FUN BOOK 26

COMIC STRIPS

includes answers to last week’s puzzles
Color Us Like the Funnies

Try coloring in the 4 color process by using cyan/blue, magenta, yellow, and black as your base colors, and layering them to add secondary colors like green, purple, and orange. For an added challenge, use dots rather than full strokes to blend in the secondary colors. For a full level-up, try no color at all, and rely on dots, lines, and hashes to convey color and depth. Email a photo of you with your colored sheet to museumops@comic-con.org for a chance to be featured on the Comic-Con Museum’s social media!
Laid Out like “Calvin and Hobbes”

The panel layout below is inspired by a page in the Calvin and Hobbes collection *It’s a Magical World* by Bill Watterson. Use them to illustrate a story or a memory, featuring you and a favorite toy animal. Email a photo of you with your completed sheet to museumops@comic-con.org for a chance to be featured on the Comic-Con Museum’s social media!

Add the comic strip title and your byline!

Draw the last scene in this empty space, a la Watterson!
Character Lineup

Listed below are comic strip characters from the minds of Aaron McGruder, Charles Schultz, Hector Cantú, Scott Adams, and Jim Davis. Can you match each character to its outline? Email a photo of you with your completed sheet to museumops@comic-con.org for a chance to be featured on our social media!

Huey Freeman
The Boondocks

Woodstock
Peanuts

Tia Carmen
Baldo

Dilbert
Dilbert

Odie
Garfield
In Pieces

Scrambled below are the names of five publication syndicates, among which distribute such comic strips as “Non Sequitur,” “Curtis,” “B.C.,” “Dick Tracy,” and “Tin Bin.” Cut out the pieces, paste the puzzle together on a separate piece of paper, then color it in! Send a photo of your work to museumops@comic-con.org for a chance to be featured on our social media.
Cross Purpose

The comics strips we know and love today can trace their style to the 1830s and Swiss cartoonist Rodolphe Töppfer. Learn more about the history of cartoonists and comic strips as you complete the crossword below!

ACROSS
3. An art term coined by Will Eisner, applicable to comic strips for illustrating stories chronologically over panels.
6. Name of Snoopy’s bird friend, inspired by the massive counterculture music festival of 1969.
7. Barbara Brandon-Croft first published “Where I’m Coming From” in 1989, in the largest daily newspaper of this Michigan city. She made history as the first Black woman cartoonist to be nationally syndicated in mainstream press when the strip went into syndication 1991.
8. This Jackie made history as the first Black woman comic strip creator with “Torchy Brown in Dixie to Harlem.”
10. The earliest versions of graphic storytelling strips date back to the 1500s, aka the late end of these Ages.
12. The first ever American comic strip was published in 1895 by this newspaper magnate now also known for the Prize that bears his last name.
13. In 1896, William Hearst published the first weekly comic strip on this day of the week now synonymous with the “funnies.”

DOWN
1. This Illinois city is the setting of the first African American comic strip “Bungleton Green,” which debuted in 1920 and was created by cartoonist Leslie Rogers.
2. Continuous adventure strips of the 1930s gave way to this kind of character synonymous with Comic-Con.
3. Many comic strips fall into this genre where vices and shortcomings are highlighted to be ridiculed.
5. Martha Montoya, whose “Los Kitos” runs in over 200 newspapers worldwide, has a degree in this science that deals with atoms and elements.
9. Strips became comic in nature around the 1800s, when wit and caricature were introduced by artists of this country currently ruled by a second Elizabeth.
11. Barbara Brandon-Croft’s father Brumsic Brandon Jr. was also a syndicated cartoonist. His comic strip is titled after its main character, a third grader he named after Civil Rights activist Dr. Martin _____ King, Jr.
Word Play

Included in this week’s puzzle are cartoonists behind such comic strips as “Torchy Brown in Dixie to Harlem,” “Six Chix,” “Heart of the City,” “La Cucaracha,” and “Nancy.” How quickly can you find all 20 creators listed below? Look across, down, diagonal, and backwards.

P V Q I F D B R K B P P H P E X E A A N K O T N
N O S R E T T A W L L I B M R S D E H P U F O O
X Y K J A C K I E O R M E S I L A J L O K S L S
H R H E P R T I M H D P S N O D L E O Q K I C U
X R A N U O D D B T D M U O F T S G E C V G G N
Y A R L R Z U P P A E X F A Q L J T A I G L N B
J B T L I C G O C X A U Q A I M T J A C K I A H
C A S I C H U Q V C Q X W E S Q Y J D T O Z W L
R D P E A A R F N L F M R A E A A F Z D D M H Z
N N I N R S V A W A E O N O J I G P E Z N O Y I
I Y E O D T I M X U G D D T M W F B W M X N M R
V L G E O B B I W E Z R H E D G X R L N T T A J
J H E S C C H A R L E S S C H U L T Z H Q A L B
U M L O A S A S J Y L F Y H E E X D C P M G X W
W O M R T E N K E V B G V E P B X H Z H A U Y V
F P A S E X O I D G B Z B N M J N N X R P E H K
Z B N E A N E Y Q T V G S L P A E O K Z W M O G
A A R O N M C G R U D E R R M E Y Z S I J Y B F
N Q Q W R E M G U I D V T D T K P J X I O M J G
Z I X R Y F N Y R R S O C S V L B J L R L H C J
R U F X S F M H U M A R T H A M O N T O Y A I Y
X G P O O Q Q G D Z S L E K E I T H K N I G H T
L A L O A L C A R A Z P R M R C Z G W Q E R D V
C T I W X D G Z I Y O Y W R P V Q D E L Y W Q F

Aaron McGruder
Alison Bechdel
Amy Hwang
Art Spiegelman
Bianca Xunise
Bill Watterson
Charles Schultz
Jackie Ormes
Jay Jackson
Keith Knight
Lalo Alcaraz
Leslie Rogers
Liz Montague
Lynda Barry
Martha Montoya
Olivia Jaimes
Ricardo Cate
Rose O’Neill
Roz Chast
Steenz
Answer Key to Previous Edition

These puzzles appeared in Fun Book 25: Comics & Food. Thanks for playing!

Cross Purpose

Word Play
But Wait, There’s More!

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

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CATCH OUR LATEST PANEL!

On Thursday, December 3, at 4:30 p.m. PST, Eisner and McDuffie award winner Christina “Steenz” Stewart talks about her illustration tools and process, answers fan questions, and leads fans in a zine workshop. Check our social media for details on tuning in!

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