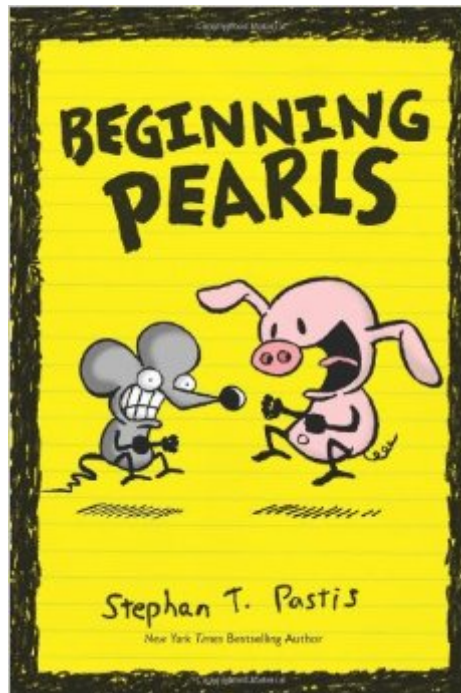


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# Beginning Pearls (Pearls Before Swine Kids)



## Synopsis

Now younger readers can enjoy the wit and outlandish puns in the world of Pearls Before Swine! Meet the always hilarious cast of Pearls Before Swine. Heading the cast is Rat, a mean-spirited rodent who lives with the trusting and simple-minded Pig. Their supporting cast includes the highly intellectual Goat; the meek and defenseless Zebra; and the hungry and incompetent Crocs. With cartoons specially chosen for young readers, Beginning Pearls retains the strip's signature dark humor and outlandish puns!

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 2 - 7

## Customer Reviews

ARC provided by NetGalley I love the "Pearls Before Swine" comic strip, it's one of my favorites to read each day. The slightly dark sense of humor, the bad puns, and the seemingly simplistic complex characters of Rat, Pig, Goat, and the crocs make me laugh out loud every day. This particular book is a collection of older curated strips with an introduction by each character as to who they are. The strips are curated to pick out some of the less dark/punny strips that might appeal to a younger reader. But...in my opinion, it doesn't quite work. The dark/punny strips are what make Pearls, Pearls. It would be like trying to curate a collection of "Calvin & Hobbes" where they aren't transmogrifying themselves...it's part of who they are. Don't get me wrong, Pearls is a great family strip, but one that is best read together and in its entirety. To pull out aspects of it to try to appeal to a younger reader, just kills part of the strip. Do me a favor, if you want to introduce your kids to

Pearls, show them all of it. You won't regret it. I give this collection 3 out of 5 stars

Beginning Pearls has a hilarious host of characters whose interactions with each other will make readers chuckle. The antics found throughout the pages are performed by Rat, Pig, goat, Zebra and the Crocs. Each character brings about their own spin on the world they live in. Rat's ego always seems to get the better of him as he spends his time getting the best of Pig. Pig, on the other hand, has a very simplistic yet optimistic view of the world and loves corn dogs, bacon, his stuffed bear Mr. Pitters and cheese puffs. Goat has a flare for the theatrical, which would explain his love of Shakespeare, a good book and a cup of tea. He also feels he is too good to be surrounded by the other characters. Zebra is a little afraid of his neighbors the Crocs, especially since they view him as food. But he is hopeful that the little hedge he planted between their yards will keep them at bay. And finally, there are the Crocs. These little green characters are smart and dumb, if you can possibly imagine it and don't like zebras at all. Readers will enjoy the full color cartoon boxes, silly antics and full biographies of these zany characters. Some of the humor seems to be a little grown up but middle grade readers should enjoy it none-the-less.

I love Stephan Pastis' comic strip and my son loves the "Timmy Failure" series. I thought this was a great way to introduce him to other works by this author. The book is HILARIOUS, and my 9 year old read it WILLINGLY on summer vacation. Well done, Mr. Pastis! We'll be buying others.

Fans of "Pearls Before Swine" love the comic strip for its dark, often twisted sense of humor. Now Stephan T. Pastis is introducing his colorful cast of critters to a new generation of readers in "Beginning Pearls." Rat is a mean little critter, while his best friend, Pig, is easy going and willing to put up with a lot of nonsense from his buddy. The rest of the animal gang includes Goat, Zebra, and the Crocs. Together, these guys will make you smile and maybe even giggle out loud occasionally. Each character gets to introduce himself in a spread that lasts a couple of pages, and each introduction is followed by a bunch of strips that highlight that character and give readers a broad sense of their personality and what they contribute to the strip. This is a great "Pearls Before Swine" collection for any new reader, no matter the age, and devoted fans will probably enjoy having this one in their collection no matter what. Pastis's art is colorful and has just the right amount of detail to engage readers, while the jokes in the individual comics are humorous and will keep you turning the page for the next strip. This is a great way to hook some new fans. This review originally written for Sacramento/San Francisco Book Review.

page 160 was the same as page 167? So close - was it a mistake in printing or deliberate? Any how enjoyed the book - great seeing old strips, like how Zebra's first nemeses were lions - pre divorce of course. Plus it's nice to go back and see how the characters were first roughly drawn. Time to go and join Pig eating some bacon while talking to the living person.

My 5th grade daughter and 7th grade son loved this book and want to read more of them. They are both avid readers.

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