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When Pauline Poulet learns she'll be the next special of the day at Cock-a-Doodle-Doo Café, she flies the coop faster than you can say "Chicken pie, delicious"! Thus begins her journey of peril and catastrophe, courage and chance: She is chased. She is dunked. She is tossed tail over beak. But can Pauline escape the dinner plate?

Kids everywhere will love clucking along with this chicken's battle cry: "Pauline, prevail!"

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Margaret says

I thought this book was a fun read with my 6 year old. I especially loved reading "Pauline Prevail" in a chicken voice. You had to be here to appreciate it...but my son enjoyed it.

The Brothers says

Asher (4yo) rates this five stars because he found the illustrations pretty funny. The story itself is about the catastrophes that befall this chicken who's escaping from her coop to keep from being turned into dinner. I loved the rhymes and how the chicken would declare throughout the book, "Pauline prevail!"

Nice, fun illustrations.

April Thompson says

I realize this is supposed to be a story of an adventurous chicken that is trying to escape the inevitable (in her mind), but it just didn't float my boat. Although there were pirates, and I just love pirates, it fell short for me. Poor Pauline has quite a few issues to deal with before ending up where she feels she belongs. Overall I think kids would enjoy the story, but again, didn't do it for me.

Joanna says

When Pauline the hen discovers she is going to be eaten, she escapes from the farm in search of a better life. Her adventures take her to the forest, the ocean and the sky before happily settling down in a petting zoo.

The rhyming in this book is fun and enjoyable to read. The illustrations, however, are what make the book-they are hilarious.

I would recommend this as independent reading for primary students, and even as a read-aloud for intermediates.

Dena (Batch of Books) says

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Humor oozes from every page of this delightful picture book! It was funny, witty, and engaging. Wildly entertaining, My Life as a Chicken will have children and adults laughing at the long string of misfortunes

that befall Pauline as she tries to escape one hungry creature after another.

The writing is well done and there are just enough words to every page that the story moves forward nicely.

I am giving this book four stars. The only reason it is not getting five stars is because there are a few instances where the words are mixed around so much that they are difficult for children to understand, and a couple of the pictures are too dark to see what is happening very easily.

The Illustrations: The artwork is unique and stylized. It fits right in with the style of the writing and compliments it very well. The only complaint I had was the one I mentioned in the paragraph above. Other than that, this was a very fun read out loud book!

Nicole says

Read this to my almost 3-year-old tonight. The pictures are great and tell the story better than the words. The story is told in prose and uses quite a few large words that are too much for kids to really get the story. They get the pictures, but they won't get the story by listening to it. Bottom line: Great illustrations.

Boni says

Although there isn't much to this book plot-wise, it is a hilarious read-aloud and the illustrations are terrific. My kids couldn't follow the story, but they were highly entertained by my goofy reading. Fun language, offbeat meter and a refrain you will hear from your kids for days afterward- "Pauline prevail!" -even though they still don't know what it means!

Greta says

The perils of Pauline--wasn't that a bad "b" movie? Anyway, the book about the perils of Pauline chicken is as far fetched as the movie. It's just one more thing after another. Kids love it though.

I just re-read it and it's grown on me a bit. It's better the second time around. I change it to a three star book.

Heather Bailey says

This was a hilarious read with my 8 year old son. Some of the words went a bit over his head, but that was good, because it presented an opportunity for me to expand his vocabulary. My favorite:

“By sneaking off this shifty ship,
I’ll give these scalawags the slip.
Hours pass atop the mast.
I wait.
The sea cats snooze at last!”

Lots of action and funny pictures.

Dolly says

Our youngest borrowed this book from her elementary school library. We just had to read it right away and we really liked it. The sing-song rhyming narrative and the hilarious and colorful cartoonish illustrations really make this a fun book to read aloud. The plot really reminded us a lot of Louise, The Adventures of a Chicken by Kate DiCamillo, but it was a much sillier story.

Teresa says

This is an excellent book for rhyming words and playful fun words that describe the chickens situation. The situations in this book are very outrageous and fun for kids to read. This would be a great book to read during down time or to transition from a rowdy activity to something calm.

Jean says

Bit of a strange story but I liked the poetic rhythm.

Megan McCormick says

this book was cute but not my favorite. It was too long for me and the words were difficult i felt. If i was a child trying to read this then i would have struggled. The illustration is nice however i just did not like this book and was waiting for it to be over. the only reason i had to finish this book was because i was reading this to my friend and i could stop. had i been reading it lone i would have stopped simply because i did not like this book.

Jessica Vu says

This book may be hard for younger children to follow even though they will be laughing really hard at the chicken's adventure. I would use this book with a 3-5th grade class to illistrate how I might go about looking up words I wasn't sure the meaning of. I would model it first, but using the dictionary, an online resource or asking a friend, etc. to help me find out the meaning of the word. I would then give each student a word and ask that they bring me a definition in their own words, and a sentence using the word, the next day in class. This is a great way to widen students vocaulary and show them how they can use these words in their writing to help bring it to life. It also helps students develop a sense of wonder when the stumble upon a word they don't know. After we have discussed the meaning of all the words, I will reread the book and ask students if they liked it better the second time around-since they now know the meaning of the unfamiliar words.

Vocabulary

Creative writing
Rhyming

MJ says

I have chickens. This book was kinda dumb.
