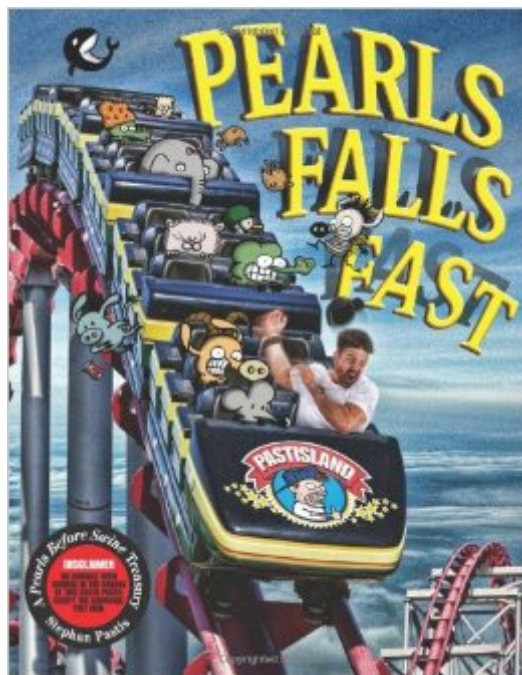


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Pearls Falls Fast: A Pearls Before Swine Treasury



Synopsis

Enjoy a new treasury of New York Times Best-Selling Pearls Before Swine. In this treasury collection of Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Rat's Wars, the eclectic Pearls Before Swine cast play out their respective roles. Rat is the arrogant know-it-all, taking constant advantage of the naive and simple Pig, with wise and pedantic Goat looking on in detached disapproval. The incredibly inept Crocs still hold hopes of eating their Zeeba neighbors. Throw in cameo appearances by Guard Duck and Snuffles the Cat and you get the full tableau of Pearls comedy. Stephan's personal annotations lend insight and more humor to this Pearls Before Swine rendition.

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Customer Reviews

It doesn't matter what kind of mood I'm in, these cartoons will make me laugh aloud. I've only been a major fan of a few cartoonists before I discovered Pearls Before Swine. I've noticed that Stephan is also a fan of these same artists, so he has a similar sense of humor--a little dark and a lot hilarious. I'm Goat, by the way. Stephan says he's Rat, but I sense he's got a lot of Pig in him, too! I own all the treasuries available so far and have turned on many of my friends to Pearls by gifting them with some of the collections. Now they are also major fans of Stephan's work. I'm so glad Stephan stopped being a lawyer and now uses his intelligence and wit for something constructive.

I'm a big fan of the comic strip "Pearls Before Swine." The strips are sometimes edgy, often relevant, and funny. PEARLS FALLS FAST is a treasury of "Pearls Before Swine" comic strips. The

strips in this treasury first appeared in the book collections UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT and RAT'S WARS. These strips first ran in newspapers from February 28, 2011 to September 3, 2012. Unlike some other comic strip treasuries, a "Pearls Before Swine" treasury includes notes from Pastis on many of the comics in the book. Even if you own all UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT and RAT'S WARS, PEARLS FALLS FAST is a book worth owning just for the notes by Pastis. Some provide some insight to the life of a cartoonist while others are just plain funny. This treasury has some great storylines. Some of these found in the book include: where Larry the Croc becomes the Vice President of a neighborhood Kids Club treehouse, Rat returning to work at Joe's Roastery, a story where aliens who are just anthropomorphic beer cans visit the neighborhood, the imprisonment of Stephan Pastis for Rat's anti-government tirades, and Zebra's decision to build a huge wall to protect him from the Crocs; the Crocs continued attempt at getting over Zebra's wall; Rat joining the Occupy Movement by Occupying Sesame Street; Rat getting sent to Siberia with the rest of Stephan's missing luggage and Rat's revenge afterwards; Larry the Croc getting caught in a compromising photo with his Zebra neighbor; Rat being hired to revise Mr. Roger's Neighborhood; the break-out of the East Coast-West Coast Cartoonist War; Larry's son becomes friends with Freddy the Frog; and Guard Duck's adoption of Dinky Duckling. Characters from the comics "Dennis the Menace", "Pluggers", "Peanuts", "Blondie", "Mutts", "Beatle Bailey", "Cathy", and "Family Circus" all make appearances. Pastis' pleasure in using Sunday strips for elaborate puns continues in many strips, particularly the Sunday strips. There's also a great regular weekday strip where Pig gets a little bit of "revenge" on Rat on Opposite Day. I also like the Sunday Thanksgiving strip in this collection which features a tribute Charlie Brown and Charles Schultz. The last section is a section entitled "Wading into the Kiddie Pool" and features a selection of drawings (with commentary) by Pastis from his childhood. I always enjoy these treasuries because they feature neat little extras like "Wading into the Kiddie Pool." Overall, this is a great treasury of " Pearls Before Swine" strips and an item that any fan of the strip is sure to enjoy.

Here's yet another compilation of "Pearls" to amuse (Horrify?) you. It's the usual bunch of suspects up to their definitely deep left field actions. Nothing has really changed, but the way the characters go about their routines does change with frightening frequency. Rat is still Rat, but somehow Pastis finds new avenues for Rat to travel to do his nefarious deeds. Pig is still the totally bewildered innocent, and you wonder why he still ain't woke up and smelled the coffee. Zebra is still plagued with his crocodile neighbors who still try (unsuccessfully) to eat him, and goat is still his erudite self.

In all, the book is a hoot and well worth having.

If you like Pearls, you'll like this one. His drawing has definitely improved, but the stories could use a little more variation. There are several plots that are repeated over and over but with different jokes, punchlines or participating characters. But, hey, you try coming up with original ideas 365 days a year.

Simply put, Stephan Pastis has the best comic strip all around. These reprints are made all the more humorous with the hundreds of comments included by the author. These books are great even in rereading.

Another great collection of Pearls comic strips, punctuated by frequent commentary by the author about the strips themselves. As much as I wish my local paper would carry Pearls, I actually enjoy waiting for these treasures to come out to read Pearls in one fell swoop. I love this strip!

Pearls Before Swine is funny. Pearls Falls Fast is the best collection yet!! Rat, Pig, Goat, Zebra, and the Crocs know how to tell the truth about life, and it isn't always kind or pretty, but it is always humorous. I think Pastis is a highly underrated cartoonist. Check Pearls Falls fast out, and be sure to check out all of the Pearls treasures, as Pastis's commentary throughout give a great insight into the slightly unbalanced mind of the Pearls creator.

I have posted reviews in the past explaining how awesomely entertaining Mr. Pastis is, but I wanted to say again: You should always buy the treasures! Even if you own the collections, the treasures are a must because the added comments Stephan adds to the bottom of his cartoons are just as funny, if not funnier, than the original strips.

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