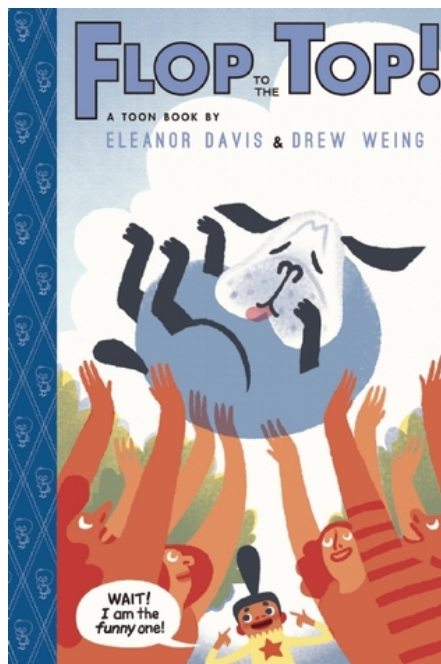




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In this modern-day fable, Wanda calls her brother and sister "fans," keeps up with celebrity news, and never misses a chance to share a selfie. She's ready to show the world how Wanda-ful she really is, but all people are interested in is . . . her dog! Superstar cartoonists Eleanor Davis and Drew Weing will have young readers in stitches with this hilarious tale of fame and fandom where friendship and family triumph.

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Dani Shuping says

"I'm a superstar!" so says Wanda. Her brother and sister are her loyal "fans", but her most loyal of all, is her dog Wilbur. She and Wilbur do everything together, including watching their favorite show "The Star Show" and Sassy Cat! Wanda is ready to show the world how Wanda-ful she is and has just posted her latest selfie. When she wakes up in the morning she finds it has 20 million likes! And Wanda is ready for her fame! Except...they've come for...WILBUR???? Now Wilbur is the famous one! And Wanda is all alone. What's a girl to do?

In this fun and engaging book cartoonists Eleanor Davis & Drew Weing create a story that is sure to resonate with many young readers (and older ones as well.) In this day and age of "superstars" where you compete for your fame on every show possible, Davis & Weing have given us the most superstar of superstars in Wanda, who is ready to be famous, just because...she's Wanda. But what happens when Wanda discovers, she isn't the superstar she thought she was? That's where the story really starts to pick up and Davis & Weing have Wanda start to take a close look at herself and wonder...maybe she isn't all that, just because she wants to be? Maybe, just maybe, she's just Wanda and that's all that the world might need.

The bold, warm colors in the story capture Wanda's energy and lively spirit and her wide eyed smile will help readers relate to her, even if she is bossy. In fact, the only muted color in the entire book is Wilbur. The down to earth, humble, yet big star, dog. It sets him apart from the bright colors of his endearing fans and Wanda's own energy, allowing the reader to easily follow him along his journey. The varying panel sizes and perspectives on each page help the reader follow the energetic pacing of the story and the excitement that the reader feels as they wait to see what happens between Wanda and Wilbur. They keep up the varying panel sizes and perspectives until the very end when...well I can't tell you that part. That would spoil the story! But you'll see how it fits.

This engaging story will keep readers giggling as Wanda prances around the early part of the story declaring herself a superstar and pause to think as Wanda begins to realize maybe...she's not the superstar she thinks she is. And maybe, just maybe, she'll learn something along the way. This book is recommended for all ages, as well all can use a dose of humility and learn that we aren't all superstars and that perhaps we don't need to be.

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Marissa Ebert says

This book has not won any awards.

"Flop to the Top!" is appropriate for first to third grade students.

This book is a graphic novel about Wanda, a young girl, who wants to be famous. But for some reason, her dog is the one who becomes famous. Wanda loves celebrities and taking selfies, and she calls her brother and sister her fans. When she posts a picture online with her dog, it goes viral, but to Wanda's dismay, everyone likes her dog better.

This book is really cute, and modern. It talks about technology and uses terminology that most children today

can relate to. Also, at the end of this book, there is a page that explains how to read comics, and other helpful information. This is a funny book that your students will love to read.

This book can be used in the classroom to teach students about comics and graphic novels, and how to read these kinds of books. Also, this book can start a conversation about the internet, and posting things online for everyone to see. Students can be asked to predict what would happen if Wanda had become famous instead of her dog.

Ashley Salisbury says

I highly recommend this for beginning readers. (more later)

Fred Patten says

"Flop to the Top!" by husband-&-wife Eleanor Davis & Drew Weing (story & art) is a witty parable for Level 3 readers about media popularity versus true friendship. "My name is WANDA. I'm a SUPERSTAR!" boasts Wanda, a young girl, on the first page. "EVERYBODY says so," but readers can see that's not true. "Here I am with some of my FANS," Wanda says, taking a cel-phone photo of herself with her disapproving younger sister and brother. "But my BIGGEST fan ... is my dog, Wilbur." Wilbur is a big floppy, lazy hound who lets Wanda take his picture and caption it "My #1 fan, Wilbur". Wanda takes another picture, captions it "Superstar Wanda and her Floppy Dog", and posts it on the Internet. The next morning, there are crowds and TV camera around her house. "Oh my GOSH! I'm a REAL superstar?" No! "Out of the way, little girl! We want FLOPPY DOG!" Wanda is horrified and mortified to realize that droopy Wilbur is the real star, and nobody cares about her. She sees Floppy Dog riding in limousines, hobnobbing with TV animal stars, and rising to higher and ever higher fame. Her calls for Wilbur to come home and resume his old life are ignored. It isn't until Wanda says, "I love you. Wilbur, I'm your number one fan," that he returns to her. This TOON Books easy-to-read hardcover featuring non-Caucasian Wanda and her big floppy hound will bring laughter to children of all ages at the same time it presents a modern-day lesson on the difference between momentary popularity and real friendship.

Juliana Lee says

Wanda is a superstar. Her biggest fans are her brother and sister (not) and her dog Wilbur. Then one day, Wanda posts a picture of herself with her floppy dog, Wilbur and it goes viral! She wakes up in the morning to news reporters and limos... but they're not for her, they're for Wilbur. Now Wilbur is the superstar (for real) and Wanda misses him. Finally, Wilbur decides to leave all that behind and go home with Wilma, who really loves him. <http://julianaleewriter.com/the-cybil...>

Hadi says

Very cute

Megan Gilchrist says

This is a cartoon book. Wanda and her dog Wilbur were the main characters. Wanda wants to be a superstar. Wilbur is very floppy. She posted a picture on Instagram and she thought she would be the the superstar, but Wilbur became the superstar!

My favorite part of the story when Wilbur becomes the superstar, and Wanda gets really mad because SHE wanted to be the superstar! It was so funny!

The pictures kind of told the story, but it would have been better if the pictures were about a real famous person.

Girls who are 7-10 would like this book because it's about superstars!

Sylvester says

3* art

2* story

David Schaafsma says

A children's graphic novel for younger readers about a girl named W-w-w-w-wanda (no, just Wanda, that's from A Fish Named Wanda) who wants fame, who sees her brother and sister as "fans". She takes selfies and posts them everywhere. One with her dog gets her DOG famous, which creates this manic adventure leading back home and "normality".

Just a fun kind of romp by Davis and her husband, Drew Weing. I read it because Davis (How to Be Happy) is an amazing illustrator as well as cartoonist and wanted to see what she would do with kids comics. She also did Stinky and others for Toon books, Francine Mouly's editorial project. I find myself pretty disengaged with Toon books overall, for some reason. A little too academic, a little too focused on reading level and "how to Read Comics with Kids," which may be necessary, I dunno, for kids and teachers, but I doubt it. The art here and story are pretty fun, lots of jazzy design and color.

Scott Robins says

Is this about emotions & feelings or our society's obsession with celebrity culture? I expected a bit more of a clear message from these two creators. Not sure if this was entirely successful.

Miss Sarah says

In this early elementary graphic novel, a young girl wants to be a star and thinks she is the best at everything but what happens when her dog actually becomes a star? Simple and easy to follow.

Karen davisstone says

This graphic novel will appeal to younger beginning readers. It has great vocabulary and rich sentences that don't feel like it's dumbing down a story just because it's written for a younger audience. It tells the story of Wanda and her dog Wilbur. Wanda wants to be a star. She refers to her younger siblings as fans and acts like a total diva in her family and neighborhood. When Wanda posts a selfie of her and her dog she finds fame, only to realize it's not Wanda who the public wants to see, it's Wilbur. Wilbur becomes, "Floppy Dog" and an instant celebrity. How Wanda deals with her envy and soon her feelings of loss are classic, and the story teaches the lesson that friends are more important than being important.

This book would be a fun one to use with beginning readers in a group. It could be used to introduce them to the concept of graphic novels, or for it's easy to follow yet interesting story. So often beginning reader's books are dull and lifeless, this breaks that mold into little pieces. Students would want to read this over and over again. This would aid in comprehension and developing skills of a good reader.

This book would also work well with our Character Counts schoolwide program. Often its hard to find books to teach lessons with that aren't hitting children over the head with the overly moral story. This story does the same thing, but in a way that students would enjoy and actually learn from. It reflects responsibility, trustworthiness, and being a good citizen. You could work respect and fairness into it too. Wanda isn't very likeable at first and I think that could lead to some interesting discussions in groups. As Floppy Dog's fame grows, the way that Wanda changes will make every student have to think. The conversations you could have in small groups, where students feel more comfortable, could be really character building in a natural way instead of feeling so false.

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Sammi Cuevas says

Cute and funny graphic novel that is engaging for young readers and shows good value in contentment.

Aileen says

Extra star for accurately depicting a bulldog.

Alexandria Pham says

This book is a fantasy book because it never happened and it highly doubtful a dog makes the choice to become a star and leave his owner (temporarily) Dogs just don't make those choices for themselves. This books audience would be primary.

Text to self- I have been guilty enough to watch and idolize many stars over the years. When I was little I pretended I was a star too. Specifically Brittany Spears.

Text to text - I thought of the show keeping up with the Kardashians. Pretty much it started with Kim trying

to become family like Wanda (except she does unlike Wanda) but her family also unexpectedly became famous out of it.

Text to World - Many stars we have become stars out of pure luck much like Wilbur (the dog). For instance Evangeline Lily was just walking about when she was offered a modeling contract and suddenly became famous.
