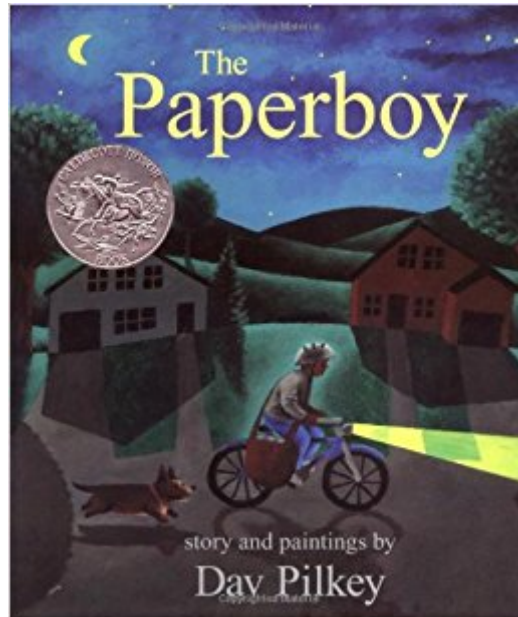




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# The Paperboy



## Synopsis

A boy and his dog savour the silence of the early morning as they deliver papers.

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## Customer Reviews

Pilkey (When Cats Dream; the Dragon books) is at his best in this highly atmospheric work. Here his trademark color palette glows quietly under the cover of darkness; violet skies and emerald-shadowed fields predominate until the explosion of a fiery dawn. Early one cold morning a boy and his dog rise to deliver newspapers. In almost reverential silence they eat breakfast, prepare the newspapers, then step out into the chill, leaving sleeping parents and sister inside. Pilkey perfectly captures the thrill of being out early, seeing the world so new and having it all to oneself. Something magical is at work on this most ordinary of paper routes, tangible in the controlled hush of the narrative and in the still, moon-lit landscapes. And, at last, as his family awakens to golden sunlight, the paperboy returns to his bed, prepared to enter another familiar Pilkey world: dreamland. Ages 4-10. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 1-3?A quiet mood piece that depicts the bond between a paperboy and his dog. Human and canine both struggle to rouse themselves, eat breakfast from bowls, and have an intimate knowledge of their route. Pilkey paints their shared experiences with a graceful economy of

language. Morning is the third character in the story?"...this is the time when they are the happiest." Deep, sumptuous acrylics portray the initial darkness, the gradual lightening, and the riotous magenta and orange sunrise. The artist has cleverly designed parallel, yet contrasting, opening and closing scenes of the African American child in bed, feet covered by his dog, room framed by a sloping roof. In the first spread, the still starry morning surrounds the house and "enters" it through the uncurtained window. When the duo return and crawl back into bed, the shade is pulled against the brilliance, the room darkened?a scene clinching their camaraderie. A totally satisfying story for small groups or individuals.?Wendy Lukehart, Dauphin County Library, Harrisburg, PACopyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

great purchase my students love it!

This was a nice surprise - I bought this to read to my daughter without knowing much about it except the Caldecott honor, and it is wonderful. The illustrations (which resemble impressionist paintings) fill every inch of every page, and the scene it sets is just perfect. The story is a nice one. This paperboy embodies both responsibility and thoughtful introspection - at the end you really get the sense that the boy is a big dreamer with the right values to embark on an exceptional life. I really love this book and the missing star is because of just one small issue with this printing (paperback): the text on some pages is too dark for the background - I think they could have improved the contrast in the printing. But do grab this if you have a young child - you won't regret it.

Shows a boy's special joy in his job delivering papers in the early morning. Wonderful illustrations. This would be a good gift to a young elementary school-age child.

Love this book! It is so cute and funny! I read it to my kids and second grade students, every year. They all love it!

This is an awesome book!!

Cute book!

Dav Pilkey has written a most delightful book that addresses lots of kids issues: being different from

your friends, trying to please parents, but best off all, wanting to be a hero! My granddaughter has loved this book since she was only three years old although older kids will love it, too, just as she still does. She delights in all the troubles Oscar, the Wiener Dog, has to deal with on that very special day: Halloween. Oscar plans a scary costume but when his mom has worked hard to create a costume of a hotdog bun complete with mustard, he wears it to please her. In the end, the costume helps Oscar to save the day when all his doggy friends are scared by an evil, hissing monster and they jump into a pond to escape from it. Ashleigh can listen to this book over and over and over --- and because of Pilkey's delightful language and delicious puns, this book never gets old for grandma either.

I've got to get me more books by this dude Dav Pilkey. This story was hilarious! Poor Oscar is a wiener dog who gets dissed by all the other dog-bullies at school. He dreams about Halloween, but his mom, who obviously had a very different sense of humor, dresses him up as a hotdog, bun included. Poor Oscar is not happy! But before the night is over he will show everyone what a hero he truly is. This story is just funny from beginning to end. I love the little details: did anyone notice the mailbox in front of Oscar's house? They are the Myers! The cocker spaniel is supposed to be Merlin, but his costume makes him look like a Supreme Court Justice! How about the book that the teacher is reading? "Dogs who Hate Fleas (and the Fleas who Love Them)"!!! The typeset on the inside cover spells Hallo-Wiener with hotdogs!!! This book is precious from cover to cover.

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