SPECIAL EDITION FOUR

GAY COMIX

FUN BOOKS during COMIC-CON@HOME
Color us Covered

During its first four years of production (1980–1984), Gay Comix was published by Kitchen Sink Press, a pioneering underground comic book publisher. Email a photo of you and your finished sheet to museumops@comic-con.org for a chance to be featured on Comic-Con Museum’s social media!
Anagrams of *Class Photo*

Class Photo is a graphic novella by Gay Comix contributor and editor Robert Triptow. Take 3 minutes and write down words of each size by combining and rearranging the letters in the title. After 3 minutes, tally up your score. How’d you do?

- **4-LETTER WORDS**
  - 1 point each

- **5-LETTER WORDS**
  - 2 points each

- **6-LETTER WORDS**
  - 3 points each

- **7-LETTER WORDS**
  - 4 points each

- **8-LETTER WORDS**
  - 6 points each

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Cross Purpose

It’s a crossword and comics history lesson all in one!
Learn about cartoonist Howard Cruse, the first editor of the pioneering comic book
Gay Comix and 2010 Comic-Con special guest.

ACROSS

1. Publisher of the 25th anniversary edition of Stuck Rubber Baby, as well as American Born Chinese.
4. During his childhood, Cruse and his brother wrote plays for this pre-TV medium.
7. Cruse grew up wanting his drawings to appear in this kind of print media.
11. American Splendor creator who called Cruse’s graphic novel Stuck Rubber Baby a “compelling work of art.”
12. Fun Home creator who remembers Cruse as an editor who “created a path for me and many other queer cartoonists.”
13. Stuck Rubber Baby won a Harvey Award and this coveted Comic-Con award.
14. Cruse’s first nationally published feature appeared in Fooey, a magazine inspired by this EC Comics magazine gem.

DOWN

2. The LGBTQ+ magazine that published Cruse’s “Wendol” comic strip throughout the 1980s.
3. Burnett who the teenaged Cruse saw perform in New York; also a song sung during winter holidays.
5. Cruse once appeared as an audience member on the daytime talk show hosted by this Phil.
6. Live-action art Cruse participated in during his days at Birmingham-Southern College.
8. Cruse grew up in the rural town of Springville, located in this state.
9. Growing up in Springville, Cruse was allowed to attend school during the warm months without these feet coverings.
10. Social media platform on which friends and fans urged Cruse to recreate his unused 1973 psychedelic poster calendar for 2018.
## Dots & Boxes

Minimum 2 players. Take turns connecting two dots horizontally or vertically only; no diagonal lines! When you make a box, write your initials in it, then take another turn. Empty boxes are each worth 1 point. Boxes around works by the listed Gay Comix contributors are each worth 2 points. The player with the most points wins!

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| subGurlz                             | “T.O. Sylvestor”            | Come Out Comix                |
| Jennifer Camper                      | Sylvia Mollick & Terry Ryan| Mary Wings                    |
| **. . . . . . .**                      | **. . . . . . .**            | **. . . . . . .**              |

| Super Franken-stein #2               | Naughty Bits                | "Casino Son"                  |
| Billy Fugate                         | Roberta Gregory             | Mark Campos                   |
| **. . . . . . .**                      | **. . . . . . .**            | **. . . . . . .**              |

| "Poppers"                            | It Gets Bitter              | "Leonard & Larry"             |
| Jerry Mills                          | Leslie Ewing                | Tim Barela                    |
| **. . . . . . .**                      | **. . . . . . .**            | **. . . . . . .**              |
Word Play

How quickly can you find the listed Gay Comix contributors (and its founding editor)? Look for words across, down, and diagonal.

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

Howard Cruse
Kitchen Sink
Alison Bechdel
Billy Fugate
Cheela Smith
Demian
Jennifer Camper
Kurt Erichsen
Lee Marrs
Leslie Ewing
Mark Campos
Mary Wings
Michele Lloyd
Rand Holmes
Roberta Gregory
Sylvia Mollick
Terry Ryan
Trina Robbins
Coin Up Challenge

It’s day 4 of Comic-Con@Home week! Achieve your Thursday 1-up when you color in the x25 coin for each stretch completed!* For more wellness ideas, follow @kpsandiego on Twitter, @kpsandiegocounty on Instagram, and @kpthrive on Facebook.

*Participation is “at your own risk.” We strongly recommend consulting with your physician before beginning any exercise program. Kaiser Permanente and Comic-Con International entities are not liable for any injuries resulting from your participation.

- Sit/stand tall and outstretch your arms and fingers. (If standing, keep feet hip-width apart.)
- Lift both arms away from your sides and hold them in place when they’re about 12 inches away from your hips.
- As you settle into the pose, roll your shoulders back and tilt your chin slightly upwards.
- Take a deep breath while stretching your arms out as if someone were gently pulling down on your fingertips.
- Hold this pose for 5 deep breaths or for however long feels comfortable.

Mountain pose

- Start in Mountain Pose.
- Reach your arms up over your head and lengthen your body through your fingertips.
- Tilt your face upwards to look at your hands as you reach up for the sky.
- Hold this pose for 5 deep breaths or for however long feels comfortable.

Upward salute

- Sit/stand tall and outstretch your arms and fingers. (If standing, keep feet hip-width apart.)
- Tighten up your tummy area to activate your core.
- Raise your right arm overhead and gently bend your upper body to the left in a reaching motion through your fingertips. Keep your upper body facing straight ahead–don’t twist it to the side as you bend. Make sure you feel the muscles gently stretch all along your side from your lower back to your shoulder.
- Hold this pose for 5 deep breaths or for however long feels comfortable.
- Return to the starting position. Then, repeat with the left arm.

Side stretch (left & right side)

- Sit/stand with tall spine. (If standing, keep feet hip-width apart.)
- Shrug shoulders up to ears.
- Release and drop.
- Do at least three to five times.

Neck stretch
Answer Key to Previous Edition

These puzzles appeared in Special Edition Fun Book 3: Molang. Thanks for playing!

Word Play

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

Path Finder
But wait, there’s more!

PLAY WITH US ON INSTAGRAM!
Visit the Comic-Con Museum Instagram (@comicconmuseum) for a 30-Day Song Challenge in our Story that features LGBTQ+ comic characters!

Missed it? No problem! Check our Instagram “Play” Highlight for new and past activity templates.

BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER!
Benefits include collectibles like the Comic-Con Museum lanyard, enamel pin, and the 2020 Charter Member t-shirt! Sign up at Tiers 3, 4, or 5 to earn priority registration on Museum events.

Scan the QR code to visit our membership sign-up page!

WATCH OUR COMIC-CON@HOME PANEL!
Available today at 2 p.m. PST
Join the Comic-Con Museum staff and insiders as they take you on a virtual tour of the Comic-Con Museum. The tour will be an exciting journey highlighting the Education Center, what the Comic-Con Museum may offer, and what to expect once it opens in 2021.