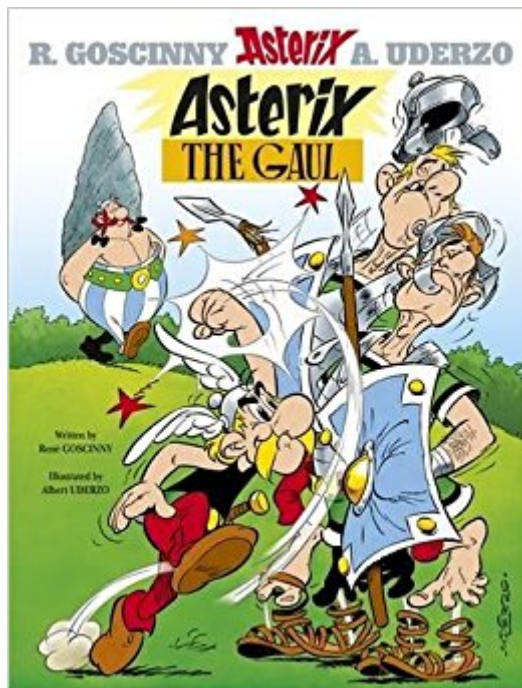


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Asterix The Gaul: Album #1



Synopsis

When Roman Centurion Crismus Bonus finds out about Getafix's magic potion, he kidnaps the druid to force him to reveal the recipe. So Asterix joins his friend in captivity and together they two plan to whip up a surprise with truly hair-raising effects.

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I was stationed at the American Embassy, Berlin, DDR, back in the early 1980s. I was able to go

back and forth freely with my handy dandy Auswise ... which was a diplomatic ID, making the Berlin Wall magically invisible, or, at least, irrelevant. One would get their ass chewed if they flashed their passport to get across Checkpoint Charlie. Love cartoons, and even love drawing cartoons. While in Europe, I decided to try something with a little more local flair ... Asterix and Obelix. I liked it so much I didn't even care it was French. Rereading these now 30+ years later, still get a kick out of them.

Book was as expected. I used to read original French hardcover of "Asterix" as well as "Tintin" as a child growing up in Montreal Canada in the late 1960's. I bought this one to show my kids. Now living in the USA, I was glad to see that English versions were available. While I would not mind getting all thirty (30)+ books, not willing to pay the \$300+. Although a little slow to arrive, the book was well packaged and in new condition.

What can I say? The Asterix Comic Books are my favorite since the 60s. I bought them as soon as a new one was available and translated. Actually, the Comic Books should be named "Asterix and Obelix!" Obelix is Asterix' best friend, and together they undertake many adventures. Without Obelix, Asterix would not be so famous. :) So far, one of our cats was named "Asterix," and our current new Ford Truck is named "Obelix" :) As you can see, we are big fans!

This is a really fun book. It is educational too. It teaches kids geography and they don't really know they are learning. It is funny with bright colorful pictures. It is a fast read however it is a **MUST** reread. Kids reread it again and again. The kids have not seen this book at all in the stores or at the school library. So it is fun to buy this and show them something that they can't buy just anywhere. I would buy this again and other books by this author and in this series. I would recommend this book to anyone.

As promised

While Goscinny and Uderzo were still figuring out their characters, this first in the Asterix series is a lot of fun. It's especially a treat for Asterix fans to see the slightly less-refined characterizations, and those who are new to the series should enjoy this introduction to the members of the little Gaulish village who are still holding out against the Roman invaders -- with the help of some magic potion. The Asterix stories are full of silliness, cartoon fighting, and puns, and "Asterix the Gaul" is no

exception. Despite being the first, it holds up well and is the appropriate welcome to those who wish to visit with these lovable Gauls.

This is the first book in the series, and is a little rough around the edges. Nonetheless, the humor that characterizes the series comes through quite clearly. You have to look at the names of the characters to get some of the meanings. For example, Asterix, one of the two stars of the series is a slight corruption of the word Asterisk, in other words, the Star, of course. Similarly, Obelix -> Obelisk, which is another name for the menhirs he is constantly carrying around, Getafix the druid is obvious, The chief's wife is Impedimenta, she is the main impediment to his peace of mind with her public endearments and tantrums. I could go on and on, but it would not be as funny as discovering the hidden meanings yourself, would it? Enjoy...

Oh, I can see I will be getting all the Asterix books. Maybe in French, too. Lots of jokes through the whole book, as always - how does a translator do it ?

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