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Introducing the first real, tangible, ignitable collection of the hit online comic Cyanide & Happiness, featuring a selection of your favorite comics and thirty brand-new strips.

From the minds of Kris, Rob, Matt, and Dave comes a barrage of irreverent entertainment sure to keep you amused until the day you die. Just see what their mothers have to say!

"Dave is a nice, young man with a bright future ahead of him. I always knew he was a gifted boy who would go on to do great things. I hope he settles down with a nice, young woman and ****s the **** out of her."

—Dave's mom

"I don't know how to get computer pictures, so I'm glad Kris finally has a book out. I haven't read it yet, but I hope he gives me a quote on the back."

—Kris's mom

"I hope Robert's book does well so he can finally afford to move out. He plays his hip-hop music too loud."

—Rob's mom

Matt's mom was unavailable for a quote due to being dead.

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ashappyasiget says

This reminds me of watching South Park with my roomie. The dark humor scares me instead of making me laugh.

Daniel A. says

I've said it before and I'll say it again: Humor books like *Cyanide and Happiness* defy both ratings and reviews; either you like them or you don't, and there's not always a whole lot of wiggle room in this concept. What sets *Cyanide and Happiness* apart along these lines is just how transgressive much of the humor is, and again, if you like transgressive humor, you're more likely to enjoy all of the books in the *Cyanide and Happiness* series as well.

The book and series isn't all for shock value, though. Several of the jokes are borderline intellectual, if that's possible for a book like this; foremost in my mind among jokes like this are that about Schrödinger's cat (p. 115)—which Kris Wilson and company outright state most of *Cyanide and Happiness*' audience won't get—and that about the meteorologist (p. 53) (though the latter gag is very borderline). But most of the jokes, as befits this collected webcomic, rely on sight gags that play with the conventions of paneled cartoons, as well as plays on words of all sorts (and of various degrees of taste). If Wilson *et al.*'s humor was only transgressive and less clever, it wouldn't be anywhere near as tolerable as it is; that even the grossest jokes in the book are clever is testimony to its (relative) quality.

Again, the purpose of a review of a humor book, especially one of a webcomics, is essentially for the reader to figure out if they'll enjoy it, not so much as an objective assessment of its quality (since such assessments are inherently subjective); if you like clever, transgressive humor, *Cyanide and Happiness* is for you.

Tosca Wijns-Van Eeden says

Loved it!

Summer says

Meh, it has good ones and bad ones. It was entertaining for the whole 20 minutes or less I devoted to it. You'll appreciate it more if you have a dark sense of humor.

Nazarene Static says

Some of these had me actually laughing, most had me saying "Oh, ok." Then a few of them just soared right over my head, because I am still not as cool as I think I am.

Stephen says

TEN wholly inappropriate **examples** demonstrating why **Cyanide & Happiness** is **tasteless**, cleverly **offensive**, and ~~always~~ **often** some pretty **funny shit**:

A nice intro that sets the stage nicely. I call this one "Birth of a Serial Killer" as this is just the kind of honest parental communication that scars children and helps develop that newsworthy, "let's go slaughter the diners at a McDonald's" worldview.

Zombie hygiene...c'mon, what's not to love.

A classic example of the damage that miscommunication has caused throughout recorded history. Plus...whores.

Warning...this next one is not for the **sheepish**:

Besides an apology for the bad pun, I have nothing to add to this...the shit is just messed up.

This was the breakthrough moment for me, when I first laughed out loud and realized that I was going to really enjoy myself reading this...especially the wordless last panel.

When you can make broken-hearted suicide FUNNY, you are (a) doing it right and (b) doing it very, very, very wrong.

This "look on the Brightside" moment about one of America's favorite eating disorders just seemed too smartly disgusting not to include.

The tear coming down the face in the last panel was just brilliant. Sick, twisted and funny.

Another involuntary, out loud guffaw elicited through the perfectly timed use of our language's most versatile expletive.

I'm a comic book geek, so I had to include this one. An important lesson for the kids out there.

Overall, this collection was mostly good to very good, with the added YAY of a handful of brilliant gut

busters. My sub-four star rating is reflective of the fact that there were large stretches where I would simply smile appreciatively or give the humor a courtesy mental kudo for clever effort. Still, while not as consistently funny as, say, **Oatmeal** and his 5 Very Good Reasons to Punch a Dolphin in the Mouth and Other Useful Guides, there were enough genuinely hilarious and unabashedly sick, “oh you didn’t just do that” moments that I am confident I will be revisiting this world again...probably soon.

3.0 to 3.5 stars. Recommended.

P.S. Since it's Sunday, here's a bonus strip because I didn't get a chance to throw in something truly blasphemous above.

Miss Ryoko says

Haha! These comics are spectacular! I am only familiar with one Cyanide and Happiness comic (prior to this) so I was looking forward to reading the book of comic compilations. They were great! I will definitely read the next one!

Here are some of my favorites from this collection:

I don't know what it is about a banana peeing on someone that is so hilarious!

This one is hysterical!

I laughed for about 10 days straight after reading these three:

Andreas says

Cyanide and Happiness is a comic with really dark humor and great timing. Sadly, it doesn't really have much to say other than, "Look how dark we are!", but it's a fun distraction if you find dark humor fun, which I do.

Kevin Kelsey says

Cyanide and Happiness is one of my favorite comics, but I had forgotten how rough their start was. They really didn't hit their stride until the third or fourth year of publishing, and this collection is all from their first

year. It's pretty uneven, but still has some humorous strips.

Mark Robison says

Really hated this one. Cartoon strips featuring stick figures who do unexpectedly offensive, often violent, things. The problem is it's filled with old jokes and bad puns and they often aim their attacks at those with less power rather than those with more. Consider two typical strips. One shows a woman asking a man when he's finally going to fix a leaky pipe, she suggests duct tape and he says it's worth a shot and puts it over her mouth. Another strip shows a guy talking to a girl on a couch at a party, when he realizes she's not actually listening to him but is passed out, he squeezes her breast — and that's the entire joke. They think they're being edgy but at best they're doing the equivalent of recycling dead-baby jokes. Grade: F

Lily C says

One more to go :)

Audrey-anne says

I don't know why I bought this.

Lady Nerd says

Let's assume I'm not offended by this. Putting that aside, this book had one job and that was to be funny. And it was barely funny.

Ana says

Now that was a perfect beginning to the day. Ever since I discovered 9GAG I've been a big fan of rage comics but I had never heard of Cyanide and Happiness before, but I must say, some of their stuff is really funny! My favorite was this one:

And that's just because I fucking love superheroes.

Aaron says

I must say, this book... Pretty damn good. The book jumps into different stories and yes, this book is 81%

offensive to women (Yes don't stomp on me please.) Ah this has to be the first book that Kris, Dave, Matt, and Rob actually made since they had a site called "Explosm" which they have been working since 04'-Present and the book is based off their work such as the running on gag "Happy Easter Zombie Jeaus!" and 20 new comics "Too hot for the internet" that are usually based on cancer jokes, gender, idiotic acts, and inside jokes that 90% of the public will not understand (That is one of them.)

The Author(s) of the book isn't really saying anything at all, Kris, Rob, Matt, and Dave are just saying life can be unfortunate to the characters of the Cyanide and Happiness book. What do I say? Read the damn book! It's worth it!
