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Spy Vs Spy Masters Of Mayhem (Mad)



Synopsis

Looking for "Cloak and Dagger" stuff? Try the C.I.A.! This is strictly "joke and gagger" stuff! So if you're looking for laughs, try these adventures of those two agents of absurdity "Spy vs. Spy" was the brainchild of Cuban-born political cartoonist Antonio Prohias, who fled his country after receiving death threats from Fidel Castro. Prohias settled in America, and in 1960 he began a 26-year run of Spy misadventures in MAD Magazine. This book by Prohias, long out of print, showcases his genius as an artist, storyteller, and graphic designer.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a reprint of Mad's Spy vs. Spy Follow Up File (i.e. the second Spy vs Spy book). Not necessarily a bad thing, but if you already have the old book, this one doesn't add anything to your collection.

Every time my eleven year old godson visits, he has to read my MAD books and our one and only Spy VS Spy, so I ordered him this one for Christmas, along with the mini kit of figurines, etc. Great gift. He has happily surprised.

My son loves playing the x-box game and so I went looking for more for him. This book is fantastic. It delivers the classic comedy of 'spy vs spy' without the other mad magazine material which is too old for him right now.

Mad Magazine was the home of many outstanding cartoonists. Sergio Aragones, Dave Berg, Don Martin, Al Jaffee, Jack Davis, Wally Wood, Harvey Kurtzman, and Antonio Prohias all plied their trade monthly for readers desperate for a dose of satiric insanity. Mr Prohias took readers who grew up on Looney Toon classics and twisted their sense of humor to a darker topic: Spy warfare! Yep, it's true. Consider the lonely sheepdog and hungry wolf, Sam and Ralph. Enemies by day. Friends by night. Even the Road Runner and Wiley E Coyote share a common comedic theme with our two spies. One aspect of Spy Vs Spy that is apparent in the three collections from Watson-Guption is that Prohias is a master of continuity art. The art carries the reader to an inevitable conclusion without dialogue, every time. Originally, the panels were small and occupied a single page, but with the larger format, we are able to appreciate the art with all the splashes, splashes, and bangs anew. WG has released three editions of Spy Vs Spy, Masters of Mayhem, , and . Each volume is a masterpiece of 'Joke and gagger', as the book back cover states. Each volume demonstrates the enviable skill and craftsmanship that Mr Prohias practised month after month. Can't get the gag, turn off the TV, turn down the MP3, shut down twitter and facebook, and engage the creative side of your brain. Actually, imagine the theme song to Secret Agent Man, James Bond, the Pink Panther, and Austin Powers as you peruse the misadventures of the black and white spy. This book is not about the end gag, but rather the journey to the end gag. Read in exclusion of the rest of the pages of Mad Magazine, Spy Vs Spy shines, and the marvellous imagination of Prohias is allowed to wander freely. Simply stupendous. Thank you.

Another great buy, and example of Prohias at his best. The stories and illustrations are fantastic. This is a must for all spy vs spy fans.

I have loved mad magazine all my life and spy vs spy was always a big part of that. My son gravitated to spy from a young age (probably because of no words to read) but he still loves them at 14 years old now. He still has spy vs spy hats, dog tags and t-shirts, Were a little disappointed that these were small books instead of the large ones we got before still great content though.

The classic spy versus spy, but a bit padded by having one panel per page. Harder to follow that way, and fewer adventures...

Ordered this book and was amazed at how fast I received it. Also, they have many volumes of the

series. Can't find many of these around any more for the reasonable price I paid and speed of delivery. Great service and will need to order more. thanks

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