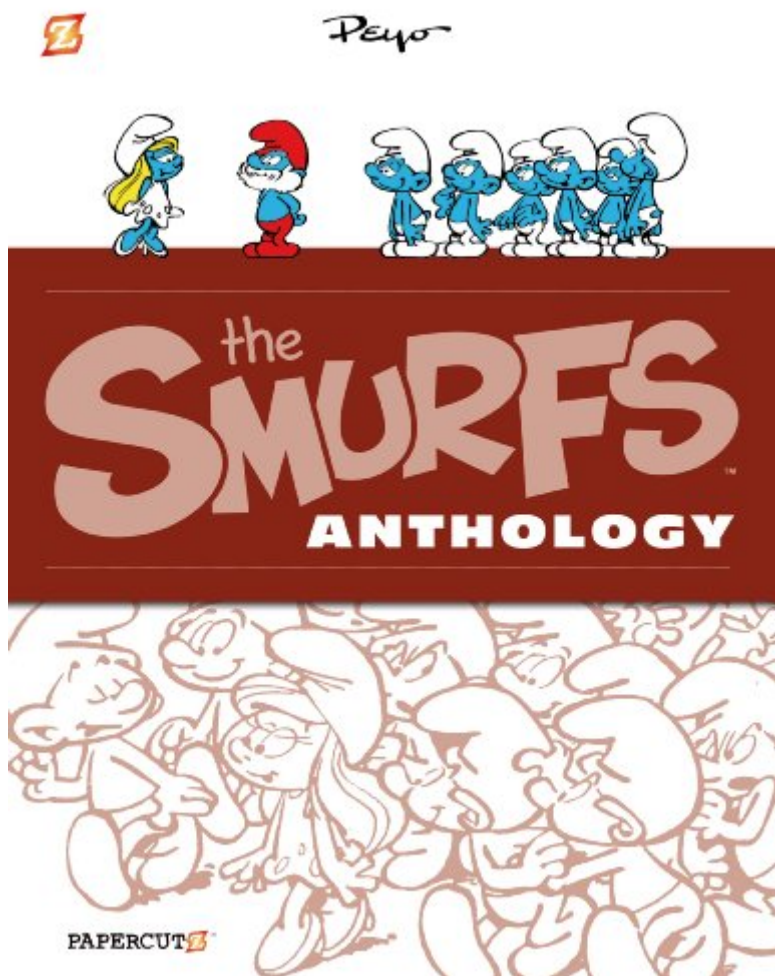




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The Smurfs Anthology #2



Synopsis

When the Belgian cartoonist Peyo created a village of cute little woodland creatures for his heroes Johan and Peewit to discover, he couldn't have known that they would wildly outgrow those humble origins to become a worldwide phenomenon all on their own. More than 50 years later, The Smurfs continue to delight us all with their silliness, bravery, heroism, and heart, and now we finally have a definitive collection of Peyo's original comics to see where it all began. Newly remastered and presented in original publication order, along with a Smurfy collection of historical notes and photographs, this volume introduces us to Smurfette and features a "Johan and Peewit" story never before seen in the U.S.

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Customer Reviews

The smurfs are back in another big, beautiful anthology!As you may have gathered from the cover art, this Anthology contains Smurfette's introduction story, as well as five other stories, including one of Johan and Peewits adventures with the smurfs!-Contents"The Smurfette" (with introduction by Matt. Murray, Smurfologist)"The Hungry Smurfs""The Smurfs and the Egg" (with introduction by Matt. Murray, Smurfologist)"The Fake Smurf""The Hundredth Smurf""The War of the 7 Springs"

(with introduction by Matt. Murray, Smurfologist)-Smurfette Controversy Although Smurfette is known as one of the most beloved and level-headed smurfs, she didn't always start that way. Originally she was created by Gargamel to bring ruin to the Smurfs. Please think of every irritating female stereotype you have ever heard of, and you can be certain that the original Smurfette had it. She was extremely silly and annoying. But by the end of the story, she takes notice that her actions have consequences, and begins to grow as a Smurf. She decides to leave so that she may have the opportunity to grow more, instead of causing chaos and rivalry among the Smurfs. She does not reappear in any of the other five stories in this Anthology. Many readers have expressed resentment to the way females are perceived in this story- as they should- and have unfortunately decided not to let their children read it. Keep in mind that this story was written for a different audience half a century ago. Other readers have taken this opportunity to sit down with their children and discuss sexism and how it has evolved over time. I recommend the latter approach. Honestly, I enjoyed the story since it helps give a little more background to Smurfette's past and to the time period that this story was written.

-Comments Before the Smurfs had their own series, they were side characters for six issues of Peyo's other comic series 'Johan and Peewit.' But due to the Smurfs overwhelming popularity, readers forgot about Johan and Peewit, and focused their attention exclusively, on the Smurfs. The majority of those six issues have never been published in English. I am glad that Papercutz is putting the effort to translate those stories, and include one of them in each new Smurf Anthology. Personally, I enjoy them tremendously, but looking at the other reviews below, I can see that this opinion is not shared by everyone. Overall it's fun for all ages, kids and adults! It helps spark the imagination and takes you to a new magical world! Nowadays, it's rare to find a big, tall, hardcover book filled with beautifully illustrated comics at an affordable price. For the amount of joy this series brings to the reader, it's a steal!

My daughters all love Smurfs comics, but I don't know how they can read the tiny print on the individual books! This book is a very nice hardcover, which is quite a bit larger than the individual books. The print is still a bit small, but nowhere near as small as the individual books. This is sturdier as well, which is good, as it gets read over and over. The price is great too, as you'll pay less buying this than you would buying each story individually.

It is very funny and exciting because, uh..... uh..... the funny part is the part where peewit got bumped. Y

My kids love the surfs, and this is a great edition. The only downside, is the reg surf books are glossier and better material.

The last story is trucking boring but I'm still a fan and would give this to a person whom like the smurfs or the author work or comic and graphic novel fan and smurfologists

I love this series. The hard cover book contains several stories of smurfs that is illustrated in a colorful pictures. The rating is good for people who are 7 or 77 years old. If you have small children, buy this book for them as a birthday, Christmas, good score prize presents. They will love it and read and read the book again. I like the original smurf comic books than the smurf movies. Both are good indeed. However, my imagination go a lot farther with the book than the movies. Unlike print copies of Benny Breakiron, Tintin, and other smurf book, this copy has a larger size which is good for children's eyes although the price does cost whole lot more.

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