

The Essential Spike Milligan

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A084.01 First edition, 2002

Author: Spike Milligan

Publication Details: Fourth Estate; (4 Nov 2002)

Format: Hardcover with dust jacket

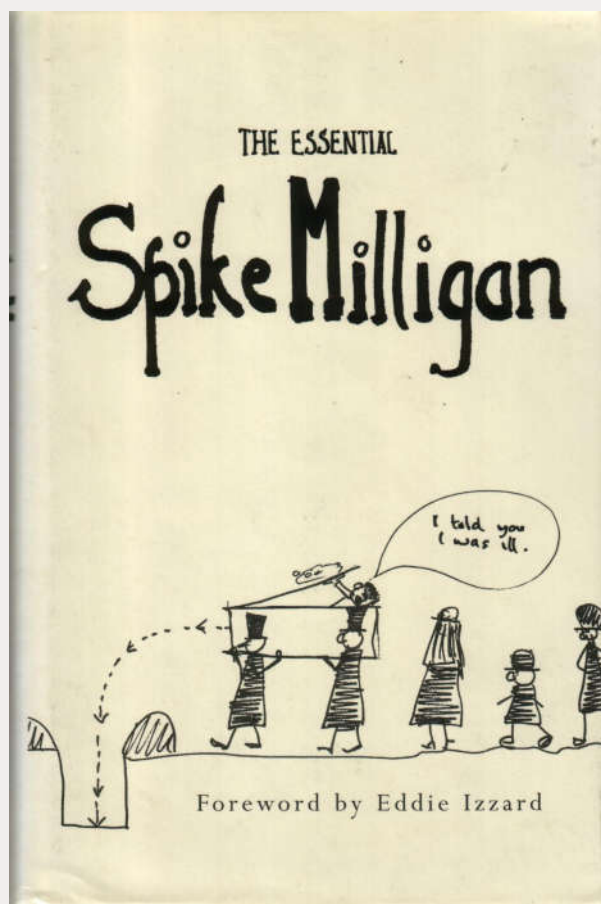
Illustrations: Spike Milligan

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Physical Description: 352 pages 242 x 160 x 34 mm, 719 g.

Publication price: £16.99



This was the first anthology of Spike's work published after his death, quickly followed by two more.

Once again the publishing machine was in action, hardback, Ted Smart edition, paperbacks, two, a trade paperback and a mass market paperback. Two years later another anthology, *The Compulsive Milligan*, and then in 2005 a omnibus edition of the two with the Milliganesque title, *The Completely Essential Spike Milligan*.

The role of Alexander Games in this edition is low key. His name is on the title page but that is all. No explanation of his choices at all.

Games includes the shorter version of The Bald Twit Lion, the longer version is the only version in Spike other books Interestingly Games attributes it to *A Book of Milliganimals* which actually has the longer version.

There are Goon Show, or as it was then known Crazy People, scripts within this book that are being published for the first time. They are the first episode of Crazy People and The Mystery of the Fake Neddie Seagoons

A084.02 Ted Smart edition, 2002

Publication Details: Ted Smart 1st Book People Edition edition (2002)

Format: Hardcover

Illustrations: Spike Milligan

Cover Design: Spike Milligan and Julian Humphries

Identifier: ISBN-10: 0007673582 ISBN-13: 978-0007673582

Physical Description: 9.3 x 6.2 x 1.4 inches 1.5 pounds

Notes: The Ted Smart logo replaces the Fourth Estate logo. Only minor changes in the look.

A084.03 Paperback edition - 2003

Publication Details: Harperperennial; First Printing edition (1 Jan 2003)

Format: Mass Market paperback

Illustrations: Spike Milligan

Cover Design: Spike Milligan and Julian Humphries

Identifier: ISBN-10: 0007744080 ISBN-13: 978-007744084

Physical Description: 344 pp, 19.7 x 13 x 2.3 cm, 241 gm.

Publication price: £8.99

A084.04 Paperback edition - 2003

Publication Details: Harpercollins Pub Ltd (May 31, 2003) also listed as Fourth Estate a division of Harper Collins Publishers; 1st edition (2 Jun 2003)

Format: Mass Market paperback

Illustrations: Spike Milligan

Cover Design: Spike Milligan and Julian Humphries

Identifier: ISBN-10: 0007155115 ISBN-13: 978-0007155118

BNB: GBA3Y3017

Physical Description: 344 pp, 19.7 x 13 x 2.3 cm, 241 gm.

Publication price: £8.99

A084.05 Paperback edition August 1, 2003

Publication Details: Fourth Estate a division of Harper Collins Publishers (August 1, 2003)

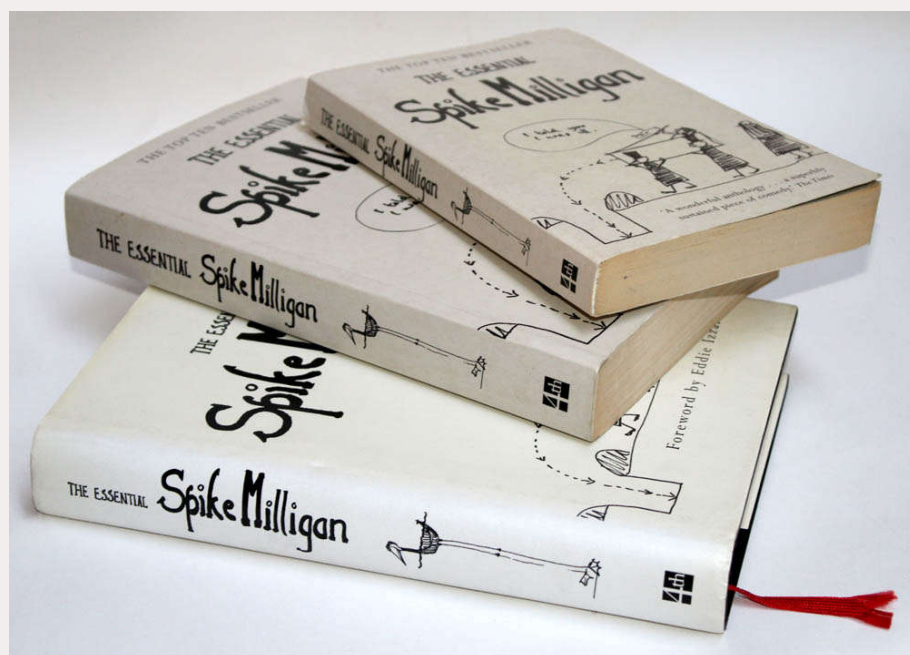
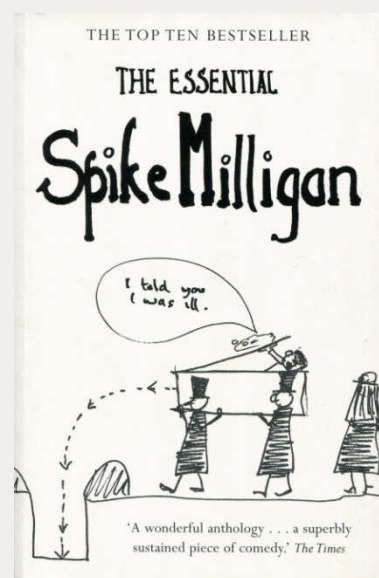
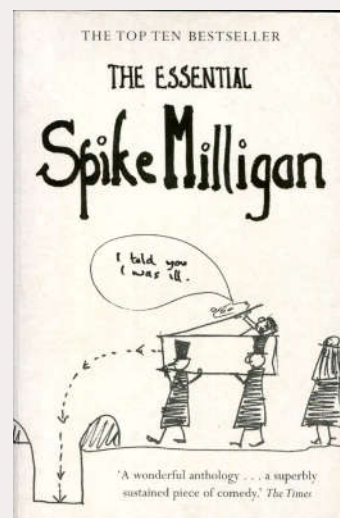
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Illustrations: Spike Milligan

Cover Design: Spike Milligan and Julian Humphries

Identifier: ISBN-10: 000717103X ISBN-13: 978-0007171033

Physical Description: 340 pp, 232 x 152 x 30 mm, 523 g.



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