

## *Spike Milligan. A Celebration*

The Best of Spike Milligan with cringeworthy grovelling from: Eric Sykes, Sir Harry Secombe, Denis Norden, Ronnie Scott, Mrs Gladys Scroake etc...

### **A069.01 First edition, 1995**

**Author:** Spike Milligan

**Publication Details:** Virgin Books an imprint of Virgin Publishing Ltd. (18 May 1995)

**Format:** Hardcover with dust jacket

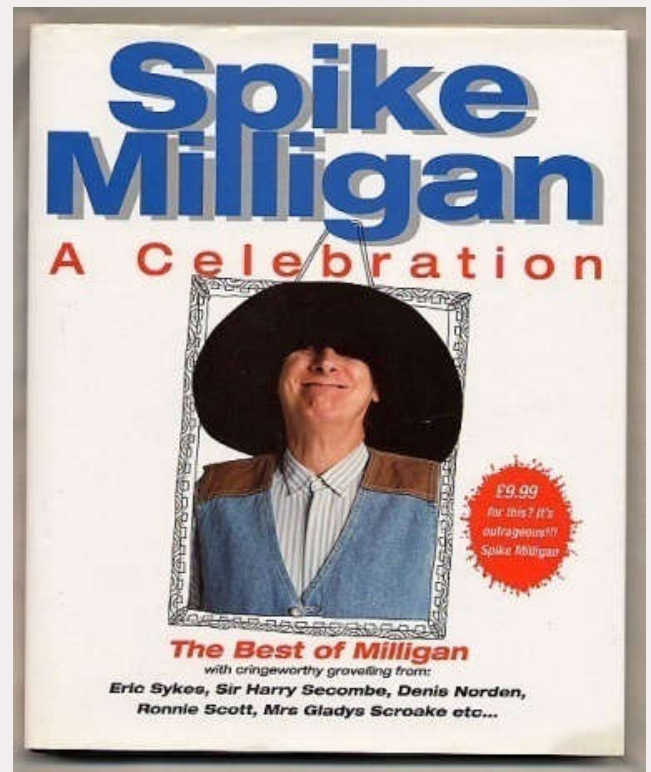
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**Physical Description:** 160 pp, ill. ports, 241 x 200 x 15 mm, 549 g.

Publication price: £9.99



First book of Spike's by Virgin.

Listed with Spike as author but he probably played little part in assembling the book. Material and tributes collected by Norma? There were a series of "Celebration" books by Virgin.

This tribute to Spike Milligan looks back over his career using scripts from his television and radio shows as well as excerpts from his books and poems. Each excerpt is introduced by those entertainers who know him well, such as Eric Sykes and Harry Secombe, or those who have been influenced by his comedy style, such as John Cleese and Paul Merton. They give their views on what has made Spike a comic talent in Britain for so long, and pay tribute to his ability as a clown, actor, writer and broadcaster. The book is illustrated with photographs, cartoons and doodles. At the 1994 British Comedy Awards, Spike Milligan was given a "Lifetime Achievement" award.

### **A069.02 Virgin paperback edition, 1996**

**Publication Details:** Virgin Books an imprint of Virgin Publishing Ltd.; New paperback edition (18 April 1996)

**Format:** Paperback

**Illustrations:** Spike Milligan

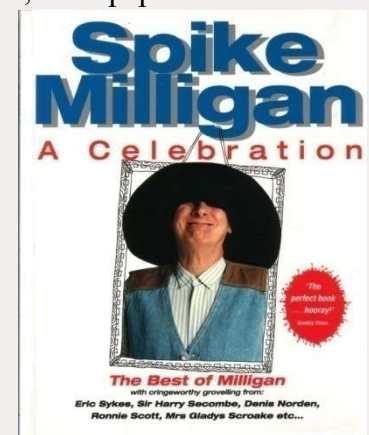
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**Identifier:** ISBN-10: 0863699294 ISBN-13: 978-0863699290 BNB: GB96Z4156

**Physical Description:** 160 pp, ill. ports., 233 x 188 x 10 mm, 384 g.

**Publication price:** £6.99



**Notes:** Same format as hardback edition, slightly smaller dimensions

### **A069.03 Virgin paperback trade edition, 2007**

**Publication Details:** Virgin Books Ltd; New edition First thus edition (5 April 2007)

**Format:** Mass Market paperback

**Illustrations:** not illustrated

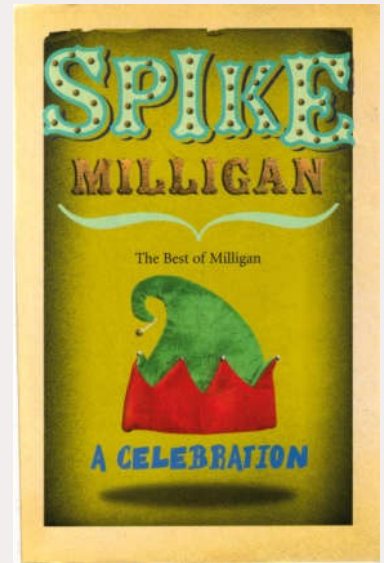
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**Identifier:** ISBN-10: 0753512122 ISBN-13: 978-0753512128

**Physical Description:** 210 pp, 194 x 130 x 17 mm, 212 g.

**Publication price:** £6.99

All illustrations and photographs have been removed from this edition.



### **A069.04 Virgin paperback edition, 2007**

**Publication Details:** Virgin Books 2007 (alibris)

**Format:** Paperback

**Physical Description:** 224 pages

#### **Mystery Edition**

This cover is often shown as the cover of the 2007 edition, particularly on EBay, but I have never been able to find it. I have ordered it twice only to receive the edition with the green cover. Requests to vendors to verify the copy they are selling have proved fruitless as the books are kept in warehouses remote from the office that handles the order. No one has the time or is willing to check the book.

It is possible that the image of the cover was a publicity poster or sign and not that of the book cover.

