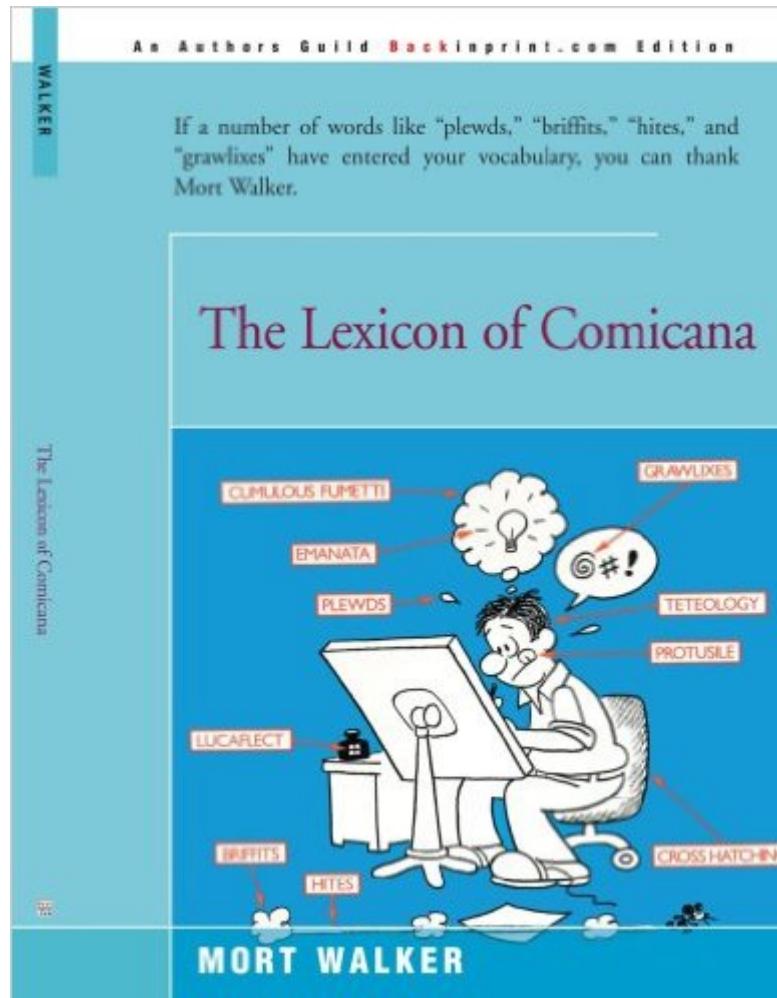


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# The Lexicon Of Comicana



## Synopsis

Written as a satire on the comic devices cartoonists use, the book quickly became a textbook for art students. Walker researched cartoons around the world to collect this international set of cartoon symbols. The names he invented for them now appear in dictionaries.

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## Customer Reviews

Veteran cartoonist Mort Walker (Beetle Bailey, Boner's Ark, Hi & Lois, plus founder of the Museum of Cartoon Art) has penned an easy-to-read, well-illustrated book on cartooning. It's humorous and accessible for anyone who's ever doodled in notebooks (or textbooks!) and wanted to make their silly drawings look more like real comics. Mort's book breaks down the basic iconography of expression for funny drawings, and he does it in plain English and pencil-friendly drawings. Highly recommended for serious cartoonists and amateur doodlers alike, even kids!

I've always liked Mr. Walker's sense of humor, and I know of no better example than this book. As far as I know, he invented lots of these terms but I've run across them often enough that I looked for this book.

A book that doesn't take itself too seriously. It is easy to read the whole thing with great detail in 30 minutes, but there is definitely value in it for the cartoonist, especially if he is interested in the American roots of the art form.

The idea of this book is very simple yet brilliant. It provide names and classification to all the little drawings, symbols and expressions used in graphic novels and comic books. A must read for everybody engaged with the comic book business. Love it !!

Very funny, yet much deeper than one might think. While obviously useful to anyone involved in drawing comics and animation, I think the appeal will be broader--particularly those interested in most forms of graphical communication, but also, psychology, and linguistics. (It is a lexicon, after all.) Mort Walker captures and documents universal language in this book.

Not knowing what to call various visual clues in cartoons and comics forces analysts to spend much space to their description. This book could have been a godsend. However, the field of cartoons/comics analysis still needs a serious work providing accepted names for the drawing elements.

An excellent collection of information... it "speaks" the language of cartooning! This may not be a huge volume on the subject but if you plan on a career in cartooning or if you're just a serious amateur you'll want this book.

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