brought an actual dinosaur tooth to show his class. Robbie told everyone how old the tooth was, and what kind of dinosaur it had come from. He told them how big the dinosaur was, what it ate, and he even knew where the tooth had been dug up. It was the best show-and-tell anyone (including the teacher) had ever seen.

This was bad news for the next kid in line for show-and-tell that day. This unfortunate kid didn't have anything cool to show the classroom and he knew it. All he had was a little toy ambulance.

But instead of admitting defeat, he marched up to the front of the room and started making up a *tall tale*.

He told his fellow kindergarteners that his toy ambulance was very special. In fact, it was

a prehistoric ambulance that was millions and millions of years old. The boy told about the ancient cavemen who used to drive that particular ambulance through the jungle when they took sick dinosaurs to the hospital. I think a lot of the kids believed him (after all, they were only five years old).

Bonnie told me this story one day, and it just kind of stuck with me. That day, I drew a picture of two caveman paramedics and named them "Ook" and "Gluk."

I thought it seemed like a great idea for a book.

But Ook and Gluk aren't paramedics, are they?

Dav Pilkey: Well, no. They changed. I spent a few years thinking about these cavemen, and they began taking on a life of their own. They started doing things I didn't expect.

Like what?

Day Pilkey: Well, every time I imagined Ook and Gluk, they were always punching, kicking and fighting. They always protected people, fighting in a martial arts style like kung fu. Then

those words sound together.



Lily with her best friend, Sasuke

See the REAL Lily (and Sasuke, too) in the film "Ook and Gluk: Behind the Black Belts" online at www.pilkey.com!

Are Ook and Gluk similar to George and Harold, the protagonists from the Captain **Underpants books?**

Dav Pilkey: Actually, yes. I pretended that George and Harold were writing the book, and so the story is really seen through their eyes. I think Ook and Gluk are powerful, fantasy versions of what George and Harold wish they could be like.

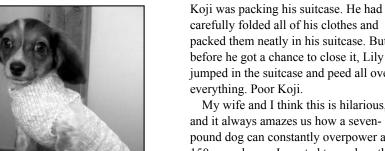
Gluk's baby dinosaur pal, Lily?

Dav Pilkey: Lily was inspired by a dog who belongs to my wife's brother, Steve. The dog is a miniature dachshund named Lily. She's a good dog—very sweet and playful—but she has a *complicated* relationship with our cousin,

For some strange reason, Lily likes to pee on Koji's bed and poop on his pillow. Lily never pees or poops anywhere else in the house—just on Koji's stuff. She does this just to make Koji angry. I'm pretty sure she thinks it's funny.

Koji (who shares an apartment with Steve and Lily).

Koji started locking his door to keep Lily out of his bedroom, but Lily still finds ways to mess with him. One day before a trip,



The REAL Lily

it hit me: Kung-fu Cavemen. I really liked the way

Where did you get the inspiration for Ook and

carefully folded all of his clothes and packed them neatly in his suitcase. But before he got a chance to close it, Lily jumped in the suitcase and peed all over My wife and I think this is hilarious. and it always amazes us how a sevenpound dog can constantly overpower a 150-pound man. I wanted to explore this





idea in my book, which is why Lily (the dinosaur) is very small, but still manages to save the day many times.

I think your readers are going to love Chief Goppernopper. He's a great villain!

Day Pilkey: Thanks. I love villains who get annoyed easily. I guess that's part of my personality: I think it's funny to irritate people.



Rev. David M. Pilkey (Sr.)

Your last book came out in 2006. What have you been up to for the past four years?

Dav Pilkev: My wife and I took some time off to help care for my father, who developed terminal cancer in 2007.

Tell me about your father.

Dav Pilkey: He was a family man. He was lucky enough to meet his soulmate (my mom) in high school, and they were married for over 45 years.

Together they had two kids.

My dad was an ordained minister, and he volunteered regularly as the chaplain at several hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio.

He passed away peacefully on November 13, 2008, surrounded by his family.

Did your dad influence you as an artist or as a writer?

Dav Pilkey: Yeah, he influenced my writing the most. I think I inherited my corny sense of humor from him.

What book are you working on next?

Dav Pilkev: I am working on a book called F.A.R.T.S.: The Major Motion Picture. It's an Epic Graphic Novelization of a film about a group of inept super heroes called the Fantastically Awesome Ranger Team Squad (F.A.R.T.S.). The book comes with a DVD of the film, which I wrote, directed and starred in, along with my family.



Speaking of families, you got married recently, didn't you?

Dav Pilkey: Yes, about five years ago. I got married in 2005 to my silly sweetheart, Sayuri (her name is pronounced "Sy-you-dee").

Here is a photo of us with our niece and nephews (from left to right, Aaron, Sayuri, Madison, Day, Connor).



And here's what we look like reproduced in marzipan, next to our gingerbread house.



What's next for you?

Dav Pilkey: My wife and I are building a home in Japan. We bought property on a mountain overlooking the sea in Minami-Izu. The local people call the mountain "Neko Yama," which means "Cat Mountain." It was given this name because a community of cats has lived there as long as anybody can remember.

The local residents have taken on the responsibility of caring for the cats, making sure they are spayed, neutered, and vaccinated. This way the cat population stays



A recently spayed cat (notice the bandage)
happily chillin' out on a misty
Neko Yama morning.

healthy and doesn't grow out of control.

Even though they are still considered *wild*, most of the cats are friendly and like to be petted. It's so nice to walk down to the ocean and sit and pet a few cats while the waves roll in. I can't think of a nicer way to spend an afternoon.

At night, around certain trees, you can occasionally find giant beetles that are 3 to 4 inches long. Giant beetles are very popular with kids in Japan. You can even find giant beetles in pet stores, but I can tell you from experience, it's much cooler to catch them yourself. It's so much fun to stay up late and go beetle huntin'! All you need is a



Giant beetles are lots of fun and not too dangerous, as long as you keep your fingers away from the pointy parts!

flashlight, a pail, and a little patience.

And sometimes, if you're very lucky, you might just come across a monkey or two. This is a photo of a monkey I saw walking down the



beach one day like it was no big deal.

Monkeys don't like to be petted. They will also steal stuff from you like your hat or sunglasses. And if you happen to be carrying a bag of sweet potatoes, watch out! They'll grab 'em off you and run.

Here is a momma and baby monkey we saw in a neighbor's driveway one morning.



Those are Sayuri's feet at the top of the photo. You can't really get much closer to them than she did, or you'll get *whacked*!

Monkeys are quite common in Japan. There is even a place in Nagano prefecture where "snow monkeys" take long baths in a natural



hot spring during the winter.

Will you be living in Japan full time?

Dav Pilkey: No, we'll probably live in Japan half of the year, and live in the United States the other half. We have family in both countries, and we're very close to our families, so it's nice to be able to go back and forth.

Will there be more Captain Underpants books in the future?

Dav Pilkey: Of course! I'm working on a new one as we speak!

How many Captain Underpants books will there be?

Dav Pilkey: I'm pretty sure there will be twelve. But don't worry, there are many more George and Harold adventures waiting to be told. I have a whole series planned about all the crazy things that happened to them when they were kindergarteners! And there will be many more Super Diaper Baby and Ook and Gluk graphic novels, too. George and Harold are just getting started!

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DAV PILKEY WAS BORN ON MARCH 4, 1966 ... AND FROM THE VERY START, HE WAS TRYING TO MAKE KIDS LAUGH AND GETTING INTO TROUBLE



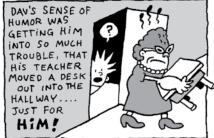


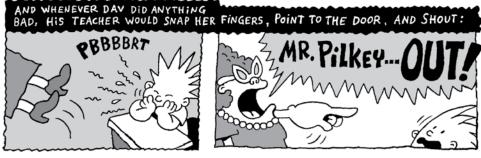


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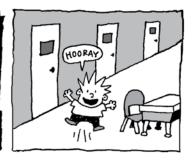
Fun Facts about Dav Pilkey:

Favorite Food: Pizza Favorite Drink: Iced Oolong Tea Favorite Monster: Gamera Nickname in High School: "Daveytrains" Most Perplexing Irrational Childhood Fear: I was afraid of the puppets and the little trolley car on Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood.... (They still freak me out!) Most Perplexing Irrational Adult Fear: Touching ice cubes with my fingertips. Favorite Movies: The Nightmare Before Christmas, Babe: Pig in the City, King Kong (the original), Godzilla Vs. Megalon, What's Eating Gilbert Grape?



WHEN WE LAST SAW OUR HERO, HE HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO A MOST CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT: AN AFTERNOON

IN THE HALLWAY











HIS STORIES WERE REALLY FUNNY EXCEPT FOR ONE PERSON!!!

DAV'S TEACHER CALMLY TOOK HIM ASIDE AND GENTLY SPOKE TO HIM ABOUT HIS NEWFOUND TALENTS...





DON'T MISS PART 3 of ouR **ADVENTURE**

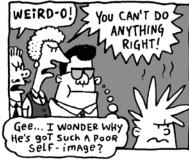


THE ALMOST COMPLETELY TRUE ADVENTURES ON DAY PILKEY

PART 3: THE NOT QUITE AS EARLY AS THE "NOT QUITE AS EARLY AS BEFORE" YEARS FOR HIS CRIMES
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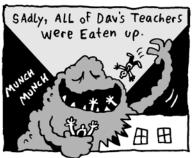


CHOOL WHERE UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF DAY'S TEACHERS EXCELLED IN THE ART OF CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM



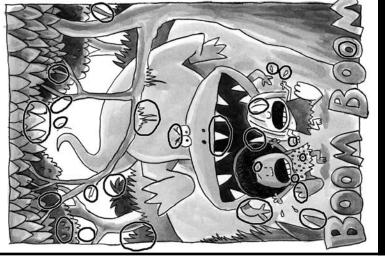
FOUR LONG YEARS OF DISCOURAGEMENT AND HUMILIATION ENDED AY WHEN A BIG MONSTER ROSE FROM THE DEPTHS OF A NEARBY SWAMP, AND ATTACKED DAV'S HIGH SCHOOL...







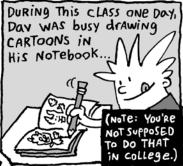
ANSWERS





PART 4: THE NOT QUITE AS EARLY AS THE NOT QUITE AS EARLY AS THE "NOT QUITE AS EARLY AS BEFORE" YEARS

DAV Went to College in 1984, where his Life WAS FOREVER CHANGED IN A FRESHMAN ENGLISH CLASS







You're Such A
good writer And
Artist, DAV.
You should
MAKE
Children's books! GOOG

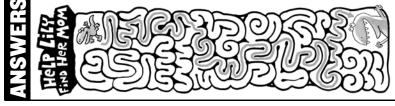


The Shock of being "encouraged" by a teacher was Too much For Dav To handLe... He was Rushed to a nearby hospital.











POCKET-SIZED "NAME CHANGE-O-CHART 2000"

USE THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR FIRST NAME TO DETERMINE YOUR NEW FIRST NAME

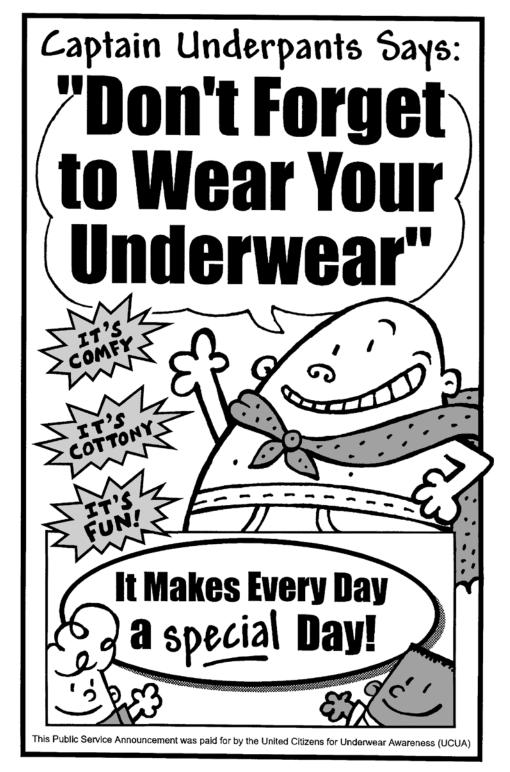
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B = Lumpy	K = Flunky	S = Snotty
C = Buttercup	L = Booger	T = Falafel
D = Gidget	M = Pinky	U = Dorky
E = Crusty	N = Zippy	V = Squeezit
F = Greasy	O = Goober	W = Oprah
G = Fluffy	P = Doofus	X = Skipper
H = Cheeseball	Q = Slimy	Y = Dinky
I = Chim-Chim		$Z = Z_{Sa}-Z_{Sa}$

USE THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR LAST NAME TO DETERMINE THE FIRST HALF OF YOUR NEW LAST NAME.

A = Diaper	J = Monkey	R = Gizzard
B = Toilet	K = Potty	S = Pizza
C = Giggle	L = Liver	T = Gerbil
D = Bubble	M = Banana	U = Chicken
E = Girdle	N = Rhino	V = Pickle
F = Barf	O = Burger	W = Chuckle
G = Lizard	P = Hamster	X = Tofu
H = Waffle	Q = Toad	Y = Gorilla
I = Cootie		Z = Stinker

USE THE LAST LETTER OF YOUR LAST NAME TO DETERMINE THE SECOND HALF OF YOUR NEW LAST NAME.

J = Honker	R = Buns
K = Butt	S = Fanny
L = Brain	T = Sniffer
M = Tushie	U = Sprinkles
N = Chunks	V = Kisser
O = Hiney	W = Squirt
P = Biscuits	X = Humperdinck
Q = Toes	Y = Brains
	Z = Juice
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Q: Who comes up with the ideas for your comic books?

George: We both think up the stories. But I usually do all the writing because I'm a good speller. Also, I'm kinda good at grammar and stuff, too.

Harold: And I do all the drawings 'cause I rule at art.

Q: What do your parents and teachers think about your comics?

George: Our parents like them pretty much. My dad thinks they're funny.

Harold: Our teachers don't think they're funny, though.

Q: What's your favorite thing about school?

George: Summer vacation.

Q: Have you ever had any good, trouble-free days at school?

George: We've had trouble-free days.

Harold: Just no good days.

Q: Why does your gym teacher get attacked by monsters in almost all of your comics?

George: Because it's funny.

Q: If you could make your principal change one thing, what would it be?

Harold: His socks.

Q: Tell us about your families.

George: I live with my mom and dad, and my two cats. My mom is a teacher at college, and my dad is a mechanic.

Harold: I live with my mom and my little sister, Heidi. My mom sells real estate and my dad lives in Nevada. They're divorced. I have six goldfish and I want to get a dog but my mom says "no way."

Q: George, why do you always wear a tie?

George: My mom started making me wear it when I was in kindergarten. I hated it at first, but it came in real handy when bullies would try to beat us up.

Harold: Yeah, George can whip his tie around just like that Indiana Jones guy.

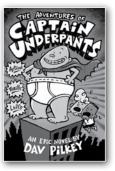
George: Yep. Nobody messes with the tie.

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

Harold: I want to draw comic books. And maybe work at a bowling alley.

George: I'd like to be a doctor who also writes comics and works at a bowling alley, too, like on weekends and stuff.

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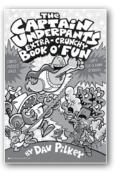


















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