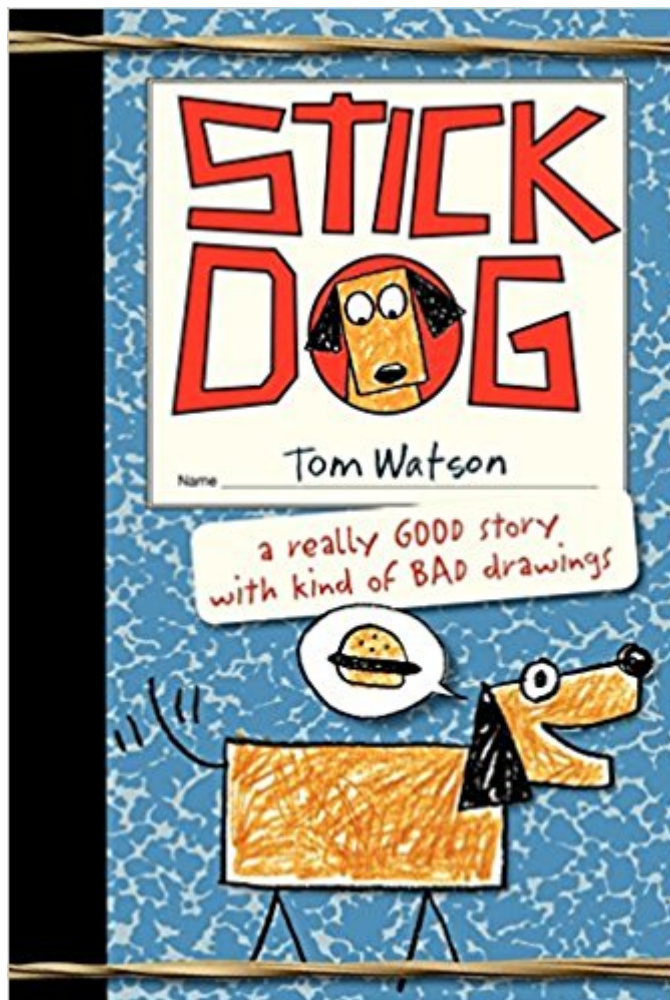


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# Stick Dog



## Synopsis

Introducing everyone's new best friend: Stick Dog! He'll make you laugh...he'll make you cry...but above all, he'll make you hungry! Follow Stick Dog as he goes on an epic quest for the perfect burger. With hilarious text and stick-figure drawings, reluctant readers will eat this one up! Perfect for fans of such series as Dog Man, Big Nate, Timmy Failure, and Diary of a Wimpy Kid. **À** **À**

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Stick Dog (so named for his rudimentary depiction by narrator Tom, who claims an inability to draw) and his doggy friends **À** **À** •Poo Poo, Karen, Mutt, and Stripes**À** **À** •are strays living in a suburban park. One day they detect **À** **À** "a pleasant aroma**À** **À** • (grilling hamburgers) and decide to satisfy their hunger at whatever cost. The chase that follows involves distractions (a squirrel in a tree), misunderstandings about the family that is grilling, and a series of ludicrous attack plans that surprisingly results in a tasty conclusion. Watson**À** **À** 's humorous debut novel is reminiscent of Jeff Kinney**À** **À** 's Wimpy Kid and Lincoln Peirce**À** **À** 's Big Nate series. It features succinct text, oversize type, and frequent cartoon illustrations, all printed on what looks like notebook paper. The humor and format will attract readers, but the canine camaraderie, development of distinct characters, sprinkling of perceptive comments, and Stick Dog**À** **À** 's

quiet but effective leadership (in particular, his kind responses to his pals' ridiculous attack plans) will ensure devoted fans. Here's hoping more Stick Dog adventures are in the works. Grades 3-6. --Kay Weisman

Introducing everyone's new best friend: Stick Dog! He'll make you laugh . . . he'll make you cry . . . but above all, he'll make you hungry. Follow Stick Dog as he goes on an epic quest for the perfect burger.

Stick Dog is about a dog called Stick Dog. He is called Stick Dog because he is drawn like a stick dog instead of a stick figure. He has friends: Karen, Poo Poo, Stripes, and Mutt. Stick Dog loves food. He lives in a dry pipe under Highway 65 and sleeps on a mattress that he found near a dumpster and dragged to his pipe at night when no one could see him. Among his friends, Stick Dog is the leader of the pack. They all defer to him when they are stumped with something. He is smart and can read. He is also kind and faithful to his friends. He understands them and treats them fairly. I liked this book a lot. The book made me hungry because the dogs were always trying to find food, and a lot of it was about food. The author uses vegetables to describe his drawing skills. Broccoli looks like cauliflower and looks like a tree. He was right about broccoli and trees looking very much alike. His asparagus looks like french fries. It says that some people don't like vegetables, but I like them a lot. Stick Dog was funny. Some parts made me giggle and even made my father laugh. As soon as we finished it, I wanted to find the next book.

My son has struggled with learning to read and therefore is a very reluctant reader. Stick Dog was the first book he read all on his own, of his own accord and motivation. He was so proud to be able to do it, and I loved hearing him giggle as he read about the silly plans the dogs concocted. Tom Watson has a perfect formula for the 7-10 year-old child - the writing is accessible, yet still smart, and the humor is silly, but not over-the-top, and it's not loaded with inappropriate language (thank you!). When the second book in the series came out, my son was so excited he carried it everywhere and literally slept with the book. I've since recommended it to other mothers for their reluctant readers, and the response has been the same - it's the first book that many of them have taken the initiative to read on their own (girls and boys), and they also love it. I've also recommended it to several bookstores and schools as a great read for kids in this age group. Please, please, please, write more Stick Dog books - and soon!

I've read all three of the Stick Dog books to my class and they've loved every one! Someone always has them at their desk now. This is a fun, easy to read story that's 140+ pages of some stray dogs plotting to get some hamburgers. The font is huge and the story is littered with illustrations so each page has at most four paragraphs, so not very daunting if you have a reluctant reader. The author's tone makes it easily accessible too. He talks to kids at their level, never down to them, and even manages to sneak in some higher level vocabulary in there at times! This book and its sequels could be the ones to turn any reluctant readers in your life into book hounds!

I am a special education teacher and my struggling readers love stick dog! It has gotten even my most reluctant readers to read! Thank you stick dog!

My 8-year old LOVES the Stick Dog Books! He got book 2 at a school book fair and was hooked! I had to search for the 1st book so he could "catch up". This is one of his first steps into chapter book reading to prep for 3rd grade. Very funny stories, a few pictures to keep his interest, lots of jokes and funny little lines to keep him laughing! Highly recommend for 2nd graders and up!

It was fun. My 8 year old son loved it

My grand daughter is enamoured with the character in the book Stick Dog, he and his friends are always hungry and work out plans as to how they are going to get something to eat. My grand daughter likes the way Stick Dog is the leader in a unobtrusive way, she reads part of a book on her kindle each night before going to sleep. I have purchased all the books of Stick Dog by this author for her because she wants to know what else he is up to next. Great reading for 10 year olds.

Good read.

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