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Moomin: The Deluxe Anniversary Edition



Synopsis

A celebration of Tove Jansson's legacy, one hundred years after her birth Tove Jansson's Moomin stories made her one of the most beloved Scandinavian authors of the twentieth century. Jansson's whimsical tales of Moominvalley resonate with children for their lighthearted spirit, and with adults for their incisive commentary on the banality of everyday life. The year 2014 marks the centenary of her birth, and Jansson is being honored with events in Japan, Scandinavia, England, Germany, Russia, Australia, Italy, Spain, and France. Drawn & Quarterly is joining the festivities by releasing *Moomin: The Deluxe Anniversary Edition*, a slipcased hardcover collection of the complete Tove Jansson-penned Moomin comic strip, replete with all of her most popular storylines and original pencil sketches. It has been more than sixty years since the *Moomin* comic strip debuted in the *London Evening News*. By the end of its run in 1975, *Moomin* was syndicated in more than forty newspapers around the world and hailed for its light-handed, charming stories. The comics were revived in 2005 by Drawn & Quarterly and published to widespread acclaim, sparking a new generation of devoted *Moomin* fans with international editions around the world. *Moomin: The Deluxe Anniversary Edition* celebrates the classic comics the world adores, and will feature an essay about Tove's work on the *Moomin* strip.

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Customer Reviews

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•Considered a national treasure in Finland but best known in this country for her "Moomin" novels, Jansson did it all: picture books, children's fiction, adult prose, and, in the 1950s, a series of comics about her most famous creations, the Moomintrolls. In honor of what would have been Jansson's 100th birthday, Drawn and Quarterly has released a gorgeous slip-covered collection of 21 of her best comics stories, including "Moomin on the Riviera," "Moomin Builds a House," and "Moomin and the Comet." Written in comic strip form, but telling longer stories (most made up of 60–80 strips), the work introduces readers to many of the inhabitants of Moominvalley as the various stories unfold. The artwork and storytelling are sublime; concrete enough to appeal to children with a sophisticated wink that will grab teens and adult readers. The book's introduction gives a brief overview of the history of Jansson's comics as well as several testimonials written by current cartoonists on how influential her books were to them growing up, while back matter consists of original character studies for stories included in this collection. Recommended for libraries that have not already purchased the previously published individual volumes of the Moomin comics (Drawn & Quarterly).
•Eva Volin, Alameda Free Library, CA

•"This single volume edition . . . comes with several full-page, never-seen-before character studies and sketches, runs to 400 pages, and weighs in at about 2kg . . . If you love Sniff, Snufkin and the rest, you'll find it irresistible."
•Guardian Best Graphic Novels of 2014
"Sixty years after their original serialization--and to celebrate Jansson's centenary--the fanciful comic strip frolics of the hippo-like Moomins are collected together in one volume, handsome and big enough to hug."
•Globe & Mail Best Books of 2014
"With a sincere childlike nature and a stoic acceptance of misadventure . . . Moomin and company--Moominmamma, Snufkin, Stinky and Snork Maiden, to name a few--emerge from each story full of tolerance and quiet humor."
•The New York Times
"As a strip, there is nothing really all that much like Moomin . . . You could read entire anthologies of comic strips that do not contain the sadness and truth that Jansson gets into three panels there. That is ultimately Jansson's real gift: stuffing so, so much into the tiniest of spaces. I can only imagine how world-expanding that would seem to a child. As an adult, it's an overstuffed reminder of how horrible it is to crave simplicity."
•National Post
"Tove Jansson . . . created a quirky, original comic strip masterpiece . . . Moomins are the vehicles through which Jansson explores everything that's laughable, charming, laudable and suspect about being human."
•Myla Goldberg, NPR on the Moomin Series

It's a great collection of all Moomin comic strips. And - of course they are black and white, they were b/w originally! Very fun reading + great quality, as usual Fantagraphics has + bonus sketches and drawings from the author.

Thank you Tove for all your life's work. Our grandchildren, children and we relish the moments of delight Moomin brings. The book is exquisite and it is mostly black and white since that is how the originals were done. There is nothing better than a day with Moomin and a great cup of coffee.

This is a wonderful collection of Tove Jansson's Moomin comic strip.....complete and all in one place. A lovely book, excellent quality and well worth the price. The added bonus is seeing her original sketches. I was not a fan when I bought it, just curious. I am a fan now. It would be nice if they put the remaining years drawn by her brother in a similar book.

I spent most of my childhood longing for and poring over these (then) hard to find books. This year, I bought the whole collection for my birthday. It's a delight.

Moomin, so innocent and honest and cute. I love this book. As gigantic as it is, I take it out of the protective carton when I take breaks at work and read it on my desk. Moomin's simplicity grounds me.

We bought this for our nursery and it does not disappoint! All the Moomin strips in one addition! Hindsight has me thinking our little one won't be able to pick it up for a few years bc it's so big, but that's my own fault. I love this book! I esp like the sketches in the back. Very nice!

This was part of my childhood. Delight full reprint of the original cartoons. Yes they are black and white line drawings, wonderfully outlining the mumin (original spelling) characters. They are still as quaint and wonderful as ever.

I'm about 1/4 through this book reading it a bit every night and I absolutely adore it! First time reading Moomin!

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