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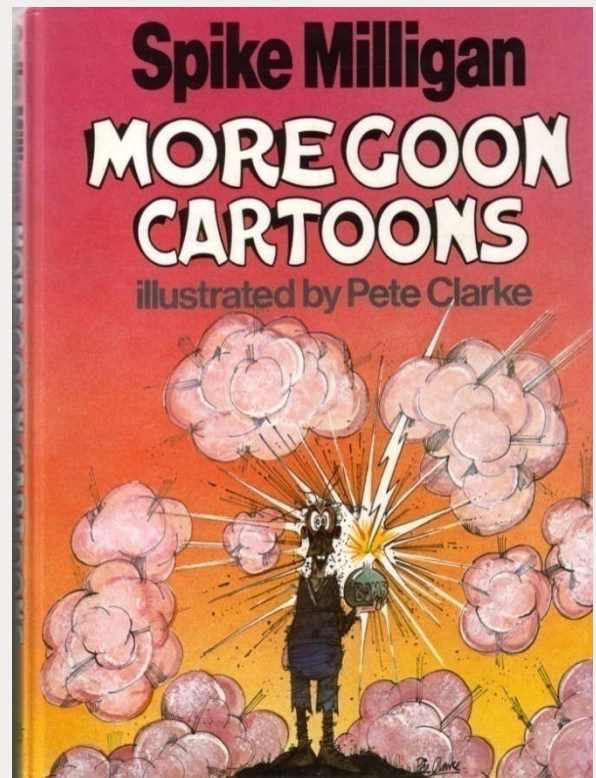
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This is the second book in this format. Each book contains four scripts. Two are scripts were previously published in the Goon Show Scripts books.



The Goons

The Goons Show was a BBC radio show that ran from 28 May 1951 to 28 January 1960 in ten series and 247 episodes. Spike Milligan was the script writer as well as one of the main character actors, the others were Harry Secombe, Peter Sellers and Michael Bentine. Bentine left after series 2, the show continued with the remaining three.

The vast majority of the show's scripts were written by Spike, but other friends wrote some scripts when Spike was too ill to write. The responsibility of writing the scripts put great pressure on Spike. In 1990 he famously wrote his own obituary, published in the Sunday Correspondent newspaper in July, 1990 in which he included the phrase "wrote the Goon Show and died" eleven times in twenty two paragraphs. A measure of the trauma the show caused in his life I think.

The Goon Show and its scripts have featured largely in Spike's books writing and publishing career. They are the basis of six books, *Goon Show Scripts*, *More Goon Show Scripts*, *The Last Goon Show*, *Goon Cartoons*, *More Goon Cartoons*, *The Lost Goon Shows*. Scripts also formed parts of many of Spike's other books. Norma Farnes wrote and edited her own Goon Show book, *The Goons The Story*, in 1997. The Goon Show has spawned many books about the show, some of which are listed later.