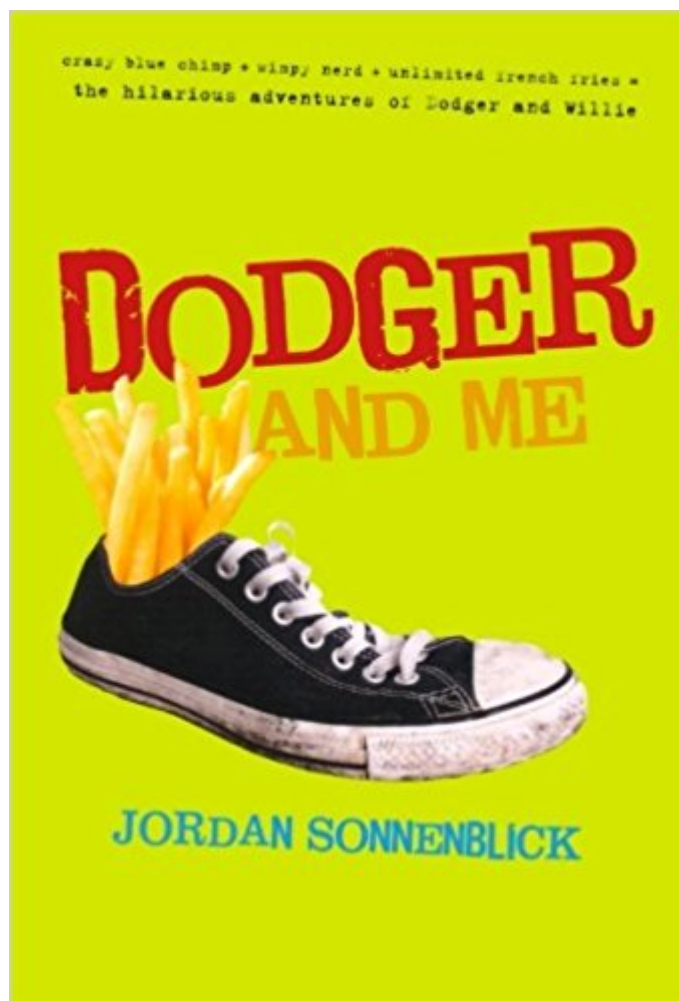


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# Dodger And Me



## Synopsis

A boy's imaginary friend is driving him crazy in *Dodger and Me*, the first installment of a hilarious new series by acclaimed author Jordan Sonnenblick. What would you do if your best friend was: 1. Imaginary? 2. An oversize blue chimp in surfer shorts? (Potentially embarrassing, but hey, no one else can see him . . . right?) 3. Proposing a plan to help you improve your life? 4. Did we say imaginary? 5. Driving you crazy?!?! Now you have an idea of what Willie Ryan's life is like when he meets Dodger. It's the beginning of a lot of trouble and a friendship you'll never forget!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Grade 3 • William Dufris gives a lively performance of Jordan Sonnenblick's hilarious fantasy (*Fiewel & Friends*, 2008) about friendship and acceptance. Fifth-grader Willie Ryan doesn't play baseball well and has an overprotective mom. As a result, he's one of the least popular kids in school. In fact, the closest thing he has to a friend is Lizzy, a weird British girl. While walking home through the woods one day, Willie picks up an old fast-food bag which turns into a genie-style lamp. Within minutes out pops Dodger, a giant blue chimpanzee who can talk. However, Dodger isn't a genie (he prefers the term "bottled American") and can't grant wishes. Dodger follows Willie

home, and so begins their zany adventures to help Willie attain his three "heart's desires" with comical results. Dufres's array of animated voices, including a very boyish Willie, adds even more kid appeal to this charming, off-the-wall tale that will have listeners giggling to the end. —Karen T. Bilton, Mary Jacobs Library, Rocky Hill, NJ END

He knows he's not supposed to take the shortcut through the woods. But after letting down his baseball team once again, Willie (a.k.a. Wimpy) disobeys his overprotective mother's warnings and veers off down the forbidden path. There he finds, emerging genie-like from a magic lamp, a large blue chimpanzee named Dodger, who vows to be his new best friend. As Willie begins to use the three wishes he is granted, he grows more wary and more aware of what really matters to him. Like many a hero given the traditional wishes, Willie doesn't always make good choices, but he picks up some useful skills and even a bit of wisdom along the way. Mercifully, as narrator, he doesn't feel the need to spell out the lessons learned. The humor will draw kids — especially Dodger's off-the-wall dialogue and the outlandish predicaments that result when he decides to help. The story grows increasingly engaging as Willie starts moving toward what he really wants. Grades 4-6. --Carolyn Phelan

This book never really grabbed me, which surprised me since I love this author. The main character has an imaginary friend, and the friend inspires him to get out of his comfort zone.

I purchased this book for my daughter's class project. She really liked the book. And I appreciated that Amazon shipped it to us so quickly and I didn't have to run around town looking for it! Sweet little story.

Great read a loud for third grade---I teach all boys and they loved the humor and couldn't wait to find out what came next.

good

I love this book it's awesome!! Funny and cute!! Perfect kids book adults too!! I love how you can adjust the settings too!!!

It was a little boring, and it was all about election. I feel like it could be better. I would recommend it

to a kid who wants to use it as a project.

I read this book to my class after reading the first book in the series. It is a wonderfully funny book that allows many opportunities to discuss issues that students face in school today (bullying, friendship, etc.).

We have not read it yet since it is to be read as part of the third grade curriculum and not during the summer.

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