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Little-brother antics have never been so endearing -- or true to life! David Shannon's beloved character in his bestselling book *No, David!* captures the attention and hearts of young children as few characters can. Readers relish David's exuberance, defiance, and wildly energetic curiosity, and when there's trouble, you can bet "David did it!" Now he's taunting his older brother by eating his Halloween candy, making a bathroom mess, and following him up the tree house. "You're too little!" won't stop David's tricks in this all-time "read it again" favorite.

With millions of copies in print and four sequels, *No, David!* hit the ground running in 1998 and was a Caldecott Honor Book, a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book, and a classic for 20 years. Based on a book the author wrote and illustrated when he was five, David captures the timeless no-no's familiar to every child. *Grow Up, David!* is nothing short of exhilarating.

## Grow Up, David! Details

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## **Sarah says**

Yet another installment in the series chronicling the adventures of irrepressible David. Although I prefer some of the other David tales, this latest edition focuses on an experience with which many children will immediately identify.

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## **Sherrie says**

This book is a sweet reminder of the ups and downs between siblings. Although there might be disagreements at times the older siblings typically look out for the little ones when something goes wrong. Loved the colorful childlike illustrations which seemed to pop off the pages of the book. Fun and sentimental read.

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## **Jana says**

The naughty little boy that young readers love from the award-winning David series is back. While David and his brother's antics may have grown-up readers cringing, the back and forth between siblings will have kids giggling. Anyone with a brother or sister will recognize themselves in this book, and while there is love in the end, there are some pretty brutal moments that most kids experience at some point.

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## **Ina says**

This is another fun book in the David series. It has the same sparse text and big, bright, child-like illustrations that all of the David books have. In this book we meet David's older brother, who does the narrating, saying things like, "don't follow me" "he hit me first" and "David did it." This captures the big/little brother dynamic perfectly. It is laugh-out loud funny and the reader has to look very, very hard to find Fergus.

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## **Chance Lee says**

A picture book about brotherly rivalry (and maybe a little love, although it's light on that). David, as illustrated, has always deeply disturbed me.

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## **Kenny says**

Well I made it thru the four David books. I love this series. It was so much fun to read. I'm sure adults love it as much as kids since it was trip into all of our pasts. And as if David couldn't get into trouble enough on his own, this go 'round he has a big brother to "help."

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### **Spencer Jones says**

First off I don't know why the Spanish version popped up but I did not read the Spanish version. Anyways I always loved reading the David books growing up and could relate to them because I was sort of a troublemaker growing up as well. In this book particularly I remember what it was like growing up with older brothers and always bugging them and messing around like brothers do but then also how we would make up in the end and we were still brothers. This book is contemporary realistic and is in the kindergarten-2nd grade range

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### **Jennifer (JenIsNotaBookSnob) says**

This has the same brief text and bright, talkative illustrations that the other David books have.

Unfortunately, the older brother is just mean, the typical older brother you saw in 80's and 90's sitcoms. A lot of parents may find it a bit too mean-spirited especially if they've done a good job in curtailing this kind of behavior.

This is one of those books that people will either love or hate depending on the sort of family dynamic they come from. I came from a family where the older brother's behavior was absolutely not tolerated at all.

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### **Cindy Mitchell \*Kiss the Book\* says**

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With only one phrase per spread, this book follows the format of other David books, only this time it represents the relationship between big brother and younger brother. The older brother is hard on David until he finally invites David to play football with him and we see the joy of this relationship.

This was not my favorite of all the David books, but it was fun. It will appeal to kids that have older brothers. The illustrations are quirky, but appealing to kids. Even though it ends on a positive note, I do worry that it reinforces negative big brother behavior if it is an older brother reading the book.

## **Barbara says**

Fans of the earlier David books, including *No, David!* are most likely to enjoy this picture book equally. Many of them will be able to relate to David's plight. While he often brings down trouble on his own head by his own actions, sometimes he has a little help or gets in trouble because he wants to desperately to be included in his older brother's activities. David just wants to play the same games his brother is playing, but he keeps hearing that he's too little or too young to do so. Many readers will get a kick out of the brightly-colored images that often look as though someone David's age might have drawn them. In the end, David is finally allowed to play football with the big guys and feels as though he finally has what he's been wanting--praise from his big brother. My favorite image is a double-page spread showing David in on corner of the room and his brother in the other one, clearly punished for their antics. While many of the pages show David's brother being downright mean to him, in the end, it's clear that he loves and cares for David. This book might provide a good launching place for exploring bullying and David's brother's behavior as well as finding ways for the two boys to come to some agreement on their actions. It's so hard to be deemed too little or not grown up enough for whatever it is you long to do.

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## **Bethany says**

*GROW UP, DAVID* is all about having a sibling. David's brother is the typical older brother who doesn't want David playing with his stuff. He also doesn't like it when David gets him in trouble with their mom.

While siblings fight, the end of this story also reminds us the good thing about having a sibling. They're there to help teach you the ways of life, like playing ball. I love having my brother and this reminded me of the memories with him.

David Shannon does it again. He has his signature theme with our favorite character David and the silly illustrations. I love the humor in these stories but how they also touch our hearts.

Final Verdict: *GROW UP, DAVID* is the perfect story for siblings to read together. It's all about sibling rivalry, arguing, and love.

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## **Vicki says**

Fans of this series will love this new addition.

I love how the author/illustrator captures true childhood moments in his books.

His brother's face is never shown in this book. I just have to say the representation of the David character kind of creeps me out, in a Pinocchio-ish way with a flat triangle nose.

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### **zapkode says**

{My thoughts} – This is the first David Book that I have had the pleasure of reading. I read it out loud to my two year old. She seemed to enjoy it well enough. She is always eager to listen to a new book and discover the story that is hidden within the pages.

This book catches the older and younger sibling dynamic perfectly. I enjoyed how spot on it is when looking at it through a young child's eyes.

I think that any younger sibling in a family could benefit from reading this book. I think they'd really enjoy it a lot. It has few words and nice bright incredible illustrations that help to pull the reader in. It has the potential to make a great addition on any child's bookshelf.

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### **Earl says**

I was surprised and excited that there was going to be a new David book. This one tackles the big brother little brother dynamic. While it did have its moments, the book and the series was (and maybe fittingly) starting to show its age.

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### **Carolyn Jeziorski says**

David suddenly has a big brother, who seems annoyed with him (totally understand, I had two younger brothers). Of course, it ends like all other books in this series...they do get along. My only issue with this book is that the brother seems to come out of nowhere—where was he in any of the other books?

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