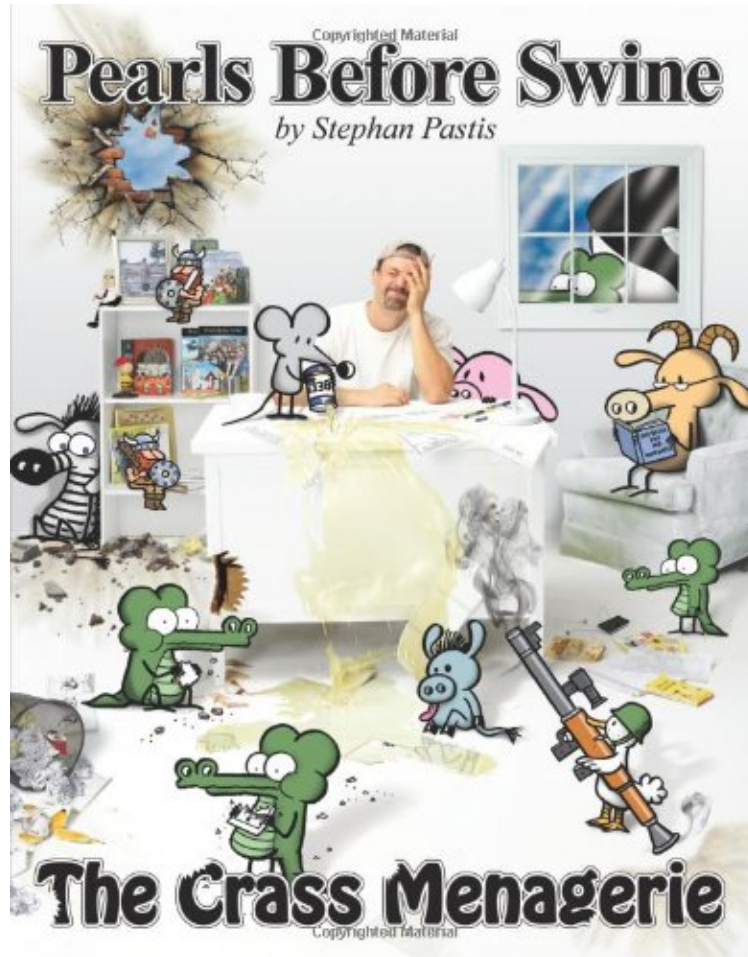


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these treasuries. The previous treasuries are named "Sgt. Piggy's Lonely Hearts Club Comic" and "Lions and Tigers and Crocs Oh MY!" Pearls Before Swine is THE comic strip for the twenty first century.^{6 of 7} people found the following review helpful. "The Crass Menagerie" goes to the top of the class!By JD Willis IIIThis third treasury collection of "Pearls Before Swine" establishes the strip as one of the top comics of its time. Stephan Pastis has created a stable of characters that have grown more endearing and enduring to the very fickle comics' reading fan.The strips' cast, including Rat, Pig, Goat, Zebra, Crocs, Guard Duck, continues to deliver laugh-out-loud humor on a daily basis. The hilarity in this book just doesn't stop. It keeps coming page after page.Warning: don't drink milk while reading this book. You just might have it run out of your nose!Pastis' commentary on the background and basis of individual strips also adds insight into his creative process and thinking. The establishing of the popular new character Danny Donkey was particularly interesting.With Stephan Pastis at the top of his game, "The Crass Menagerie" just might be the best "Pearls Before Swine" compilation yet.

Pearls is the hottest comic in the newspaper business these days." -Raleigh News and Observer Named Best Comic Strip of the Year by the National Cartoonists Society in 2004 and 2007, Pearls Before Swine is regarded by fans and critics alike as a thoughtful commentary on humanity's pitiable plight.More About The Crass MenagerieStephan Pastis sketches this nuanced comic strip tale, which features the arrogant, self-centered, and totally hilarious Rat, who leads his four-legged friends through misadventure after misadventure. Joining him for the journey are Pig, the slow but good-hearted conscience of the strip; Goat, the voice of reason that often goes unheard; and Zebra and the eternally inept Crocodiles who pursue him. Together this mindful menagerie mocks the flaws and shortcomings of human nature through Pastis's cynically biting wit.* The third Pearls Before Swine treasury, this book combines all the cartoons from Da Brudderhood of Zeeba Zeeba Eata and The Sopratos, along with annotations by Pastis.* From courtroom antics to references of other cartoon strips, Pastis's strip is a fresh presence on the comic pages.

About the AuthorStephan Pastis is an attorney turned cartoonist. A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and the UCLA School of Law, he worked as a lawyer before trying his hand at cartooning. Pastis lives in the Bay Area with his wife and two children.