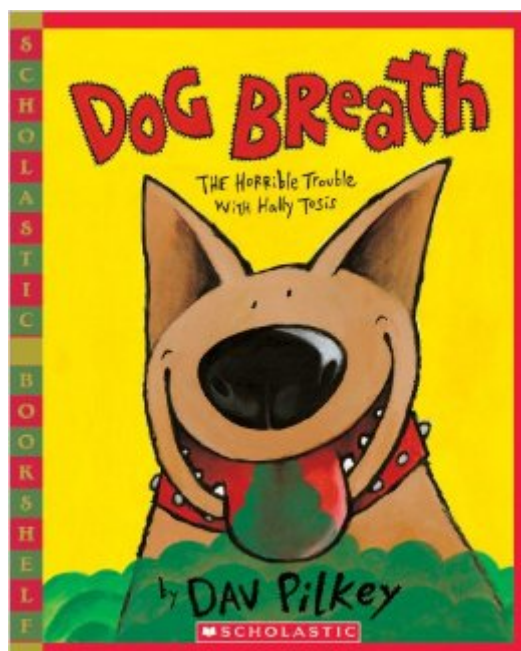


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# Dog Breath



## Synopsis

Let Scholastic Bookshelf be your guide through the whole range of your child's experiences-laugh with them, learn with them, read with them! Eight classic, best-selling titles are available now! Category: Humor "Hally Tosis was a very good dog, but she had a big problem." Hold your nose! Because here comes the dog with the worst breath in the world! "Wordplay... is at the heart of this sweet, funny picture book... And the bright colors add a marvelous effervescence to the zany goings-on." --Booklist

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

If you like puns and sight gags, then you'll love Dav Pilkey's *Dog Breath*, subtitled *The Horrible Trouble with Hally Tosis*. This crime-fighting canine story is one pun after another. Those adults who don't appreciate a good (or a really bad) pun may groan, but kids will eat it up and ask for seconds. Hally, the resident dog in the Tosis household, has breath so bad that when she opens her mouth, the leaves on the houseplants wither and die, the wallpaper curls up, and the picture of Mona Lisa holds her nose. Her breath is so bad that Mr. and Mrs. Tosis tell the kids the dog must go. The kids try everything to fix Hally's aroma -- the breath-taking view doesn't work, neither does the movie that promises to "take your breath away." That night, two burglars, whose arrival has been heralded all through the illustrations, break into the Tosis house. The only thing that stops them from

making off with all the family's stuff is, what else, a big, wet, sloppy, stinky slurp from Hally. Mr. and Mrs. Tosis can't kick a hero out of the house. Because, after all, life without Hally... no, I'm not going to spoil one of the best puns in the book for you; you'll just have to read it yourself

The pleasingly familiar illustrations and comic sensibilities (i.e., silly, punny, off-hand) of famed children's writer Dav Pilkey are evident from the first line (and its accompanying illustration): "There once was a dog named Haley, who lived with the Tosis family." (Get it--Haley Tosis?). This dog is so smelly that Mona Lisa holds her nose, a skunk tries to hide, and Grandma Tosis faints after Haley gets in her face. After this, there are some typical Pilkey puns and visual humor as the family kids try to clean up her act. After Haley saves her human family from some burglars, she becomes "the most famous crime-fighting dog in the country." The last page is quintessential Pilkey: The Tosis family, clothespins pinching their noses, gathers around Haley in an overstuffed chair, happy to keep their dog "Because life without Haley Tosis just wouldn't make any scents." Although the book has other such puns and clever pictures, it's mostly for younger kids. Pilkey really reaches his zenith in the "Captain Underpants" series, which features humor that is both more outrageous and layered. There's more fun and irreverence in those books, but this is a good introduction to Pilkey for the younger set.

i read this book to all the children i babysit, and never get tired of it. adults will get a kick out of the subtle puns that children might not understand. the pictures are adorable and hide little hints to the climax of the story. please, please check this book out!

My husband picked this book up because of its sense of humor and bright and colorful illustrations, when our son was about a year old. What we didn't count on was how much he would enjoy this book at such a young age. Right away it was one of his faves, and he "reads" it himself every day - sometimes 4-5x. Also, he requests it for bedtime and sometimes he wants it read 2-3x. However, we don't mind the repetition, as the puns and clever illustrations make it fun for adults too.

lately i have been reading children's books, because i have recently become an aunt. This book caught my eye right away, very charming, adults will find this quite funny!

This is one of the funniest children's books! The story is very humorous and so are the illustrations. It's about a dog with bad breath and how he drives everyone away with his odor. How the other

characters react to him is hilarious. The family decides to get rid of him because of his problem but decides to keep him after his breath made some house robbers faint, and the dog saved the day. Little kids love it, and as they get older they will see the clever puns Pilkey uses, he really plays with the vocabulary. Most adults will find this book funny too. I've considered sending copies to all my dog owner friends, because all dog owners know the bad dog breath experience. Pilkey also wrote all the Captain Underpants books, so if you know those, you'll know his humor. Highly recommended for kids (and adults).

This is one of Dav Pilkey's best! Adorable and witty, it's a book for all ages. My teacher, Mr. Murph, used to teach second grade, so he has tons of children's books. I had read The Hallo-wiener and thought it was so cute, so i gave this book a try. i'm glad that i did! It's all about an adorable puppy who stinks! Our, at least her breath does! One day, when something terrible is about to happen, Hally-Tosis uses her breath to stop the problem in its tracks. I love the punny name, Hally-tosis. A hit children's book!

One of the all-time favorite kids books in my family. We're on the second generation with it. I've bought it multiple times because my nephew loved the first copy so much that he carried it in his backpack everyday through all of 2nd grade, and taped it together when it fell apart. I recently volunteered to read at an elementary school. I read it to four classes of 3rd and 4th graders. It totally kept the kids attention, and they liked it so much that I donated it and had to buy our family another copy. Dav Pilkey rocks!

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