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Hank Ketcham : Hank Ketcham's Complete Dennis the Menace 1950-1954 Box Set (Vol. 1-2) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hank Ketcham's Complete Dennis the Menace 1950-1954 Box Set (Vol. 1-2):

17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Single Panel GeniusBy Philip S. WolfHank Ketcham's amazing creation: "Dennis The Menace" is considered by many critics of the comics genre to be the very best new comic introduced in the 1950's. Along with "Peanuts" by the great Charles Schultz, this little one-panel gem would go a long way in helping to modernise the comics smack dab in the middle of the cold war/baby booming era. It struck a note with families of it's day as an anti-Dr. Spock, narrative of a realistic hyper child (Dennis} and his stressed-out, parents {Henry Alice Mitchell} and their next door neighbors {George Martha Wilson}.Dennis is a five year old, ball of fire, who is the star of these tales of family life of the 1950's. And he shows a broad range of emotions as any small boy can. He was an adventurer, armed only with a slingshot for protection and a scruffy dog named "Ruff" by his side. He loved to play in the mud and was not fond of the bathtub. Dennis went to church, got haircuts at the corner barber shop and liked to climb trees. And I wanted into his world because it looked like quite a cool place to hang out in!The style of Hank Ketcham's, pen lines are amazing. His art look's so simple in it's approach, but it is very complex in form with lot's of dark and light mixed together so perfectly. Ketcham, was an master draftsman, and the success of Dennis the Menace, owes as much to his graphics as it does to his excellent writing abilities. This was the first comic that reeled me in as a small boy in the early sixties, and it is still a favorite of mine today. Along with: "Peanuts", this wonderful comic DID much to help change the entire medium of comics into what it is today.Most people remember the TV

Show and the movies that are based on Dennis Mitchell. For those of you that grew up with these fantastic one panel gems, it will spark some great memories to see these comics once again. And for you folks that have not, you have missed out on a wonderful graphic masterpiece. This is one of the best and most important comics of the last 50 years. That's the whole tale in a nutshell. Don't miss out this time around, here they are in all their glory...The cartoons of: "Dennis The Menace" FIVE STARS !!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Dennis The Menace is not for kids...By Chirag When my mom came to stay over this summer. She saw this collection and Hank Ketcham's Complete Dennis the Menace 1955-1958 Box Set in my book cupboard, and her first reaction was. Why are you buying kids comics... :) It isn't one, like any long time DtM reader knows... Well this set is marvelous. I buy ONLY the box sets (Peanuts is the other series I'm collecting right now) and this is like any other Fantagraphics box set. The slipcase is what you'd expect. The image implies the book is larger than it actually is. This may well be because of the close up shot, so do pay attention to the book dimensions, if that is a consideration for you. However, each page contains one panel, in a very easy to read size. The book also comes with a fabric book mark. You need it, because you can't read through all of it in one go... and one misses bookmarks in huge collections like The Complete Far Side 1980-1994 (2 vol set). The dust cover / sleeves on is uncoated paper unlike in the Peanuts collection, so a bit of care needs to be taken when removing and handling the books. The binding is stitched, so you can expect longevity over multiple readings. On the whole it is a recommended purchase. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Carson Tyree As described

A gift set of the first two Complete Dennis volumes in a custom collectors' slipcase. A boxed set of the first and second volumes of Hank Ketcham's Complete Dennis the Menace. Featuring a custom collector's box designed by series designer Jacob Covey especially for this set. Dennis the Menace began on March 14, 1951 and he went on to become the second most popular cartoon kid in the world (after Charlie Brown). The timing was perfect: the post-war generation, at the height of the baby boom, embraced the perennial troublemaker and turned Dennis into a global publishing, merchandising and multi-media phenomenon, with over 50 million book collections sold, the fondly remembered live-action TV show from 1959-63, two major motion pictures in the '90s, a full-length animated film in 2002, and many other media tie-ins. The strip currently is enjoyed by readers of over 1,000 newspapers every day. Ketcham captured the mischievousness, rambunctiousness, and anarchy of a kid's world better than any other cartoonist. The strip appeals to both parents and children - while parents shake their head ruefully at how accurately Ketcham caught the essence of children's natural zest for mayhem, children identify with Dennis and the chaos that he leaves in his wake. Ketcham's gags are funny, subtle and touching, and executed with a vivacious, exquisite line. Ketcham drew Dennis the Menace from 1951 to 1994, when he retired and let his assistant take over the strip. These two volumes of Hank Ketcham's Complete Dennis the Menace publish every single panel strip from 1951 through 1954 in two handsome and thick hardcover volumes, packaged in an attractive and elegant slipcase. 1,252 black-and-white full-page comic panels

About the Author Hank Ketcham was born in 1920 and created Dennis the Menace in 1950. He passed away in 2001.