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Welcome to Sealight Books' Quarterly Brochure focusing on the best releases over the last three or so months (and a few ring-ins from the depths of time). The silly season is upon us so I thought it fitting to highlight a few of the more humorous titles available in the medium for varying age groups. From the Simpsons and MAD comics to Liberty Meadows and more mature humour. I was also going to put Hellboy into this brochure as I mentioned in the Update Sheet for November but decided it may not be appropriate so the devilish demon hunter will appear in the next quarterly, closer to the movie release.

I hope you enjoy your read and please remember by ordering from Sealight you qualify for the newly structured discounts listed on the back page of the brochure-standing order discounts are also available. Thank-you for your interest in Sealight Books.

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The Simpsons by Matt Groening [JF]

I won't dwell too long on an explanation of this series as I feel it pretty well speaks for itself. This very popular animated series is translated into comic form with great success. The family from Springfield is represented with comedic accuracy and the plots are simple but hilarious with the usual dose of social commentary/cynicism.



Needless to say this is one of the most popular series when I go around to see high schools but it really is a matter of taste - you either love them or hate them. So here they are - Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie in all their glory.



Simpsons Comics Extravaganza

ISBN: 0060950862 Softcover \$25.70

Full Colour 128 pages

Features the remarkable first four issues of Simpsons Comics, brought to you by the Bongo Comics Group, a small but overachieving band of merry artists, designers, lawyers and publicists.



Simpsons Comics Madness

ISBN: 0060530618 Softcover \$32.15

Full Colour 160 pages

Find out what secrets lie in the bowels of the Kwik-E-Mart, and watch the outrageous events that take place when Bart manages to have the teachers deported at Springfield Elementary and they are replaced by substitutes -- Lisa and Martin.



Simpsons Big Book Of Bart Simpson

ISBN: 0060084693 Softcover \$27.85

Full Colour 120 pages

The prequel to the highly successful (and perennially out of print) Big Bad Book of Bart Simpson.



Simpsons Comics Wing Ding

ISBN: 0060952458 Softcover \$27.85

Full Colour 120 pages

Includes "Don't Cry For Me Jebadiah" in which Bart rigs the statue of Springfield's founder so it cries real tears. He also switches places with a rock star who shares his distinctive looks - Now he is the Artist Formerly Known as Bart.

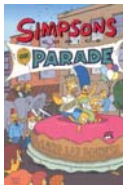


Simpsons Treehouse of Terror - Fun Filled Frightfest

ISBN: 0060560703 Softcover \$32.15

Full Colour 128 pages

Brace yourself for frozen cavemen, ghoulish groundskeepers, price gouging Kwik-E clerks, wonderful wizards, drooling aliens, talking horses, defective duplicates, and parallel worlds. No one does Halloween better than "The Simpsons"



Simpsons Comics on Parade

ISBN: 0060952806 Softcover \$25.70

Full Colour 120 pages

This time, Springfield is buzzing with excitement as Marge does battle with airwave sleaze, Bart steps in as an emergency bus driver, and Homer takes on his worst enemy -- his brain.

Groo The Wanderer by Sergio Aragones [JF]

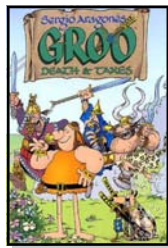
I know I've mentioned Groo the Wanderer in an earlier brochure but wanted to give a more thorough coverage of the titles available in this very funny series.

Groo is an inept barbarian - think Conan but with absolutely no brains. A lot of brawn with very little brain is a painful combination for those that get in Groo's path. Whole towns can be destroyed minutes after he arrives. Groo is drawn by Sergio Aragones who should be a familiar artist to readers of MAD Magazine as he has been a standard contributor for many years.



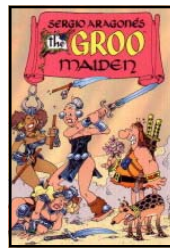
Groo: Jamboree
ISBN 1569714622.
Paperback. \$21.40
Full Colour 96 p

Groo has but one friend in the world -- the loyal, royal pooch known as Rufferto. So what happens when Groo (stupidly, even for him) thinks he's eaten his one friend in the world? This two-part tale from Groo's past, plus two more equally silly tales by Eisner winners Sergio Aragones and Mark Evanier, comprise the Groo Jamboree!



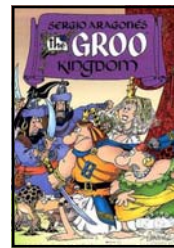
Groo: Death and Taxes
ISBN 1-56971-797-4.
Paperback. \$27.85
Full Colour 112p

Groo and his loyal pooch Rufferto encounter a king who is forever raising the cost of living and an undertaker who drives up the cost of dying. So the kingdom goes to war against...well, they're not exactly sure of that part yet. But they're definitely going to war. What a time for Groo to be trapped in a solemn vow not to kill.



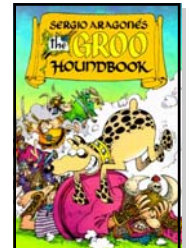
Groo: Maiden
ISBN 1569717567.
Paperback. \$27.85
Full Colour 112 p

What is more dangerous than Groo in war? Answer: Groo in love. He fell and fell hard for the most dangerous warrior woman of them all, Chakaal, in a quartet of classic tales, which are now collected in this spiffy paperback. Critics agree that it's better than a lot of things that are not nearly as good. Dark Horse continues to bring you the classic adventures of Groo, the world's stupidest barbarian.



Groo: Kingdom
ISBN 1569714789 .
Paperback. \$21.40
Full Colour 96p

Groo the Barbarian has witnessed countless horrors, but can even he face the abomination that is his grandmother?! That's right! In this, the latest collection of stories from Groo's past, you will meet the matriarch of the Groo household. And if that weren't enough, then brace yourself for the wedding of Groo. It's sure to be the social event of the season! All the silliness you can stand



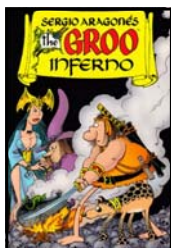
Groo: Houndbook
ISBN 1569713855.
Paperback. \$21.40
Full Colour 96 p

The first appearances of Rufferto, Groo's loyal dog. When the palace dog runs away to seek adventure, he encounters - and becomes enamored with - the world's least intelligent barbarian, Groo! Rufferto thinks he has found a companion for life, but Groo just thinks he's found dinner. And when a reward is offered for Rufferto, our heroes become hunted by, well, just about everyone.



Groo and Rufferto
ISBN .1569714479 Paperback. \$21.40
Full Colour 112p

No dog has ever been so loyal for so long to so stupid a master - finally it pays off, and the bone-headed barbarian Groo's dog Rufferto gets a little of the limelight. A bad run-in with the wizard Anakrony, Master of the Chronological Sciences, tests once and for all the bond between this barbarian and his best friend. Making another accidental stand against tyranny, Groo becomes separated from Rufferto, and an entire city is made to suffer.



Groo: Inferno
ISBN 1569714304. Paperback. \$21.40
Full Colour 96p

Four classic stories starring everyone's favorite moronic wanderer, Groo, and his slightly less stupid dog, Rufferto! See Groo recover a magical amulet for an evil wizard, only to end up unknowingly owning it himself -- giving the world's dumbest barbarian the power to make anything happen, with the expected ridiculous consequences! See Groo defend a village from pirates, in which confusion reigns and nothing is resolved!

General Notes

*Unless otherwise noted graphic novel titles measure approximately 35cm high X 22cm wide
Thickness of the book depends on page numbers

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Liberty Meadows by Frank Cho [YAF-Adult]

Liberty Meadows is a fairly cheeky series that started life as a syndicated comic strip in a number of American Newspapers. The author and illustrator Frank Cho became sick of being constantly censored for spicy innuendo (while the newspaper showed front page photos of death and destruction). As a result he now publishes the strip as a bi-monthly comic.

Liberty Meadows is a wildlife reservation and rehabilitation centre for wayward animals.

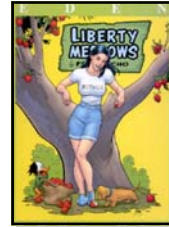
To give you some idea one of the major "sidekick" characters is a hypochondriac bullfrog whilst another is a pig who is misogynist (as in "Male Chauvinist Pig"-get it?) with an alcohol problem. The human protagonists are led by Brandy, a gorgeous animal psychologist withlets just say Frank Cho loves to draw beautiful women and he succeeds with humour and grace.

Vol 1 is on special until March - Hardcover for Softcover price (Quantities Limited)

Liberty Meadows Vol 1: Eden

ISBN 1582403015. Hardcover. \$31.40 **SPECIAL HARDCOVER FOR SOFTCOVER PRICE**
Black and White 144p

This book collects the first 9 issues of the award winning and totally uncensored Liberty Meadows for the first time in a massive volume. Come and meet Dean, Ralph, Leslie, and Khan and rest of the gang at Liberty Meadows. See Frank the vet's first encounter with Brandy, the lovely animal psychiatrist and watch as he falls madly in love with her. This collection includes a cover gallery and sketch gallery of unpublished Liberty Meadows art.

**Liberty Meadows Vol 2: Creature Comforts**

ISBN 1582403333. Hardcover. \$53.65
Black and White 144p

Frank and Brandy's relationship continues on its path of confusion and miscommunication. This is the second collection book of the award winning comic book series Liberty Meadows. Collects issues 10 through 18 and all the strips are completely remastered and uncensored. Includes a cover art gallery and a never-before published short story.

**MAD Comics** by The Usual gang of Idiots [JF]

MAD comics are one of those institutions that seem to have been around forever. For me I know I've said this about a few comics but I used to read MAD when I was very young, around 10 years old. It was crass and disgusting and in twenty odd years nothing much has changed. The use of caricatures in their retelling of movies and TV series plots is particularly clever and the opportunity to send up movies like Star Wars and Harry Potter must be too good to pass up. The volumes listed below contain the best (and worst) of their humour in book format so libraries don't have to keep a lot of those fairly flimsy monthly publications on the shelves.

**MAD About Comic Strips**

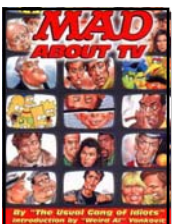
ISBN 1401200958. Softcover \$27.85
Black and White 128p

Reprints the MAD parodies of Newspaper comic strips from the earliest days until those in the present day. Includes several colour pages on Peanuts and The Far Side and parodies on Garfield and Dilbert as well as golden oldies Dick Tracey and Tarzan. It comes in a large format, folded in the middle just like Sunday Newspaper comics used to be.

**MAD About Super-Heroes**

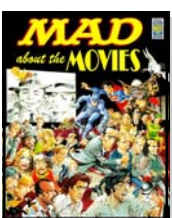
ISBN 1563898861. Softcover \$21.40
Black and White 176p

The world's greatest comic book superheroes are mercilessly mocked and ridiculed by the MAD artists and writers. This new compilation brings together for the first time MAD's most idiotic movie, TV and comic book spoofs including such classics as Harvey Kurtzman's "Superduperman" and Mort Drucker's "Bats-Man," plus satires of the Batman movies, X-Men and more!

**MAD About TV**

ISBN 1563895692. Softcover \$32.15
Black and White 272p

Following on the heels of the runaway bestseller MAD About the Movies (all right, it wasn't a best-seller, but people did run away!) comes MAD About TV, a moronic compilation of the best and worst MAD television satires. Featured are over 50 of TV's greatest shows, each satirized in an unmemorable MAD spoof!

**MAD About the Movies - Special Warner Bros. Issue**

ISBN 1563894599. Softcover \$32.15
Black and White 256p

MAD Magazine commemorates the 75th anniversary of its parent company, Warner Bros. featuring the best and worst of nearly 40 of the legendary studio's most infamous motion pictures. Includes-Goonies, Lethal Weapon, The Witches of Eastwick, Batman, Robin Hood, Under Siege, Dave, The Fugitive, Maverick, Interview with the Vampire, Twister, Eraser, Mars Attacks! and Contact.

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Role Playing Games - An Introduction

Comics and Role Playing Games seem to go together for some reason. They are both a little on the fringe of society and many people approach them with immense trepidation and downright confusion. Yet with movies like Star Wars and The Lord Of the Rings available as RPGs their popularity is increasing. Its also a great way for younger people to get together and play something other than video games. Role Playing Games are highly sociable and require the use of brains and imagination - and there are no real winners or losers.

So what is a Role Playing Game? To quote an Internet FAQ (The RPG FAQ Project) a RPG is in simple terms "interactive storytelling". Each participant, (except for the Storyteller or Game Master who regulates the game) creates a Player-Character which will be their alter-ego in the story the players create together. The storyteller provides the setting and describes the detailed environment in which the action takes place. They then guide the Player Characters through the different options they can take to move the story along. They also enforce the rules of the game (which are found in Core Rule Books) and interpret any dice rolling that is needed to determine the consequences of a player's decision.

In terms of library use the Core Rulebook is the most essential part of any RPG and players need only use that as a reference to create their own adventures. They can play inside the library or at home, RPGs are not necessarily noisy events and encourage social interaction and creative imaginations. I have chosen a few of the more well known RPGs adapted from television or movie properties as an introduction to the genre but there are many more scenarios to choose from.

Essential RPG Books (Necessary to play the various games)



Star Wars RPG Revised Core Rulebook

ISBN: 078692876X Hardcover\$88.00

Full Colour 381 pages

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away. . Immerse yourself in the excitement of the greatest space fantasy of all time. You can struggle to preserve the peace and order of the Republic, join the Rebellion against the oppressive might of the Empire, or defend the New Republic against the tyranny of the Yuuzhan Vong. The only limit to the adventure is your imagination. Take control of your destiny and become one of the greatest heroes of the galaxy. The Star Wars RPG revised rulebook includes everything you need to create your own Star Wars campaign.



Lord of the Rings RPG Core Book

ISBN: 1582369518 Hardcover\$90.00

Full Colour 304 pages

The Lord of the Rings is an epic of good versus evil, extraordinary heroes, wondrous creatures and dark armies of terror - all the things needed for an incredible RPG. Now you and your friends can enter Middle-earth and take on the roles of any character or hero you can imagine, from a reluctant hobbit like Frodo to a powerful wizard like Gandalf. This full-color book is packed with images from one of the most visually amazing films ever made. The game is easy to learn, packed with information and most importantly, fun to play! Experienced gamers can leap right in and novices will love it. Everything you need to know for this game is in this book.



Buffy The Vampire Slayer RPG Core Rulebook

ISBN: 1891153889 Hardcover\$88.00

Full Colour 248 pages

Now you can join the Slayer's world! This comprehensive book contains:

- * An introduction to roleplaying and the Buffyverse, character creation and a primer on magic mojo.
- * A guide to hotspots in Sunnydale, Monsters and five Big Bads.
- * Blow by blow details on how to create Buffy roleplaying episodes.
- * A guide to Buffy speak to colourise your games.

Other Releases Worth Noting: October-December

Star Wars Clone Wars Vol 2: Victories and Sacrifices

ISBN: 1-56971-969-1 Softcover \$32.15

Full Colour 120 pages

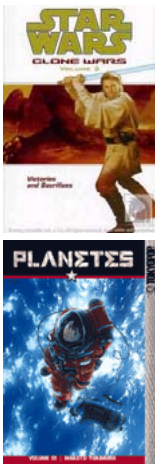
From one of the swamp moons of Naboo, to the war-torn cityscapes of Brentaal IV, the battles of the Clone Wars have thrown the galaxy into turmoil. New Separatist threats, ranging from deadly biological weapons, to dark Jedi, to unkillable alien bounty hunters, have the loyalist Jedi and their clone troops pushed to their limits. Another selection of great Star Wars stories to fill the gap between Episodes 2 and 3.

Planetes Vol 1 By Makoto Yukimura

ISBN: 1-59182-262-9 Softcover \$21.40

Black and White 192 pages Manga Style

Haunted by a space flight accident that killed his beloved wife, Yuri finds himself six years later as part of a team of debris cleaners charged with clearing space junk from space flight paths. I found this volume to be quite wonderful and it covers a depth of emotional characterization rarely seen in many manga series. Highly Recommended.



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