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*Tom Tomorrow*

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**Tom Tomorrow : Penguin Soup for the Soul: A Novel** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Penguin Soup for the Soul: A Novel:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant By gshaffer Tom Tomorrow is the best political commentator in the U.S. He is better than anyone, except maybe Paul Krugman, at pointing out precisely where the emperors have no clothes. You should buy any book of his and sign up for his weekly cartoon/commentary, which is simply brilliant. I am putting this review in for all his books because they all deserve to be read. The more recent ones are necessarily more current if that helps in choosing what to buy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By fredlove it 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not his best but still good By J. Davis If you're to the left you'll like it; if you're to the right you won't. It's that simple.

From its modest beginnings in the 'zine world, Tom Tomorrow's cartoons have steadily grown into one of the most recognizable and widely read features in the American press. Appearing regularly in U.S. News and World Report, The Nation, The New York Times, and more than one hundred other magazines and newspapers, as well as on the web on such popular sites as Salon, Tom Tomorrow's social and political satire is read by more than twenty million people weekly. Frequently cited in reader polls as one of the most popular features in papers and magazines that feature him, Tom Tomorrow has shown that he has his finger on the pulse of a disenchanted American populace-and the rare ability to infuriate many of the rest. Now, to the delight of new fans and old, Penguin Soup for the Soul brings together

Sparky, the Wonder Penguin (the most acerbic, cantankerous cartoon animal in the comics business), Biff, and Betty, not to mention the entire cast of modern America-ranging from Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich to media pundits and the entire 105th Congress. So, take a deep breath and prepare for yet another excursion into Tomorrowland. . .

.com Tom Tomorrow (the pen name of Dan Perkins) won the 1998 Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for Cartooning, but if Bobby were alive, he'd probably be furious with him. Though Tom Tomorrow's scathingly entertaining This Modern World cartoon leans hard to the left, the entire political spectrum is its shooting gallery. He's capable of skewering Newt Gingrich, Clinton ("a spineless, amoral opportunist" depicted as a worm), Reagan, Nixon, and Vlad the Impaler in a single hilarious strip. With the longest (and arguably the wittiest) word balloons in the business and a gratuitously sarcastic cartoon penguin named Sparky, Tom Tomorrow nails them all: Alan Greenspan, Abraham Lincoln, Sam Donaldson, even Mother Teresa! ("She DID befriend such noted champions of the poor as 'Baby Doc' Duvalier and Charles Keating--the latter of whom gave her more than a million dollars in cash....") Tom Tomorrow may be the most effective liberal editorialist in America. He also pays homage to other cartoonists when appropriate: clueless young right-wingers at a college conference honoring Oliver North get depicted as the kids from The Family Circus; there's a so-so pastiche of Little Nemo in Slumberland; and the Dr. Seuss parody is a hoot. "Did you grope her in your house? Did you grope beneath her blouse?" demands Starr-I-Are. "I do not like you Starr-You-Are. I think that you have gone too far! I will not answer any more--perhaps I will go start a war!" Anyone who liked Rush Limbaugh Is a Big Fat Idiot should get this book. --Tim Appelo "Tom Tomorrow is more than a columnist, saying infinitely more with a combination of words and images than with words alone. And unlike even the best traditional political cartoonists, he does more than come up with clever images or wordplay to make a humorous political point. His strip informs." --New Haven Advocate"Tomorrow takes wide, powerful swipes at our conspicuous consumerism, at the way mainstream media distorts events, and how we all, whether we admit it or not, let the media interpret reality for us. Pretty heady stuff for cartoons. Any awfully entertaining to boot." --Creative Loafing"Sparky the Penguin is among the best of the new generation." --San Francisco Examiner