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For dog lovers of all ages, a banquet of (pepper) puppy puns!

Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers have wowed readers with the funny food faces of **HOW ARE YOU PEELING**, the underwater vegetable visions of **ONE LONELY SEAHORSE** and the lush produce landscapes of **GUS AND BUTTON**. Now with **DOG FOOD**, the duo turns its talents to the canine realm, wittily reworking familiar doggy phrases for a whole new level of humor and meaning. These pepper pooches and mango mutts are guaranteed to charm dog owners, dog lovers, and even -- dare we say it -- cat fans. Chow down!

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Kaethe says

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These books crack me up. We spend ages peering at them to work out the details of how they're made. Also, we're fans of bad puns.

This is exactly the sort of book that makes the teenagers roll their eyes at me. But I am stalwart. Once I have an image such as one of these in my mind, nothing will do but that I check out every one the library has.

Library copy

Jamie says

This book is very simple. There are about 2 words on each page. Students could definitely read this book. What makes it interesting are the illustrations and the puns used throughout. The illustrations are fun to look at because all of the dogs are made from food. They are a fun take on illustrations. You could talk about how you wouldn't normally think of making animals out of food. Then when it comes to making images out of different shapes you could make the connection that you have to think outside of the box and use what you have to make your vision. It's a really, simple, cute, fun book!

Kelsey says

Dog Food illustrates a variety of dog-related idioms with dogs made out of a variety of fruits and vegetables. The illustrations are very fun and unique. The prose is simple. It would be appropriate for helping children to understand the concept of idioms. It would also be appropriate for encouraging print motivation.

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

Dogs made out of fruit and vegetables--what's not to love? Brings to mind my cabbage dog holiday ornament but not so kitchy:

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/B003KWJ...>

It is, however full of silly puns. Delightful!

Red says

Dog food? Food dogs? Food for dogs -minus onions, grapes, and the like- shaped like dogs? What can you say about this book besides it's an inspiration to try making your own little fun edible dogs. My biggest complaint is no hot dog dogs or meat dogs. There was a lot of potential, perhaps sequels are needed.

This book is a surefire way to get your kids playing with their food without glaring at their plates.

Jenny says

I found the featured fruits' faces fabulous fun! While perhaps not quite as expressive as the critters contained in Freymann and Elfers' master work, *How Are You Peeling: Foods with Moods*, these canine creations are compelling and charismatic characters. I would recommend this book to readers of all ages.

Kymberly says

So very clever.

Kathleen Smith says

A work of art. Fun and funny!

Maria Rowe says

This looked better from far away. Most of the food is browning and the red pepper especially bothered me because it was wrinkly - was it that hard to go to the store and find a fresh red pepper for this book? It's a fun concept, but the art just doesn't work. The words are ok but so simple, and the typography is a mess. The words are too small and the typeface looks like something downloaded from the internet.

Lisa Vegan says

I've always liked (but not usually loved) these "play with your food" type books, creating pictures by using various foods, particularly when fruits and vegetables are the foods being sculpted.

This one, all dogs, is adorable. It's appropriate from ages birth on. Each page has one or a few sculptures and a very short description, such as "good dog" and "top dog" and "sick as a dog" and "dog eat dog" among

others, and the illustrations fit those captions.

I love many of the doggy depictions. The poodle made from broccoli is really great, as is a bone made from cauliflower, and so are “puppy love” and “lucky dog” and “pup tent” but really all are great. There are a couple aggressive scenes but most pages are on the sweet side.

Because I love dogs so much, this is probably my favorite of this series of food art books.

Heidi Burkhart says

Just delightful! Though this is a picture book with little text I think that adults may enjoy it even more than children.

Jonna says

Built on puns and plays on words, the pictures are great, but the kids don't get it. There are double meanings to everything and they have no idea.

David says

Dog Food by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers features familiar dog phrases and food creations portraying them.

Prepare to be (bow) wowed by the varied canine creations in Dog Food. There are also pup puns and word plays a-plenty here.

The variety and creativity of the dog sculptures is impressive and fun. Each page has a few sculptures and a couple words or a brief phrase. I especially like the two page spread: Good dog! Other favorite images are top dog, dog bowl, dog show, pup tent, dog tired and the final image.

This is not a story, but a dog-gone funny book of dog related food sculptures, word play and puns to enjoy.

For ages 3 and up, dogs, food, photographs, fruit, vegetables, puns, plays on words, and fans of Saxton Freymann and Joost Eiffers.

Luann says

Besides the fun of seeing food turned into very cute dogs, this could also be used in a lesson on idioms or puns.

Ina says

I am always amazed at the amazing art Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers can create with food. This book is no exception. The text consists of all sorts of dog phrases with a corresponding bright and humorous food illustration. Hot dog, chilly dog, dog paddle, dog tag - they are all here. My young story time audience especially loved dog show (three food dogs watching a mushroom tv set), dog eat dog (one radish dog biting the tail of a larger, pepper dog) and puppy love. While this is not my favorite book by these two, it is still wonderfully creative, entertaining and made me glad that these two DO play with their food.
