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As Alida mixes bread dough in her small kitchen, she listens to the radio with incredulity. The Trump administration has just come to power in Washington, and America's most fundamental values and traditions are in danger. Her dog Buddy--a policy wonk--is equally outraged. If Congress is unwilling to act, who will protect American democracy?

The answer lies in Alida's mixing bowl, for she is making sourdough bread, and the yeast (collected from the air in her Philadelphia kitchen) turns out to be extraordinary. Meet John Dough, superhero, and learn how he comes to the aid of a troubled and divided nation.

The action unfolds in Philadelphia PA, Iowa, Washington D.C., and the Land of the Plant People, where the inhabitants are proud to live "Free from the Bonds of Reason." Pennsylvania history both inspires and horrifies our hero John, who is educated by the well-read Alida, her politically savvy dog, and a sympathetic and scholarly pigeon at Thirtieth Street Station.

Thirty-six illustrations range from touching to darkly satirical. This is a funny book about important ideas. Readers will laugh aloud, cry, and adjust their ideas about American history.

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David says

The author of this book has quite an imagination/ However I had trouble reading it because it was so political.

Lilly T. says

I won this book in a Goodreads give away and I really enjoyed reading it. It was not what I was expecting but still a fun read. This seemed liked a great book to give young adults who may be interested in a politics while still keeping an open mind. I have recommended this to several people already and plan to keep doing so. Bravo!

Myra Leysorek says

I enjoyed this. Comic, many references to Philadelphia, a fantasy that solves our political problems with a superhero to the rescue.

Liz says

There are a lot of adjectives that I would apply to this book ... quirky, innovative, funny, informative, thought-provoking, puzzling ... and, I would add, more than a bit controversial. A short and easy read that is a nice addition to today's political literature.
I won a copy of this book in a Goodreads giveaway for this honest review.

Eric E says

I love this book and am savoring every chapter. It's full of whimsy and old-fashioned soundness, clear prose and singing verse, and delightful illustrations, all of which come together in a just-right balance that stands it in the company of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Persepolis*. It's both balm and call to action, and always feels fresh and light on its feet. I'll be sad to finish it. Fortunately, I'm a slow reader!

Having finished the book, now, the book only gets better as you go. In addition to being funny and informative, it occasionally surprises with a poignant twist. The mysteries of dough...

Althea says

I just loved this book, so wise and cheerful and creative. I am getting copies for my friends. Very nice drawings, too!

Jenn says

I won a copy of this book.

Very timely book. Sometimes the world needs a superhero...and John Dough comes alive at just the right time. Philadelphia has some super yeast that creates John Dough in Alida's kitchen (and bathtub). Fun read.

Diane says

I received a copy of this book through the goodreads giveaway program.

This is an interesting book with great illustrations.

Unfortunately, it is fiction based on fact.

The fact that it is a commentary on our current political situation is depressing and sad.

How long will it continue? Who can tell. At least until the current Republican party continues to cower in fear and let 'the president' run amok!

If you have a fear for the future of our country, you may want to read this and become involved with the American political process.

Ken says

Where is John Doe when you need him? He should fly Trump to Porta Rico and leave him there without power for 1 year. The story was very clever and poignant as well. It seems so true it takes some of the fun out of it. I really got a kick out of reading it.
