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Anything Goes When Comedians Draw Cartoons

Comics' Comics, by Erich Beasley

If you want to see what goes on inside the heads of the funniest and nuttiest comedians, look no further than ***Comics' Comics***. Author, improviser, and comedy show bartender Erich Beasley went on a quest to meet his favorite stand-up comedians and have them draw off-the-cuff cartoons in his journal, resulting in this book of illustrations that run the gamut of the comedy spectrum, from base and offensive to drop-dead funny and downright strange.

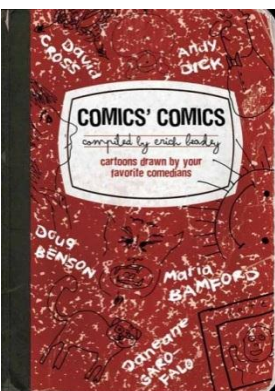
Beasley managed to get the greats, from *Monty Python's* Terry Jones to Molly Shannon, to answer his startling but sincere request: "Draw whatever you think is funny, anything goes." The comedians in *Comics' Comics*—some practiced illustrators, some who seem barely able to hold a pencil—have come up with out-there cartoons like a mermaid nailed to the cross, a space vampire, a hanged mouse, bootleg Snoopy, and much more that's too weird to describe. Along with every illustration, Beasley has included a photograph of the comedians in their natural habitats—backstage at clubs or in bars, usually late at night—as well as brief anecdotes about each encounter.

With original illustrations from the likes of Harvey Pekar, Norm MacDonald, Jeff Garlin, David Cross, Janeane Garofalo, Andy Dick, Eugene Mirman, Jim Breuer, Max Brooks, Rob Cantrell, Julia Sweeney, David Cross, and many, many more, this book is sure to appeal to fans of comedy and celebrity alike.

Erich Beasley started his comedy collecting career with his zine *FLARP* and lives in Chicago, where he spends his time working and laughing in dimly lit comedy clubs, dumpster diving, and being hilarious on twitter @comicscomics.

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