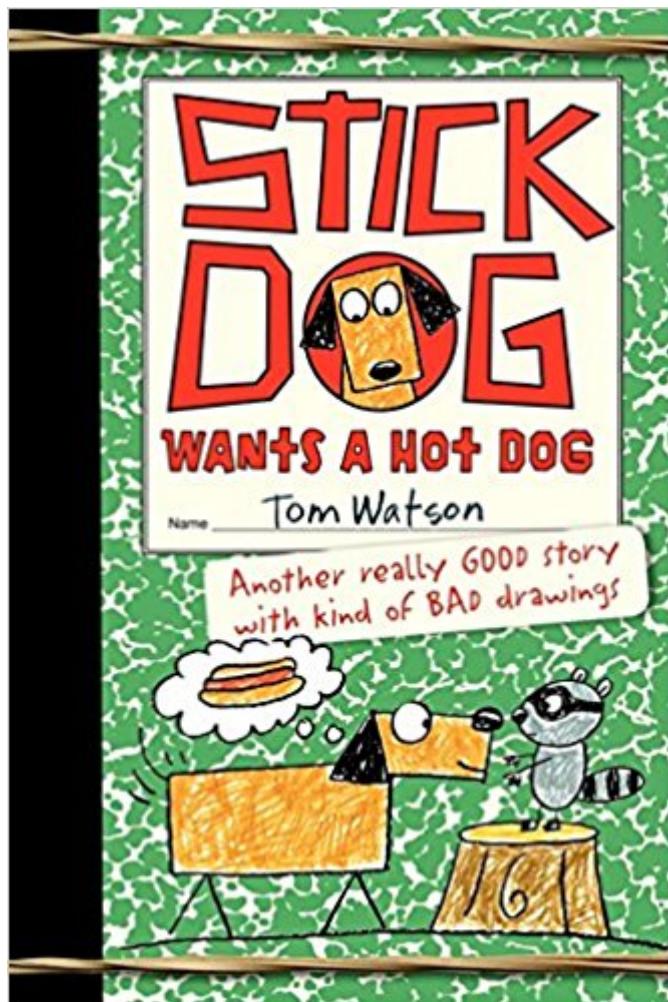


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# Stick Dog Wants A Hot Dog



## **Synopsis**

Stick Dog and his friends return, and they're hungrier than ever! As the dogs embark on their quest for hot dogs, they learn they're not the only ones on a mission—•a band of raccoons is following close behind, and they're ravenous, too! In this second book in the series, Stick Dog and his four friends, Poo-Poo, Mutt, Stripes, and Karen, must execute a master plan for stealing hot dogs. The closer they get to the hot dog vendor, the more difficult their mission becomes. The five dogs are met with many funny challenges along the way, including having to distract the frankfurter guy and Karen getting locked in a human's house. No matter what, these dogs have their eyes—•and stomachs—•on the prize. With hilarious text and stick-figure drawings, reluctant readers will eat this one up! Perfect for fans of the Dog Man, Big Nate, Timmy Failure, and Diary of a Wimpy Kid books.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

Stick Dog Q&A Recently, Tom Watson interviewed the main character in his Stick Dog books. The interview took place at Stick Dog's home — a big pipe that runs beneath Highway 16. Tom Watson: Hi, Stick Dog. Stick Dog: Hey. TW: Before we get started, I just wanted to say

thanks for letting me write about your food-finding adventures. It's a lot of fun. SD: No problem. TW: Do you like the stories? SD: I do. But I wish you could draw me better. I'm really a lot better looking than that. TW: Umm, yeah. Anyway. I was wondering if I could ask you a few questions? SD: Sure. TW: Okay, here goes. We know what breed all your friends are. Karen is a dachshund. Mutt's a mutt. Poo-Poo is a poodle. And Stripes is a dalmatian. But what breed are you? SD: That's a great question. And I have a great answer. TW: What is it? SD: I have no idea. TW: Okay, umm. Next question, I guess. What's your favorite thing to eat? SD: Hamburgers. Hot dogs. And, let's see, pizza is third, I think. TW: I'm curious about how you met all your friends. I know some things, but not all the details. Stripes, for instance. How did you meet her? SD: I was looking for scraps behind the mall. They have a food court in there and I can usually scrounge up something in the alley behind it. That's what I was doing when I heard all this yelling. Then one of the guards at the mall opened the back door and Stripes came running out real fast. She looked scared and like she was in trouble, but also kind of funny. TW: Funny? How? SD: She had nacho cheese sauce all over her face. It was like black and white and orange all over. Anyway, that's how we met. She was upset and I tried to help her feel better. We've been friends ever since. TW: Interesting. Here's another question: Do the other dogs stay with you in your pipe? SD: Not usually. If it's really cold or late, we might have a sleepover. But they all have their own sleeping places. We almost always hang out together during the day though. TW: Isn't Poo-Poo just the silliest name? SD: Yes. But he is a poodle, so it makes sense. TW: Don't you ever want to stop Poo-Poo from hitting his head into things on purpose? SD: I do stop him most the time. TW: Who decorated your place? I love what you've done with it. SD: Do you? Thanks. Karen was the lead designer. She calls it "early-industrial." TW: What are you looking at? SD: Excuse me? TW: Well, we're having this nice conversation and everything and now you seem to be staring at my feet. SD: Oh, sorry. I didn't mean to be rude. It's just your socks. TW: What about them? SD: Well, they look really soft and Mutt likes to chew on socks a lot. And I was just wondering ... TW: You want my socks so you can give them to Mutt to chew on? SD: Well, not to just chew them. TW: What else? SD: He'll swallow them too. He eats the whole thing. TW: Okay, here you go. The socks are yours. SD: Thanks. Mutt will love them. TW: Do you always look out for your friends like that? SD: I try to. TW: And do they look out for you too? SD: Umm, occasionally. TW: Can you give me an example? SD: Let's see, let's see. Well, once Stripes wanted to shoot me out of a catapult and through a glass window. TW: And that was being nice? SD: It's hard to explain. We were

trying to get some food and she had this plan. She meant well. TW: What kind of food were you trying to get? SD: Pizza. TW: Could I write about that for the next book? SD: Sure. It was a pretty funny adventure. I'll tell you all about it later. TW: I want to ask a question about Karen. I was wondering: Has she ever actually caught her tail? SD: Only once. January 16 is a day that will live in infamy. TW: Thanks, Stick Dog. This was fun and informative. SD: That's it? TW: That's it. SD: Umm, I was wondering if maybe I could ask you a question now? TW: Sure. Shoot. SD: Do you have any food? TW: I don't. But I'd be happy to take you out for hamburgers. Would you like that? SD: Yes! And then could we go out for hot dogs after that? TW: You bet. SD: And pizza for dessert? TW: You got it. SD: And can I bring a few friends? TW: How many? SD: Four. TW: No problem.

Stick Dog and his friends Poo-Poo, Mutt, Stripes, and Karen are back (Stick Dog, 2013) for another adventure involving food. This time they are in competition with three raccoons for the prize of the frankfurters in a hotdog cart. The stray dogs have teamwork down to a science, even though Stick Dog, as the leader, seems to be the only one with any common sense. The plans to pinch the frankfurters from the cart range from the sublime to the ridiculous, which will appeal to the intended audience. Once again, the cartoonlike drawings add to the fun. Readers are sure to enjoy this adorable story about working together toward a goal. Grades 3-6. --Suanne Roush

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 understand 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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