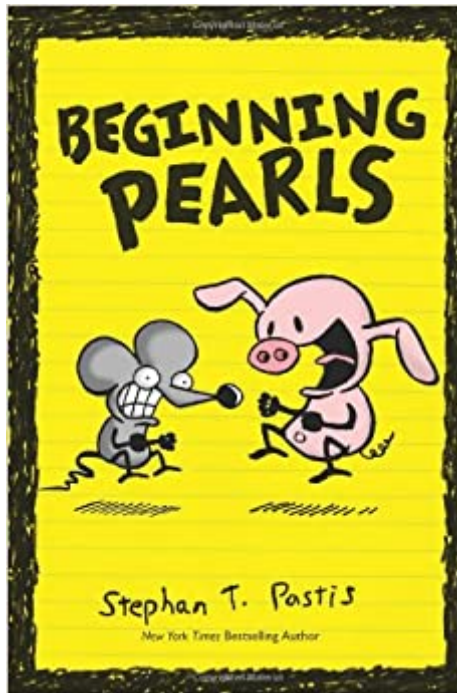




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Beginning Pearls (Pearls Before Swine Kids)



Synopsis

Now younger readers can enjoy the wit and outlandish puns in the world of Pearls Before Swine! Meet the always hilarious cast of Pearls Before Swine. Heading the cast is Rat, a mean-spirited rodent who lives with the trusting and simple-minded Pig. Their supporting cast includes the highly intellectual Goat; the meek and defenseless Zebra; and the hungry and incompetent Crocs. With cartoons specially chosen for young readers, Beginning Pearls retains the strip's signature dark humor and outlandish puns!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Gr 3-6—While Pastis's somewhat controversial Pearls Before Swine has been in syndication since 2000, this is the first time a collection has been curated specifically for a younger audience. Beginning Pearls organizes the strips by character, with each section featuring Rat, Pig, Goat, Zebra, and the Crocs, respectively. The art is fairly simple—the figures have stick arms and legs, and the action is minimal, often taking place behind a table, desk, or brick wall. Background details are spare, if they exist at all. Because of the nature of comic strips, this minimalism doesn't detract from the overall effect and may even enhance it. Color has been added to the daily strips, a nice bonus for those who may have seen the material before. As for the content, Pastis cites a number of influences on his strip—including Peanuts, Calvin and

Hobbes, Dilbert, and the Far Side—œand Pearls’s humor effectively channels them while still being unique. Fans of the aforementioned titles won’t be disappointed. The only drawback is that the nine-by-six inch book size is not ideal for comic strips. The last (usually third) panel of the strip is placed below the first two on the page and enlarged to reduce the white space around it. It’s not only visually awkward, but it also has an unintended consequence of overemphasizing the punch line, which— Å is,— Å more often than not,— Å funny because of its understatement. Sunday strips, marked by a solid color background over two pages, fare much better.—œJ. M. Poole, Webster Public Library, NY— Å (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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I love Stephan Pastis’ comic strip and my son loves the "Timmy Failure" series. I thought this was a great way to introduce him to other works by this author. The book is HILARIOUS, and my 9 year old read it WILLINGLY on summer vacation. Well done, Mr. Pastis! We’ll be buying others.

I gave a set to my Grandson and he finished the whole thing in 2 days. Pastis is as funny to a kid as he is adults....

Our boys - 12 and 8 - love the whole series and read them repeatedly.

My 9 years-old daughter loves it and her friends too. They are funny for any age. She can’t wait for the third book this summer.

My Grandson loved this!

My 5th grade daughter and 7th grade son loved this book and want to read more of them. They are both avid readers.

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