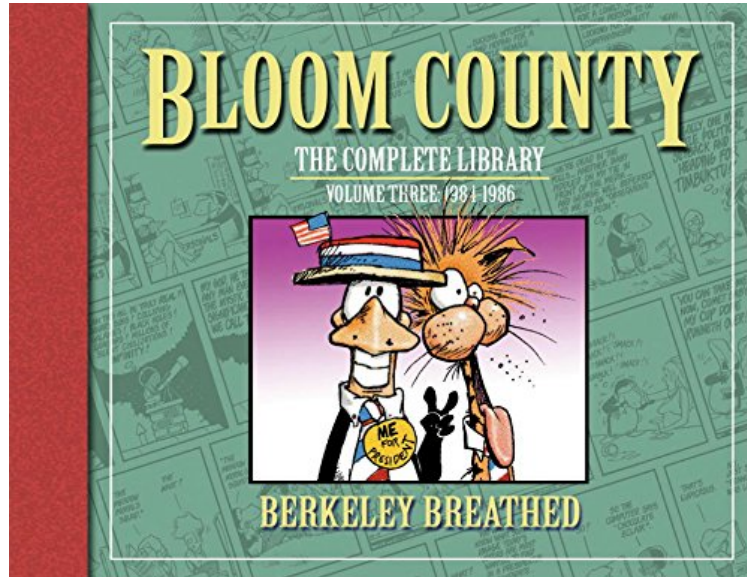


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of 2 people found the following review helpful. Handsome hardcover collects classic "Bloom County" comic strips from 7/2/84 to 2/9/86 By K. W. Schreiter This hardcover collects Berkeley Breathed's "Bloom County" comic strips that originally ran from July 2, 1984 to February 9, 1986. Most of these were previously collected in trade paperback form in the second half of "Penguin Dreams and Stranger Things" and "Bloom County Babylon". Strips appear in sequence, three dailies to a page, with Sunday strips each spanning one full-color page. Breathed provides annotations throughout the book, explaining both his thoughts about the strips and pop culture references that young readers might find obscure. The familiar cast of characters is here: Opus, Milo, Binkley, Steve Dallas, Cutter John, Oliver Wendell Jones, Hodge Podge, Portnoy, etc. I got into "Bloom County" a couple years after these strips appeared, devouring the aforementioned trade paperback collections in junior high school. Rereading these strips two decades later revealed some previously unappreciated jokes. Some charmingly dated 1980s references inspire nostalgia, but the majority of this material remains culturally relevant. Breathed gently satirizes both the political left and right. I enjoyed this collection just as much as Volume 2. Very strong cases can be made for both "Calvin and Hobbes" and "The Far Side", but "Bloom County" remains my favorite comic strip of the 1980s.

Bloom County: The Complete Library Volume 3 collects every strip from July 1984 through February 1986. Many fondly remembered strips are in this volume, including the classic 1984 presidential elections featuring possibly the finest running mates ever for such a campaign: Opus and Bill the Cat. Plus, a cornucopia of ingenious satire featuring the rest of the Bloom County cast: Steve Dallas, Mio, Binkley, Oliver, Cutter John, and all the rest.

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