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Moomin: The Complete Tove Jansson Comic Strip - Book Two



Synopsis

In the second volume of Tove Jansson's humorous yet melancholic Moomin comic strip, we get four new stories about jealousy, competition, child rearing, and self-reinvention. The Moomins try to hibernate in the fashion of their ancestors but insomnia places them smack-dab into a winter carnival with the winter-sports-loving Mr. Brisk. The fickle and eternally lovestruck Mymble and Snorkmaiden find themselves in competition over a thrilling new man. Moominmamma meets her new neighbor, the Fillyjonk, causing her to hire the depressed and secretive Misabel as her new maid. Mymble's mother arrives on the Moomin family's doorstep with her seventeen new children. Finally, a prophet arrives on the scene declaring that the happy Moomins are in fact not happy at all and need to get back to nature and be free. Moomin, of course, becomes more and more miserable the freer he gets.

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“A lost treasure now rediscovered--one of the sweetest, strangest comic strips ever drawn or written. A Surrealist masterpiece. Honest. Neil Gaiman [Jansson's] work soars with lightness and speed, and her drawings only echo her writing: delicate but precise, observant yet suggestive . . . Jansson was exceptional, an exuberant explorer of emotional independence and interdependence, a liberating force. Los Angeles Times Book Review “Moomin is gorgeous, and is flat out the best Moomin book I've ever seen. Tove

Jansson was a natural cartoonist. These strips are clever, gentle, witty, and completely engrossing. — Jeff Smith, cartoonist of Bone

Tove Jansson (1914–2001) was born in Helsinki and spent much of her life in Finland. She is the author of the Moomin books, including *Comet in Moominland* and *Finn Family Moomintroll*. Born into an artistic family—her father was a sculptor and her mother was a graphic designer and illustrator—Jansson studied at the University College of Arts, Crafts and Design in Stockholm, the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, and L'École des Beaux-Arts in Paris. In addition to her Moomin books, she also wrote several novels, drew comic strips and worked as a painter and illustrator. In 1966, she was awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Medal for her body of work. Jansson had a studio in Helsinki but spent most of her time at her home on a small island called Klovharu.

I read these whimsical, carefully crafted comicstrips as a kid, way back in the seventies in the Dutch newspaper "De Volkskrant" and the strange atmosphere intrigued me. Drawn in a very distinctive, clear line, the stories leisurely meander through the loose plots. Reading Moomin brings you in a relaxed state of mind. Read a story every night before bedtime and you're guaranteed to have pleasant dreams.

Moomin is one of the most brilliant, quirky, funny and thoughtful comic strips ever made. Cleverly drawn, highly imaginative writing. Of Swedish origin myself I was lucky enough to grow up with Moomin, and also to find a complete set of the original 10 Moomin books (in Swedish) many years ago. I have always loved the characters, their adventures, interesting philosophies and opinions, and interpretations of the world, etc. I am very happy that these books (the first two at least) are finally re-issued in English so my kids can read them, and the rest of the US. Highly recommended to both young and old. Please buy the first and second book, so the publisher releases the other 8 books too.

Moomins are terrific characters for children.

Wonderful series of books and strips.

My daughter and I read these together, beautiful book and the content is amazing.

A humorous array of ordinary domestic problems seem to keep cropping up for the Moomin family as they host their own winter sports fest, hire a maid and try to build a house.

This is going to be a weird review. I am currently building my own computer to place on a very low table at the end of my bed. I will not be able to see the monitor from my bed with the way it sits on the table. I ordered some of these Moomin books to use to stand the monitor on because they are one of the few book series that are all the same size. Plus I really like Moomin and I've always wanted these books.

My grandchildren have become adept to these Finish-Swedish stories. But so my son became and addict when he was little, too!

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