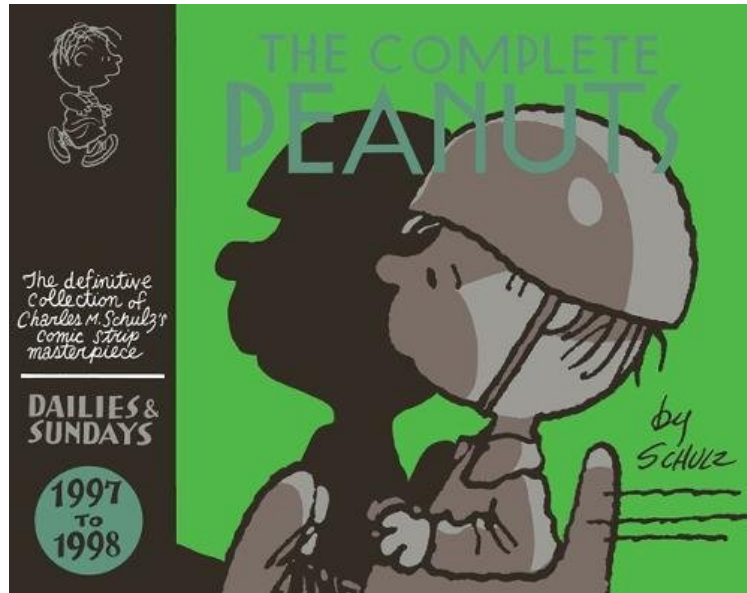


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Charles M. Schulz : The Complete Peanuts 1997-1998 (Vol. 24) (The Complete Peanuts) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Complete Peanuts 1997-1998 (Vol. 24) (The Complete Peanuts):

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Rerun takes the leadBy Frederick WiegandCharles M. Schulz goes out the way he came in--with solid characters, quirky humor, and a wry social commentary. After several decades of relegating Rerun Van Pelt, younger brother of Lucy and Linus, to the back seat of their mother's bicycle, Schulz in the last two or three years started to develop the character into one of the shrewdest and funniest of the entire cast. Rerun questions everything, including long-standing traditions such as his brother Linus' blanket habit and the fact that of all of the kids in the neighborhood, Charlie Brown is the only one with a dog. Rerun develops a strong affinity for Snoopy and despite the fact that his mother won't let him have a dog of his own, a true camaraderie arises between Rerun and Snoopy. This serves to make Snoopy more dog-like and it makes Rerun very sympathetic, which has not always been the case with other members of his family. But this book is about much more than Rerun. Every major character who was current with the cast at the time is represented here--Lucy, Linus, Schroeder, Peppermint Patty, Marcie, Franklin, Snoopy, and Woodstock. We even get the final chapter in the Football saga--where Lucy tries one last time to pull the ball away when Charlie Brown is about to kick it--but this time around, there is a plot twist that may surprise the reader. The book also includes the final Sunday and the final daily strips that closed out the run of Peanuts, with the author's farewell. Unfortunately, there appears to have been a printer's error with the Sunday finale strip, because most of the images are missing and there is a lot of blank space. Hopefully future editions will rectify this error. The complete last Sunday strip can be seen correctly rendered on the last page of the book "Peanuts 2000."This book also features a foreword by none other than the President of the United States, comprising a reverent and tasteful tribute. It

is rounded out by the complete run of "Li'l Folks", Schulz' pre-Peanuts single-panel gag strip that shows a prototype of what would evolve into the Peanuts comic strip that is known and loved today. If you have not been collecting this Fantagraphics series of Peanuts reprints, this volume makes a good place to start. Once you have read this, you will want to collect the rest. If you have been collecting them, congratulations--you now have a copy of every Peanuts comic strip! (with the one exception noted above)14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Superb - But we Need a Slipcase for the Next and Final Volume Too!By Kevin J. RobertsAnother superb edition, in a wonderful slipcase! Schulz was able to maintain his quality right through his later years.I am certain that there are many collectors who have purchased every one of the slipcased editions and display them proudly. But the announcement that Fantagraphics will publish the final book (Volume 25) in this series without a slipcase leaves me greatly disappointed. Will it just be an appendage on your shelf of 12 slipcased sets? This is hard to believe. I hope Fantagraphics will provide a slipcase for the final volume. They are a company for collectors, after all. I will write to them, and I hope others will as well.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. a must have, plain and simple.By C. GregoryA Great collection, I have all the books from the 1950s to 1990 and eagerly am awaiting the rest of the collection. (last strip came in 2000). You really can't go wrong with Peanuts, intelligent and fun humor it will simultaneously take you back to your own childhood and take you deeper into the experiences of Schulz's life. These characters are icons, and the humor/art is a template that many others have tried to emulate and only a few can pull off. Snoopy could have easily been considered "jumping the shark" in the hands of a lesser cartoonist, but in Schulz's hands its a stroke of genius. A bit sad at times, but always clever, anyone who enjoys comic strips and wants to make life a little better needs to own these books. They have definitely been a bright spot in my life. and I look forward to passing them down to my own kids some day....a great way to do something as a family. Either by sharing the books or reading them aloud, the characters jump off the page, and the writing will have you looking deeper into your own psyche and laughing at the same time.

Charlie Brown gets involved in a sports memorabilia forgery ring and Snoopy gets his driver's license in the penultimate volume of the best-selling comic strip reprint series. Even the most devoted Peanuts fan will be surprised by revisiting Schulz's last decade of work. Schulz's cartooning has never been more expressive, and his sense of humor never more unencumbered by formula or tradition. In this volume, Charlie Brown gets caught up in a fake celebrity autographs racket, Rerun gets accused of sexual harassment, the infamous "Crybaby" Boobie returns, Snoopy's brothers go on a quest to find Mickey Mouse, Snoopy gets his driver's license, Rerun continues to pursue the underground arts, Linus starts his own church of Great Pumpkin believers and is declared a false prophet, and other surprises that make these last few years of Peanuts ripe for reconsideration. This is the 24th volume (of 25) of the bestselling series collecting every single one of the 18,000-plus strips created by Schulz from 1950-2000. Also available is the holiday boxed set, offering Vols. 23 and 24. Black white illustrations throughout

"...[T]here was still so much Schulz had to offer in the twilight of his career. ...[H]e still had the spark that made him Sparky, and was still capable of producing brilliant strips..." - John Parker, ComicsAllianceAbout the AuthorCharles M. Schulz was born November 25, 1922, in Minneapolis. His destiny was foreshadowed when an uncle gave him, at the age of two days, the nickname Sparky (after the racehorse Spark Plug in the newspaper strip Barney Google).In his senior year in high school, his mother noticed an ad in a local newspaper for a correspondence school, Federal Schools (later called Art Instruction Schools). Schulz passed the talent test, completed the course, and began trying, unsuccessfully, to sell gag cartoons to magazines. (His first published drawing was of his dog, Spike, and appeared in a 1937 Ripley's Believe It or Not! installment.) Between 1948 and 1950, he succeeded in selling 17 cartoons to the Saturday Evening Post,as well as, to the local St. Paul Pioneer Press, a weekly comic feature called Li'l Folks. It was run in the women's section and paid \$10 a week. After writing and drawing the feature for two years, Schulz asked for a better location in the paper or for daily exposure, as well as a raise. When he was turned down on all three counts, he quit.He started submitting strips to the newspaper syndicates. In the spring of 1950, he received a letter from the United Feature Syndicate, announcing their interest in his submission, Li'l Folks. Schulz boarded a train in June for New York City; more interested in doing a strip than a panel, he also brought along the first installments of what would become Peanuts, and that was what sold. (The title, which Schulz loathed to his dying day, was imposed by the syndicate.) The first Peanuts daily appeared October 2, 1950; the first Sunday, January 6, 1952.Diagnosed with cancer, Schulz retired from Peanuts at the end of 1999. He died on February 13, 2000, the day before Valentine's Day, and the day before his last strip was published, having completed 17,897 daily and Sunday strips, each and every one fully written, drawn, and lettered entirely by his own hand, an unmatched achievement in comics.Paul Feig was born in Michigan. He co-created the seminal television series Freaks and Geeks, directed the blockbuster hit Bridesmaids in 2011, and has been nominated for five Emmy awards. Feig produced the upcoming Peanuts animated film and is helming the new Ghostbusters movie.