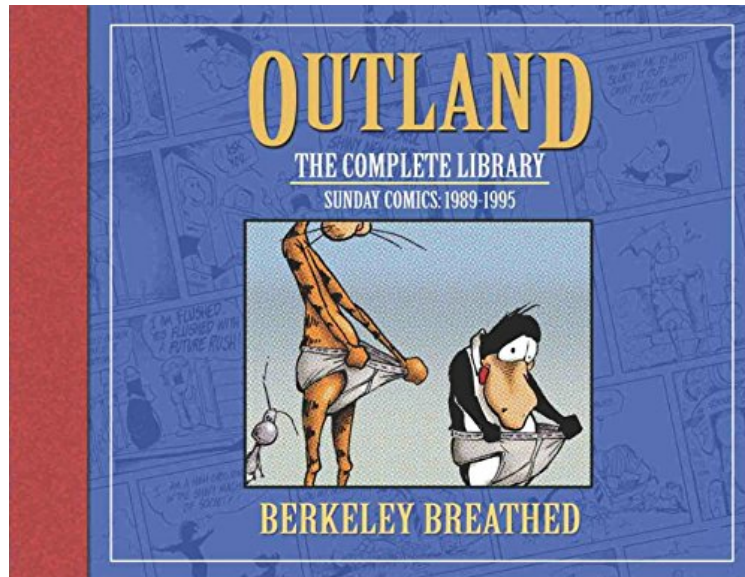


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Berkeley Breathed : Berkeley Breathed's Outland: The Complete Collection (Bloom County) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Berkeley Breathed's Outland: The Complete Collection (Bloom County):

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Complete, Finished, and WonderfulBy UhOhBadDogOutland, beginning to end. The strips are as great as I remember, but the occasional insightful comments from Berkeley Breathed himself make this volume that much better. And there on page 213 is the strip that brought us the frame on the cover, one that Mr. Breathed notes as his most requested strip. This is a must for all Bloom County/Outland/Opus and Breathed fans. The quality is right there with the first five that IDW has done so well. To note, the binding printing has returned to its foil-laden glory. This one is Golden, with Ronald-Ann being the featured character. Just love this. I'm a bit sad knowing that there is just one more to go. Think I'll go read the first five again now!***Please note that seems to have had a challenge getting their fulfillment centers to ship this with proper packaging, so that the book arrives without damage. My copies have been shipped loose (not shrink-wrapped), so the volumes each have arrived with corner damage and surface damage to the covers. I am now on my fourth attempt. Should you have the same issue, please be persistent until they get it right.***16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. A complete visit to OutlandBy Jeffrey M. HarknessOutland was Berkeley Breathed's return to cartooning after ending his popular Bloom County daily comic strip at the height of its popularity. The Sunday-only Outland picked up where Breathed left off, introducing new characters, but keeping his keen commentary on the world intact. This volume collects all of the Outland strips into one place, including some that haven't been collected before as far as I can tell. I remember reading Bloom County regularly when it was released, but many newspapers didn't carry Outland, so these were easy to miss. (Opus, which followed Outland, was even more difficult to follow; fortunately, the collected Opus strips are the next volume in the IDW series, with an ad for the book presented at the end of this volume.)Truthfully,

Outland was a little lifeless early on, with the first few strips focused on Ronald-Ann, Mortimer Mouse and Tim W. Forty. Not exactly household name characters (although Mortimer does indeed look like a very well-known Disney mouse), and the humor is not what I loved from Bloom County. The strips get going pretty quickly after Opus returns in the fifth strip, however. I think I'd have been less taken with the Sunday-only strips given this slow pace, but reading them back to back in this book is much easier to take. But it seems Breathed realized pretty quickly that familiarity was the key to Outland's continued survival. In fact, through the course of the strip, many more Bloom County characters would make appearances. The strip essentially became Bloom County without the Bloom County, if that makes sense. For the buyer interested in pre-Bloom County material: No Academia Waltz material is included in this volume as indicated in its information about the book. I think it was left over from the Bloom County volumes. Just a heads up if you were looking for any extras. Overall, the book stands up well with the former Bloom County (Bloom County: The Complete Collection, Vol. 1: 1980-1982 (Bloom County Library) books in the series, and it's good to see the gold foil return on the spine. The book fits nicely on the shelf with the rest of the books. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Should be "Bloom County vol. 6" By JimG Outland, the "sequel" to Bloom County, is the next saga of Opus and his friends. As to the material, the first few dozen pages where Opus is interacting with Ronald Ann and the inhabitants of Outland are kind of "slow" (probably because all of our beloved BC citizens are missing). But after a bit, the Bloom County folks slowly start making their way back into the story until, by the end, Ronald Ann and her cohorts are entirely missing and Outland has, for all practical purposes, morphed back into Bloom County. At this point, the only difference is the fact that Outland was a Sunday-only comic so every page is a full-page, full-color comic. And yes, the cartoon featured on the cover is one of the all-time Bloom County / Outland / Opus classics!

Berkeley Breathed, the mad genius who boggled and bewildered us with "Bloom County", is back! Soon after retiring "Bloom County" - and at the peak of its popularity - Breathed returned with an all-new Sunday-only newspaper strip: "Outland". Debuting just four weeks after the final "Bloom County" was published, and with many of the same cast members, "Outland" continues on in the same traditions set forth by its forebears - ranging from delightful whimsy to raging satire! This volume contains every "Outland" strip published, some never-before-collected in book form, and nearly all have been scanned from the original art, provided by Breathed from his personal archives. It includes more than 280 Sunday pages, all in fully remastered color, from September 3, 1989 through March 26, 1995.

About the Author Berkeley Breathed lives and works in Santa Barbara, California and is the proud owner of a gentle pit bull named Ridley, a deaf dachshund named Milly, and a refugee mutt from the Puerto Rican streets named Pilar--splendidly flawed dogs, every one.