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Matt Groening : Work is Hell: A Cartoon Book by Matt Groening before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Work is Hell: A Cartoon Book by Matt Groening:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. .By jinhaBought the book because I felt a bit of Nostalgia.As a child I thought these comics were incredibly funny and too outrageous to be real.No way adulthood can be this silly and soul crushing!!!!I used to laugh at the comic, now I'm laughing at my life and how accurate the comics portray being an adult could be.This is some Nostradamus zone I walked into.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Funny, but not the best GroeningBy Maniacal LaughI tried to keep an open mind while reading it, I really did. I think part of the problem is that I was a young kid in the 80's and don't have the nostalgic connection that a lot of readers do to this series. Despite my best efforts, I didn't find myself laughing at all. In fact, I managed merely a chuckle or two from cover-to-cover.Keep in mind, I was never expecting a masterpiece. I was simply looking for an early glimpse into one of the arguably funniest minds in history. I have a dark sense of humor, so it didn't bother me that the taste was rather dry. I knew it was a beginning work, so I wasn't put off by the rough illustrations throughout either.What did get me was the fact that there was very little within the pages I could identify with. I've been in the working force for a long time and have had all sorts of different bosses, but nothing struck me as familiar. The characters were very bland and the whole book struck me as something that could've been written by a smart kid poking fun at his school. I was disappointed, to say the least.Like I said, this low opinion may be because I was born too late to enjoy the series as it was published, so I gave it 3 stars in faith that I might just be missing some of the subtle humor that's so well buried within. On the other hand, maybe the humor was just too obvious and so I missed it completely. In any case, I

would've given it 2 stars if I were judging it without any knowledge of how truly funny Matt Groening could be. I managed to find a seller who offered it for .01 plus cheap shipping, so I only paid \$3.50 for it. Had I bought it new, I would consider it a waste of money. My advice to those who are jumping into this series with fresh eyes (like me): BUY USED. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The weakest in the series -- and no Dilbert By Groundhog Day Having enjoyed other titles in the series (Childhood is Hell, School is Hell, Love is Hell) I was looking forward to this one, hoping that it would contain the secret inspiration behind Dilbert. But the Work component of the book didn't work for me -- after Dilbert, it just felt tame. The last third of the book is not on the Work theme, and had a few funny pages.

Laugh off your work worries, employment disappointment and career cares with Blinky, Bongo, Jeff and Akbar as they guide you safely through the 9 to 5 battle-zone that is work. As someone once said: 99% of success is simply turning up. From the first tentative step onto the greasy corporate ladder, to the inevitable slump to the bottom of the food-chain, Matt Groening draws on all the back-stabbery, gossip-mongery and skullduggery of modern office life to create a hilarious masterpiece to help you transcend the work-a-day blues. Whether you feel like a battery hen or a battering ram at work, you will laugh at your peers, recognise your younger naive self, and poke fun at your boss. Say goodbye to boredom and hello to squeals of laughter as Matt Groening races through Bad Job Checklists, How to Kill 8 Hours a Day and Still Keep Your Job, and The 81 Types of Employees. Life in Hell was the syndicated newspaper cartoon strip by Matt Groening which ran in the States during the 80s and early 90s. Asked to turn the characters into TV animation, Groening instead developed The Simpsons, retaining many of the characteristics of Binky, Bongo, Sheba, Jeff and Akbar in the series. In a world where The Simpsons and Futurama are as popular as ever, these hellish cartoons featuring Matt Groening's zany brand of comic genius are simply gold dust.

About the Author Matt Groening is the genius behind The Simpsons and Futurama. Which says it all really.