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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

K-Gr 2—A shoe-loving pup that lives in an animal shelter and dreams of having a real home with things to chew is adopted by a shoe-loving older woman. As the newcomer chews up his first pairs of boots, sneakers, and flip-flops, his person calls out, "Shoe Dog... You're so cute, but..." When he is well behaved, his world is full of nose kisses, ear scratches, and head pats. But when he transgresses, there are no "Cozy Covers," "Big Bed," or "Land of Upstairs" for him; instead, he is sent to the lightless basement—"the Land of Sad Puppies." Rich language carries readers through this superbly paced story of successful puppy training (with the aid of a new member of the household, Shoe Cat). Movement is key in the page layout and the kid-friendly illustrations in crayon and charcoal are digitally collaged.—Sara Lissa Paulson, The American Sign Language and English Lower School, New York City

From [Booklist](#)

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## Review

Shoe Dog has a big problem: his new owner (referred to as "She, Herself") is a shoe lover, and he's an incorrigible shoe eater. He's barely settled in from the animal shelter, when "Shoe Dog chewed through five high heels, four flip-flops, three sneakers, two boots, one wing tip," reports Judy Moody author McDonald, who last collaborated with Tillotson on It's School Picture Day! Neither his owner's repeated cries of "BAD DOG!" nor the thought of being sent back to "the Land of Sad Puppies and Scratched-Up Cats and One-Eared Bunnies" can discourage Shoe Dog's gleefully relentless footwear search-and-destroy missions. But what if Shoe Dog discovered a shoe of his own—one that brought out his best, kindest instincts? Tillotson's canine hero is a marvelous creation, conjured up out of swiftly crayoned, coiled black lines and filled in with charcoal smudges; he looks like a tangled Slinky that's sprouted bright eyes and pink triangle ears. Anyone who's ever loved a goodhearted but ill-behaved dog will want to eagerly adopt this book. Ages 4–8. (Mar.) (Publishers Weekly)

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## **SHOE DOG [STARRED REVIEW!]**

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An irrepressible dog can't resist falling into the same type of mischief over and over again, until something surprising changes his pattern.

This small, wiggly pup bounces upward as a silhouetted woman enters the animal shelter. He longs for a home "warm as soup / and cozy as pie," full of nose kisses and tummy rubs. And oh, how exciting—the woman takes him home! "That very day, / Shoe Dog chewed through / five high heels, / four flip-flops, / three sneakers, / two boots, / one wing tip." Scolding—" 'BAD DOG!' / She, Herself said"—and punishment—no petting or access to the Big Bed—see him lying forlornly in a gray-blue space, subdued. But each time new shoes arrive, he tracks down and rips into the fresh box, chomping every shoe with gusto. Consequences ratchet up mildly, but Shoe Dog never learns impulse control as such; instead, unexpectedly, he meets a shoe he'd never, ever chew. Finally he's welcome "on the Big Bed / in the Land of Upstairs," curling up blissfully with his new shoe-love. Tillotson uses thick black lines for Shoe Dog's scribbly, coiled-spring body, smudging charcoal inside his shape to give him substance; scraps of pink and beige mark his pointy ears and muzzle. Motion lines show how he scampers and bounds. The visual angle varies, and shoe-box tissue paper flies through the air.

Totally ebullient. (*Picture book*. 3-7) (Kirkus Reviews)

A SHOE-LOVING PUP THAT LIVES IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER AND DREAMS OF HAVING A REAL HOME WITH THINGS TO CHEW IS ADOPTED BY A SHOE-LOVING OLDER WOMAN. AS THE NEWCOMER CHEWS UP HIS FIRST PAIRS OF BOOTS, SNEAKERS, AND FLIP-FLOPS, HIS PERSON CALLS OUT, "SHOE DOG... YOU'RE SO CUTE, BUT...." WHEN HE IS WELL BEHAVED, HIS WORLD IS FULL OF NOSE KISSES, EAR SCRATCHES, AND HEAD PATS. BUT WHEN HE TRANSGRESSES, THERE ARE NO "COZY COVERS," "BIG BED," OR "LAND OF UPSTAIRS" FOR HIM; INSTEAD, HE IS SENT TO THE LIGHTLESS BASEMENT—"THE LAND OF SAD PUPPIES." RICH LANGUAGE CARRIES READERS THROUGH THIS SUPERBLY PACED STORY OF SUCCESSFUL PUPPY TRAINING (WITH THE AID OF A NEW MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD, SHOE CAT). MOVEMENT IS KEY IN THE PAGE LAYOUT AND THE KID-FRIENDLY ILLUSTRATIONS IN CRAYON AND CHARCOAL ARE DIGITALLY COLLAGED. (School Library Journal)

“ ‘Dog wanted a home. A real home. A place full of hundreds of nose kisses, dozens of tummy rubs.’ Adopted by ‘Herself,’ Dog couldn’t be happier, until he is banished to the basement for chewing up shoes. In Tillotson’s charcoal-and-crayon drawings, the scribbly dog’s desires are at odds with the owner’s elegant wardrobe. McDonald – of the Judy Moody books – knows how to tell this story from the puppy’s perspective; young readers may find they share his sensibility, if not (we hope!) his habits. ” (New York Times Book Review )

“*Shoe Dog* is a great American story about luck, grit, know-how, and the magic alchemy of a handful of eccentric characters who came together to build Nike. That it happened at all is a miracle, because as I learned from this book, though we are a nation that extols free enterprise, we also excel at thwarting it. This is Phil Knight, one on one, no holds barred. The lessons he imparts about entrepreneurship and the obstacles one faces in trying to create something, are priceless. The pages I folded down are too many to mention.”—**Abraham Verghese, author of *Cutting for Stone***

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"*Shoe Dog* is an extraordinary hero's journey, an epic tale of faith, unparalleled determination, excellence, failure, triumph, hard-earned wisdom, and love. It's nothing short of a miracle that Nike exists. I finished the last sentence in complete awe, inspired and grateful for the experience."--**Lisa Genova, New York Times bestselling author of *Still Alice* and *Inside the O'Briens***

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"A fresh historical prospective on one of the most profiled companies in the world...[*Shoe Dog*] builds characters of the people behind the brand, many of whom we've never heard of."--**ESPN.com**

"Loaded with hard-earned wisdom...Want a simple recommendation? Go get a copy."--**Portland Business Journal Review**

"*Shoe Dog* is, at its heart, an origin story, of both a global brand and a footwear lifer...it reads like pure adventure story, boys facing steeper and steeper challenges and finding ways through, often by the skin of their teeth. As Knight collects the misfits and oddballs who become the core of his growing company, *Shoe Dog* is more like *The Lord of the Rings* than a typical mogul memoir."--**Complex**

“A rare and revealing look at the notoriously media-shy man behind the swoosh.”--**Booklist STARRED review**

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**Kermit Diaz:**

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**Michael Turner:**

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