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How much satire can you pack into a single graphic novel? Well, you've got *The Simpsons*, with its cutting perspective on culture and family life; you've got *Futurama*, which hits pop culture and sci-fi tropes with Groening's patented scathing wit; and you've got cosmic-scale comic-book mega-crossover events that the Big Two (Marvel and DC) churn out nonstop, which this book sends up from start to finish, right down to its hardbound, slipcased format. The story is suitably epic, as the two casts visit each other's realities with ensuing chaos that includes a British invasion, a battle with just about every fictional character ever imagined come to life, and a beer-mad giant Homer. Epic, yes, but is it funny? No panel goes by without a flurry of caustic humor, and no page passes that won't garner a guffaw or two, even from the uninitiated. And the whole thing is taken just seriously enough to provide a heaping helping of enjoyable extras that show exactly how much work it is to design and produce this much fun. Grades 6-10. --Jesse Karp

About the Author

Matt Groening is the creator and executive producer of the Emmy Award-winning series *The Simpsons*, as well as the creator of the animated television series *Futurama*. In addition to producing a weekly cartoon strip, "Life In Hell," and supervising the ongoing production of the two weekly television series, Groening oversees all aspects of the licensing and merchandising of *The Simpsons*. Groening lives in Los Angeles, CA.

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