

The Book of the Goons

A019.01 First edition, 1974

Subtitled: "incorporating a new selection of Spike Milligan's Goon Show Scripts and, by courtesy of Whacklow, Futtle & Crun (Commissioners for Oaths, Threats Issued), the authentic, unexpurgated inter-Goonal Correspondence of Certain Naughty Gentlemen and Sundry Others, alias Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan, including photographs by Snowdon and drawings by the Goons.

Author: Spike Milligan

Dedication: None

Editor: Elizabeth Rose

Design: Timothy Jacques

Publication Details: Robson Books, London, 1st edition (January 5, 1974) (Amazon.com)

Design: Timothy Jacques.

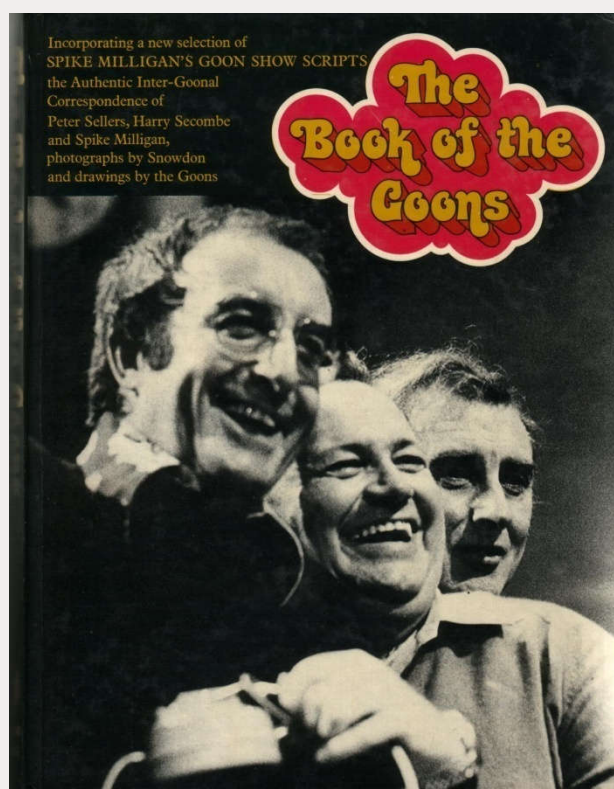
Format: Board book

Illustrations: Lord Snowdon (photographs); Goons (drawings)

Identifier: ISBN - 10: 0903895269 ISBN-13: 978-0903895262 BNB: GB7425505

Physical Description: Illustrated board covers, 144 pp., including colour & b/w illustrations. 190 x 250 x 13 mm, 460 gm.

Publication Price: £2.25



This book gets the prize for having the longest sub-title of any Spike Milligan book.

Published by Robson Books a new publisher for Spike, a company set up by Jeremy Robson who was in charge of the two Goon Show scripts books at Woburn Press. Jeremy set up Robson Books in 1974 and this was the first of many of Spike's books published by Robson.

This book too was very successful and repeated the publishing path of hardback, softback, book club and US edition. Later Robson Books also produced paperbacks and took over from Corgi. In 1998 they issued new editions in both hardback and paperback.

A019.02 American edition, 1974

Publication Details: St. Martin's Press New York, 1974 (Amazon.com)

Format: Hardback

Illustrations: Lord Snowdon (photographs); Goons (drawings)

Identifier: ISBN 10: 0903895269 ISBN – 13: 9780903895262 same as English edition?

Physical Description: 144 pages.

A019.03 Corgi Paperback edition, 1975

Publication Details: Transworld Publishers Ltd a Corgi book, London 1975

Format: Paperback

Illustrations: Lord Snowdon (photographs); Goons (drawings)

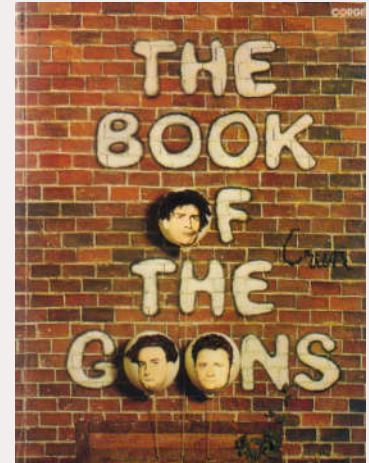
Cover Design: Steve Lang

Identifier: ISBN – 10: 0552999563 ISBN-13: 978-0552999564

BNB: GB7600676

Physical Description: 144p. : ill., facsimis., ports. 187 x 245 x 9 mm
353 gm.

Publication Price: £1.25



A019.04 Book Club Associates edition, 1981

Publication Details: First Thus edition published 1981 by Book Club Associates by arrangement with Robson Books Limited

Format: board covers

Illustrations: Lord Snowdon (photographs); Goons (drawings)

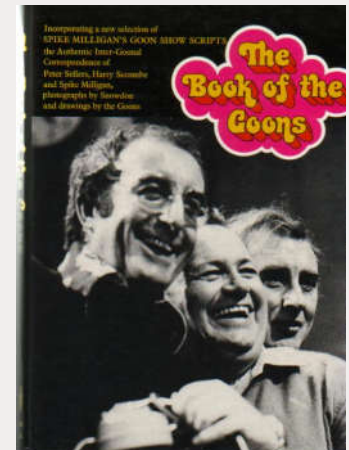
Editor: Elizabeth Rose

Design: Timothy Jacques

Identifier: ISBN 10: 0903895269 ISBN – 13: 9780903895262 same as Robson edition

Physical Description: 144pp, including colour & b/w illustrations.
180 x 250 x 13 mm, 405 gm

Publication Price: £4.95



Notes: This book is slightly smaller in width to the original and a different printer was used. The price has increased too.

A019.05 Robson paperback edition, 1984

Publication Details: Robson, London 1974 printing

Format: Paperback

Illustrations: Lord Snowdon (photographs); Goons (drawings)

Cover Design:

Identifier: ISBN-10: 086051286X ISBN-13: 978-0860512868 BNB: GB8422688

Physical Description: 144p. : ill., ports. ; 25cm.

Publication Price: £3.25

Notes: The covers of the Robson paperbacks seem to be the same as the hardback edition.

A019.06 Robson paperback reissue, 1998

Publication Details: ANOVA BOOKS Imprint: Robson Books Ltd; New edition (1 Jan 1998)

Format: Paperback

Illustrations: Lord Snowdon (photographs); Goons (drawings)

Cover Design:

Identifier: ISBN-10: 086051286X ISBN-13: 978-0860512868

Physical Description: 144 pages 181 x 243 x 11 mm 284 gm

A019.07 Robson hardback edition, 1998

Publication Details: Robson Books Ltd; illustrated edition edition (5 Dec 1998)

Format: Hardcover

Illustrations:

Cover Design:

Identifier: ISBN-10: 0903895269 ISBN-13: 978-0903895262

Physical Description: 144 pages 18.4 x 24.4 x 1.4 cm

A019.08 Robson paperback edition, 2002

Publication Details: Robson Books (March 2002) (Amazon.com)

Format: Paperback

Illustrations:

Cover Design:

Identifier: ISBN-10: 086051286X ISBN-13: 978-0860512868

Physical Description: 144 pages 9.6 x 7.1 x 0.4 inches

A019.09 Black Swan paperback edition, 2002

Publication Details: Black Swan 3 June 2002 (Amazon.com)

Format: Paperback

Illustrations:

Cover Design:

Identifier: ISBN – 10: 0552999563 ISBN- -13: 978-0552999564

Physical Description:

There are several editions of this book listed but only three ISBNs are used. The hardback has four listed editions, all use 978-0903895262. The original Corgi (1975) edition used 978-0552999564. When Robson Books brought out their own edition a new ISBN, 978-0860512868, was used. This continued to be used in the 1998 and 2002 editions later in 2002 the book was brought out as a Black Swan edition with the same ISBN as the original Corgi edition (1975). On the face of it, it looks like there were two editions available from two different publishers in 2002, Robson and Black Swan.

Both Corgi and Black Swan are part of Transworld Publishers who are in turn part of the Random House Group. Probably the style of the book more suited Black Swan than Corgi in 2002.