Sundays with Walt and Skeezeix by Frank King

Worth Every Cent

The publisher of the Little Nemo in Slumberland-Splendid Sundays collection presents the best Sunday comics from the first two decades of Frank Kings masterpiece, Gasoline Alley. Just like our earlier Little Nemo collection, these incredible comic strip pages have been digitally restored to their original colorful brilliance and are reproduced at full size. The book is filled with images of comics memorabilia and photographs of Kings life. Magnificently designed by Chris Ware and with an introduction by Jeet Heer, this book is an essential part of any comic strip library. The collection also includes writings by journalist Tim Samuels and comics historian/critic Donald Phelps.

With the new series of Drawn and Quarterly Walt and Skeezeix daily comics reprints, and a strong presence in the recent Masters of American Comics exhibition, Frank King is being given the long-overdue credit he deserves as a true innovator in comics - in graphic style and design as well as in story and character.

My Personal Review:
Im a long time reader of vintage American newspaper strips and have purchased many books over the years, from Toonerville to Little Orphan Annie. My favorite reprint volume was a collection of Poly & Her Pals by Cliff Sterrett -- until now. This book is officially the best reprint volume I own. To see Kings brilliant Sunday pages printed at their actual size is in itself remarkable. The added details and touches of the printing and binding just add to the luster of this amazing book. The real goal here must have been to recreate what the strip looked like the day these panels were first printed, and they have succeeded admirably. The paper stock and colors are true to the printing style of a newspaper -- not the garish overly saturated re-coloring that is done so often with reprint books. The extra biographical detail is first rate. Chris Ware and his associates are to be congratulated on this wonderful book.
I've never expected my son (who is 4) to take an interest in the crusty old comics I enjoy, but this book has really pulled him in. He asks to see it almost daily. Frank King was an amazingly visual story teller, and each Sunday page really takes ones imagination somewhere. That seems to transcend the vast generational differences between my 21st century kid and those who loved this comic nearly 90 years ago.

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