

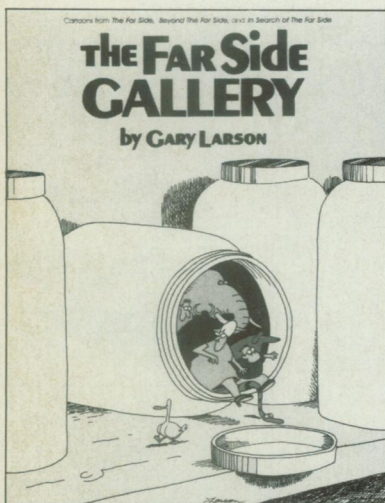
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## The PreHistory of The Far Side, A 10th Anniversary Exhibit By Gary Larson

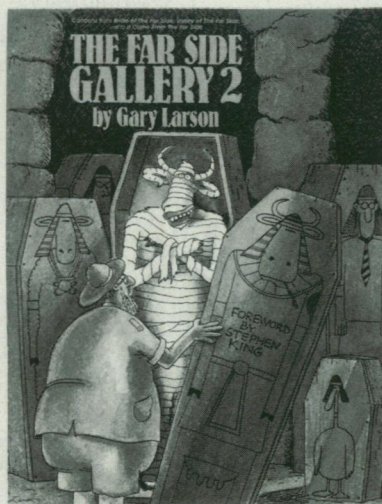
Brings together 10 years of Gary Larson's personal favorites, early sketches, reader reactions, rejected cartoons and much more. This book is the closest that Larson's following will come to finding out how **The Far Side** happens. In the first section, "The Origin of the Species," we see Gary's childhood drawings, such as the one done in black crayon of little Gary sitting on top of a tire; his earliest memory of riding in the car on vacation. In "Evolution of the Species," the viewer gets the first insights into the creative process of Gary Larson. In this section we see cartoons that worked — and how he made them work better. Then there is the section called "Mutations," the ones that didn't work because *somebody* (no names here) goofed up. And finally, leading up to the exhibit of Larson's favorite cartoons, the section "Stimulus/Response," in which Gary shares some of his fan mail: "You should be severely reprimanded by animal protection authorities, in newspaper publication, and, if possible . . . you should be fined at least \$1,000 for each such cruel cartoon." And Larson's defense: Complaints are "usually from people who misinterpreted the cartoon and were angered by a cartoon they didn't 'get.' Well, hell — I don't understand all my cartoons." We also see never-before-published cartoons that landed on the editorial cutting-room floor.

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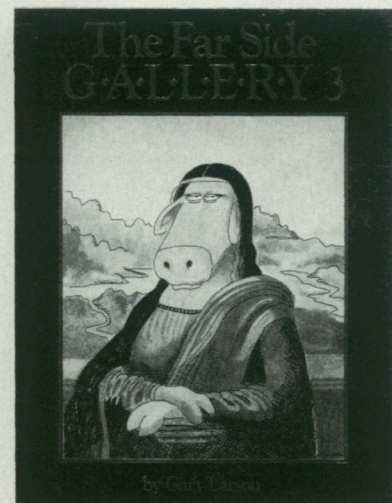
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