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This Super Dog is the Cat's Meow!

August is a brilliant inventor who is afraid of the outside. Charlie is a crack pilot who isn't afraid of anything. Together these pals save lives every day. They also happen to be cats who pilot a powerful, mechanical dog suit!

Always eager to leap into danger, this feline duo have their work cut out for them as they try to thwart Princess, an evil alien bent on enslaving mankind. Don't let the fact that Princess looks like a cute, diaper-wearing baby fool you. She's clever, determined, and totally ruthless. So when Princess and the browbeaten fools she calls servants enact a brilliant and dastardly plan to conquer Earth, August and Charlie pull out all the stops to save the day.

Sparks! Details

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Melki says

Two cats escape from a lab, and instead of planning to take over the world, they decide to save it. With the help of their trusty litter pan, they construct a dog suit, and go around helping those in need. There is so much fun here, especially when the fate of the planet ends up in the hands of a squirrel? Oh, say it ain't so!

I don't want to ruin any more of the delightfulness. I'll just say this is a terrific graphic novel for kids of all ages! Find a copy, and READ it!

Dawn Rutherford says

Only book I've ever read narrated by a litter box. Good silly fun.

Emily says

Canine Configuration Commence! This was a blast to read, a great mix of funny, silly, and smart. Opening line: "I am a litter box and this is my story!" Premise: two cats with dreams of being heroes, being all too aware that cats aren't seen as heroic and dogs nearly always are, team up as two halves of "Sparks!"--a "dog" that's really the cats in a robotic dog costume (one of them is a genius engineer and programmer--also responsible for the sentient litter box). Favorite bit of sly humor: the house of an evil alien family in human form has wall art that says "Live. Laugh. Love." and "FAMILY".

Humans--really all extras or cameos in this story (and none who really figure out that the "dog" is two cats, though some get inklings)--are portrayed with a wide range of skin tones (including one man in a turban, and what appears to be an interracial lesbian couple--just two gals on a couch with what seem to be their kids, not a random assortment of people). Very few reviews of Sparks! seem to be out there, or at least I hadn't seen many when I ordered it for my library, so I took a risk on it, as beefing up our graphic novel section is a collection priority. Now I'm buying a second copy for the library and one for my niece for her birthday. Good stuff.

Sharayah Preman says

5/5 hands down an amazing read. My daughter and I read it together, taking turns doing voices for characters. We are really hoping for more in this series.

Ruth says

He thought it was awesome and refused to send it back to the library.

Brenda Kahn says

This was super-cute tale told by a litter box. Yup, suspend your belief and dive in for some fun featuring genetically modified felines, a litter box, dog suit and a wacko squirrel. Your graphic novel fans will eat this one up.

Sarah Johnson says

Very funny. I will be recommending this to reluctant readers this summer.

Ms. Yingling says

Copy provided by Young Adult Books Central

Canine configuration engage! August, a cat, has created a robotic dog that his friend Charlie helps him run. With the advanced robotics the two are able to save babies who are down wells, pull people out of the path of tornadoes, and perform other heroic deeds. They are being pursued by the evil Princess, who is an intergalactic threat who is inhabiting earth in the guise of a mewling, cute baby. Princess is trying to lure Charlie and August so that she can destroy them, and complete her attempt at trying to control all of the animals on Earth. but Their canine disguise is throwing her off, and she imperils many citizens in her attempts to rout them, but they generally fail. When a busted control panel, as well as a squirrel spy sent by princess, put them at risk, Charlie and August must dig deep to find the resources they need to foil her. Will the help of their robotic litter box and a genetic camouflage bracelet that falls into the wrong hands be enough to save the Earth from certain doom?

As a dog person, I fear for a future where the fate of Earth falls into feline hands, but Charlie seems very caring and August is technologically savvy, so their are worse saviors to have. They both know even that heroic cats are not usually the ones to save the day, so their robot is a dog! This is a nice twist, since for some reason, there are a lot of books about space CATS. (Spires' Binky the Space Cat, Brockington's Catstronauts, Dinardo's Space Cat ; even Pete the Cat has an extraterrestrial adventure!)

Princess is a brilliantly evil villain who looks cute, and her minders often irk her to such an extent that she must apply the "agony pants" to them. She doesn't seem to have as much of a plan as Marmalade in Blabey's Bad Guys vs. the Alien, but her cuteness certainly works to her advantage when bending Earthlings to her will.

This full color graphic novel has bright colors, simple lines, and a comfortable amount of text for younger readers to process. Graphic novels for older readers are often have higher reading levels, and small text that struggling readers find difficult, but like Winnick's Hilo series or

Braddock's Stinky Cecil, Sparks! has just the right amount of humor, color and robotic dogs to make it a great way for a young reader to pass a pleasant afternoon.

Robin Herrera says

One of the funniest graphic novels I've ever read. Loved the physical comedy of two cats operating a giant dog suit. SO MANY GOOD JOKES.

Nina Matsumoto has been one of my favorite artists for a long time - definitely check out YOKAIDEN if you like SPARKS! I hope there are many more of the SPARKS! books on the way, because Charlie and August and their robotic cat litter box are just wonderful.

Francina Simone says

I found this hilarious.

Noa Seidmann says

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Paul Hankins says

August is the brains of this dynamic duo disguised as a dog. But, he lacks the bravery to go outside that Charlie has. Together, they put together a plan to engage in heroic acts of bravery using a dog suit they put together with the help of a computerized litter box.

You see where all of this going.

Cue the alien cloaked as a maniacal toddler who has come to earth to control all animal life with the help of her "parent" minions.

Never able to stick around to receive credit (or petting or the occasional "good boy"), Sparks comes under suspicion of being the entity that creates the chaos they are trying to remedy.

This graphic novel will be a big hit of DOG MAN fans with lots of gross-out humor. I got to see the Advanced Reader Copy which was not fully-colored in, but I sense readers will enjoy this title at the end of February 2018.

Ann says

Hilarious! I laughed out loud more than once. But it also chose not to sacrifice characterization for cheap gags, which I appreciate. I have already been recommending it widely and will continue to do so.

Michelle (FabBookReviews) says

Bonkers and funny, I love it!

Shauna Yusko says

For your Dog Man and Cat Kid fans that need more books!
