

Book Fair Author Spotlight On...



Dav Pilkey

Q What is your favourite book that you have written?

A I have two favourites: *Super Diaper Baby 2: The Invasion of the Potty Snatchers* and *The Adventures of Ook and Gluk: Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future*.

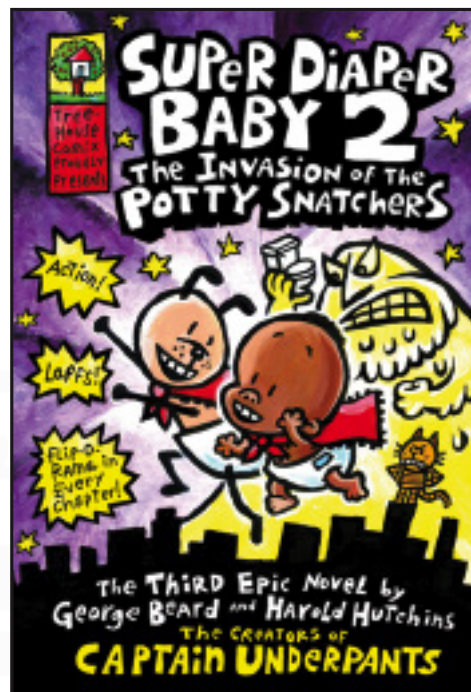
Q Why do you write from the perspective of George and Harold?

A Well, George and Harold are both based on me as a kid, so I'm really just trying to write from the perspective of myself — as a kid.

Also, writing under pseudonyms is a great way to avoid criticism. For example, if someone says they really like that new book by George Beard and Harold Hutchins, I can say, "Actually, I wrote that!" But if someone hates the book, I can say, "Who's George Beard and Harold Hutchins?"

Q What was the inspiration for the villain, Rip van Tinkle?

A He is actually based on a superhero I created when I was a kid. His name was "Water Man" and he was made completely out of water. Rip van Tinkle is a lot like Water Man, except that he's a bad guy and he's made out of pee-pee. They both have the same powers and abilities, though.



Q How many *Super Diaper Baby* books will there be?

A I only have three planned, but I'm sure I'll think of more some day.

Q What age group is this book for?

A The reading level is "officially" ages 7 to 10, but I'd like to think the interest level would be more like ages 4 to 140.

Q Is it easier to draw as George and Harold (since their drawing style is more primitive than your style)?

A Actually, I find it more challenging to draw in the simplified, childlike style of Harold than it is to draw in my own, more professional/refined style. Harold can't draw as well as I can, but his drawings still have to be very expressive and they must convey the proper emotions and actions. I constantly find myself having to erase and re-draw things because I accidentally drew it "too good."

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