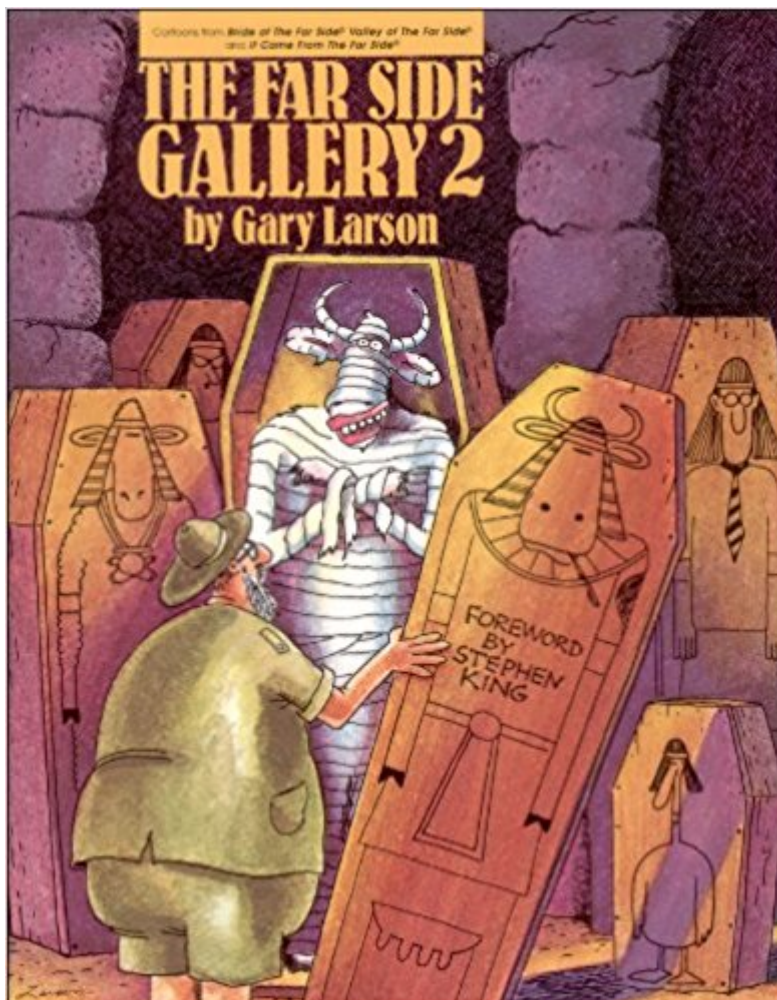


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# The Far Side Gallery 2



## Synopsis

The second Far Side treasury. 1986 FarWorks, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The Far Side and the Larson

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"Explain him? No. Explicate him? No. Enjoy him? Yes, God, yes! Just don't o.d. You could die laughing." (Stephen King)

"Cartoonist Gary Larson carries the macabre to hilarious lengths." (The Wall Street Journal)

"A magnificent contribution to popular culture." (The Washington Post)

"Samuel Taylor Coleridge, in between opium binges, once distinguished poetry from prose by noting that the former comprises the best words in their best order." Gary Larson's achievement in The Far Side is to have pulled off much the same thing in a humbler medium: the best joke told with the best image | there is no excuse not to have some Larson in your life." (The Daily Beast)

"Larson communicates a great deal of information in a few simple ink lines. The expressions of his characters are vivid and immediately recognizable | And with just a strand of beads and a pair of harlequin glasses, he can somehow transfer any animal—a shark, a bug, a warhog—into a dowdy suburban hausfrau." (The Los Angeles Times)

"In an age when black humor is a lost art, Larson's cartoon is an island of insanity, offering us the perspective of a world where the unreal is normal and vice versa. Its message deep down is a dark one—something about taking ourselves too seriously and strutting around as if we own the

place. (Rolling Stone) "Bless Gary Larson for his wonderful consistency in casting an artful eye on all of Earth's wild critters, human or otherwise. (The Philadelphia Inquirer) "The unofficial cartoonist laureate of the scientific community. (Natural History Magazine) "The natural order of things goes seriously awry, with hilarious results. (Smithsonian Magazine) "Gary Larson is a simple man with a simple talent for mordant hilarity. (San Francisco Chronicle)

The Far Side was syndicated in more than 1,900 daily newspapers from 1980 to 1995, when Gary Larson retired. During its run, the cartoon spawned 22 books from AMP, which were translated into a total of 17 different languages. For his work with The Far Side, Larson was awarded the Reuben Award for Outstanding Cartoonist from the National Cartoonists Society in 1991 and 1994. The group also named The Far Side Best Syndicated Panel in both 1985 and 1987.

Gary Larson is a brilliant cartoonist. He creates single panels that comment on the ridiculousness of the world, tell an entire story in the most minute details, and are full of imagination.

Got as a gift for nephew who likes Far Side comics. I like them overall too. Some are funny, some not. It may all be what strikes you at the time.

I've loved Larson for years but have only ever had one other book of his cartoons. I bought this one as a little gift to myself and have enjoyed every moment of looking through the cartoons. Larson uses strange situations and animals to poke fun at humans and the human condition. Very funny. If you haven't seen Larson cartoons before, you shouldn't miss out any longer.

Im a collector who is replacing my beyond well worn Gary Larson books. My grand kids are getting old enough to want to read these now. So I sit with them and explain why they are each funny until they start to "get it,"

This collection brings back a lot of memories, eagerly waiting for the next Far Side cartoon in the paper. I haven't seen these for years, and they are still just as entertaining. This book is a nice way to introduce The Far Side to my kids. We all really enjoy this book, and will probably buy the other Galleries too.

I call Gary Larson's "Far Side" books a Rx for sadness, worry, other kinds of stress, much better than don't-give-a-damn pills. It's hard to feel down when you're laughing. I think they illustrate Reader's Digest suggestion that laughter is the best medicine.

Just what I've been looking for! Haven't stopped laughing since opening the package. The book was in great condition. Thank you!

What's not to love! I miss Larson's cartoons since he retired, so wanted to relive the laughs.

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