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With the release of this Bloom County book and the Billy and the Boingers Theme Song, chosen from the most bone-shaking, kidney-curdling entries from rock bands nationwide, Springsteen and Van Halen will become as distant a memory as Michael Jackson. 300 black-and-white and 44 color comic strips.

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Chuck says

Hilarious!

Charles says

My favorite of the Bloom County collections, although I love them all.

Deodand says

This was one of the most widely read books in my high school. Bloom County was massively popular in the late 80's/early 90's - I remember a talent-show featuring an Billy and the Boingers impersonation, complete with ersatz tuba.

The comics herein still funny to me today, even though this comic is very much of its time. A short Wikipedia course in contemporary American politics should bring any latecomers up to speed.

Varmint says

bloom county at it's height.

i still have my copy with the vinyl "death tongue" record inside. why can't i find this on itunes?

i grew up in iowa city in the eighties. after school i'd wander down to the arcade. i wondered, who's the adult who has the time to hang out a play video games all afternoon? somebody told me it was berke breathed. and that he was something called a "cartoonist". there began my lifelong ambition to draw pictures for a living.

J.M. Hushour says

Freshly alive and formerly communist Bill the Cat starts a heavy metal band, Deathtöngue, with Steve Dallas as manager. However, once conservative America catches wind and the band winds up testifying before Tipper Gore in Congress, they become Billy and the Boingers.

Once again, this rips the intestines out of the morbidly obese gut of America in the late Eighties:

Sean Penn breaks Steve's spine for photographing him. Opus receives erroneously a billion dollars from the Pentagon to do space defense research. In a rip on "The Fly", Oliver and Bill the Cat's DNA gets switched

and mixed.

Better than anything else you'll remember from the time.

Jr says

Dude! This came with a freaking record by Billy and the Boingers! I used to have a T-shirt from their American tour. U Stink but I Love You is one of my favorites. Seriously, this book had my crying with laughter when I was a kid. And I still love it as an adult.

Eric says

A depressing look into 1980's hair metal excess. Bill the Cat's rise, and subsequent fall, as the tongue-strumming leader of the short lived, but highly influential Deathtongue almost serves as a cautionary tale for anyone with dreams of rock and roll. After alienating friends, fans, and bandmates; Bill the Cat finds himself in the Betty Ford Clinic with a monumental decision to make: risk everything for a chance at stardom, or give up his dreams and save his own life. A harrowing, introspective, and sometimes even humorous story that will keep you on the edge of your seat from beginning to end!

angrykitty says

another great bloom county book. i just love how bill the cat was just so anti regular comic strip. when i was younger, i always felt that when i was reading bloom county, i was reading a strip that wasn't meant for kids to read....i mean come on....it was on the same page as the family circus and for better, or for worse.....

Tim says

Was introduced to Bloom County in the high school years. This was a laugh out loud funny book! Now I'm not as enamored with its politics, but it's still a good commentary on the times.

tmll says

Hm, let us quote the Billy and the Boingers (well, Mucky Pup) song, "You Stink But I Love You" included as a seven inch in the first few pressings:

You make me sick
You really stink girl
You make me sick
But I love you

Friggin' brilliant. To me, maybe not to you. Opus is playing a goddamned tuba while Bill D. Cat twangs his tongue!! What a joyous cacaphony with which to make a wild rumpus!

Also, I will forever love the neurotic Michael Binkley. I will forever love him in the manner that excludes Outland and that new crapass Bloom County derivative.

Evan says

When I was a kid, I wanted to live in the world of Bloom County where anything was possible.

I still do.

Michael Finocchiaro says

Billy the Cat! and Billy and the Boingers in concert? Need I say more? Fantastic and hilarious collection for fans of Bloom County!

Karen says

Is this the one that has the line "George Bush is a Twinkie" in it? Oh, I laughed and laughed.

Ben says

The older I get, the funnier Bloom County gets.

If I'm not mistaken, this book came with a vinyl recording of a couple of Billy and the Boingers singles. Brilliant.

Michael says

The ESSENTIAL comic strip collection of the 1980's, and the only one that I know of to use the words "Caspar Weinberger" as a punchline.
