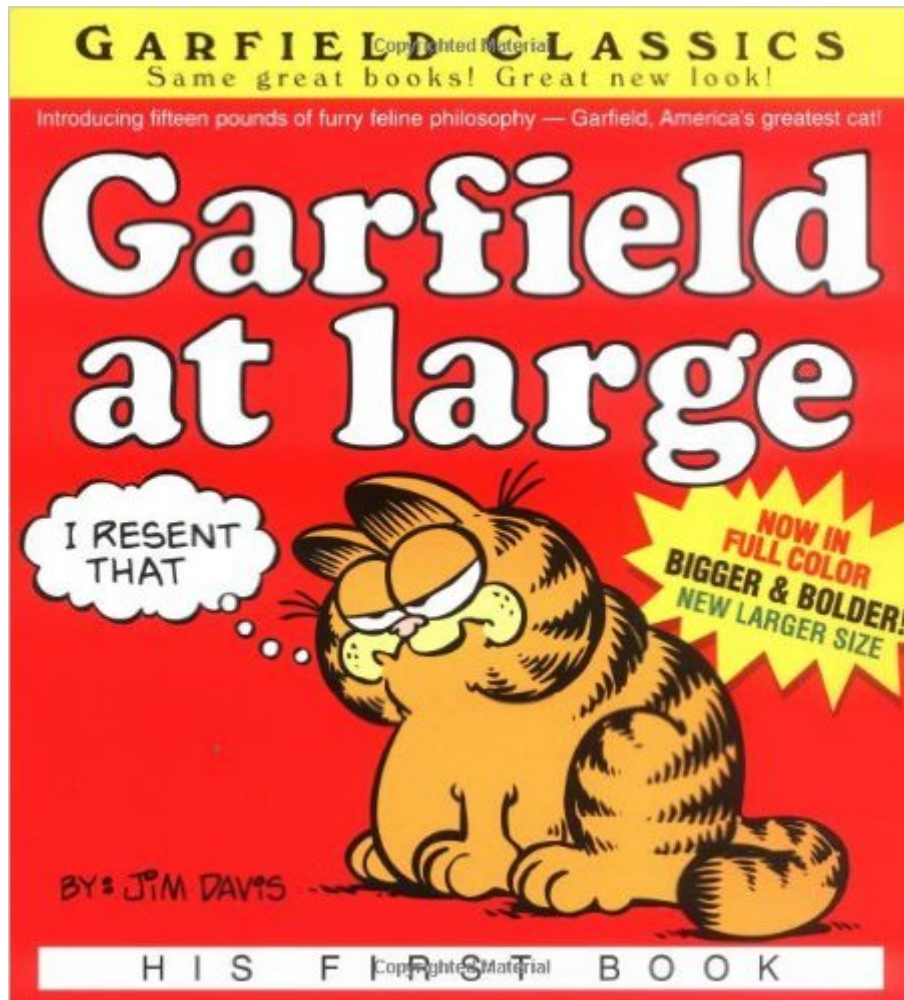


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# Garfield At Large: His 1st Book



## Synopsis

Like every great lasagna, Garfield was born in the kitchen of an Italian restaurant on a winter's night in 1978, while outside snow fell like grated Parmesan cheese. He weighed five pounds, six ounces at birth--that's big for a kitten!--and right from the start showed a passion for Italian food. The restaurant owner, forced to choose between Garfield and closing his doors for lack of pasta, sold Garfield to a pet store. Garfield thought he was a goner until Jon Arbuckle walked in the door. The rest is history.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 13 years

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## Customer Reviews

This book: Well, Paws decided to colourize the weekday strips for these new compilations and they look nice. I would have preferred it if they simply left them in black and white and had the Sunday strips in colour, though. The Sunday strips are the same as you would have seen in the newspaper or the "Garfield Treasuries". Except, the colour scheme is modified slightly (not a big deal) and they added the title block (the title "GARFIELD" rising out of the background, with Garfield lying down in front of it) which didn't exist until the early 1980s! The later collections: The problem is with the later collections. I noticed that some of these new colour collections which come after "Garfield at Large" have the funny front pages and end pages from the original collections moved around or missing entirely. This may have been a printing mistake, though. Here is the big problem. The original black and white collections up to and including the sixteenth were missing the title and drop block from the

Sunday strips. That is, the title block and the very first block of the strip. This didn't matter for the first few years as these didn't exist. A few years later, the title block mentioned in my first paragraph was introduced and the drop block simply showcased the four major characters, Garfield, Odie, Jon and Lyman. A little later, unique title blocks and drop blocks related to the strip's story were created. Unfortunately, the new colour collections have the drop block REMOVED in the later collections, yet the unique title block is included. So the strips aren't complete, if you want to read the complete strips, I guess you have to visit the Garfield website. Still, for the price, it's a great value. The books are printed on high quality paper as usual. Even the new colour "Fat Cat 3-Packs" are printed in higher quality paper instead of that awful "mass market paperback" paper they used to use for the older ones.

This book was very funny. I think this book deserves 5 stars

I've a lot of fond memories of this book. I read it multiple times when I was a kid, and I still find it very funny today as an adult. After "Calvin & Hobbes," this is my second favorite comic strip of all time. The book (and comic strip in general) is very funny, and a perfect complement to any coffee table. The strips are about an overweight cat named, Garfield, who is lazy, sarcastic and mischievous as he constantly stirs up trouble and causes messes for his owner, Jon. My favorite strip in the book is a scene where Garfield and Jon are sitting on a bench in the park and Garfield keeps getting Jon into trouble by whistling at every girl that walks by. Each girl is accompanied by a big guy with bigger muscles. Jon claims to the guys that it's his cat that was whistling, but they don't believe him and end up punching Jon. Another classic strip in the book is when Garfield notices that Jon has a new sofa. Garfield doesn't like the sofa at first, but then he jumps up and down on it with his claws drawn until the sofa is all torn up. With a satisfied look on his face, Garfield relaxes on the sofa and says: "much better!" I find that the biggest value that comes from this book is the ability to read it over and over again and still get a good thrill out of it every time. I hope you give the book a try. Darien Summers, author of The Mischievous Hare, a children's book.

First of all, check out my review for Eats His Heart Out. Now, this book is his very first. You think he's fat now in 1999, check him out 21 years ago!!! It's all from 1978-1979. I would get this book first if you're new to the Garfield book collection.

You can't go wrong with Garfield... unless your name is John or Odie. lol I read this when it first

came out and kept my hubby awake with my snickering in bed. Not snacking, snickering. Fantastic read, buy one for yourself and your friends. Just don't read it in bed unless you are alone.

The world would be a better place if we learned a few lessons from a cartoon cat. All Garfield books are worth having and re-reading again and again for laughs. One of the genuine FUNNY characters that has been created without catering too much to the politically correct brigade. Keep up the great work Mr Davis and thanks for giving us something to laugh at.

Excellent comics as expected (who doesn't flip for Garfield?!). The only thing I was disappointed about was that I thought it was going to be a lot thicker like a half an inch. Either way, the pictures are excellent and the paper quality feels good in your hands. It's about a quarter inch of fat, furry, lasagna-loving fun! I recomendamos buying this for yourself or someone who loves Garfield!

This book is hilarious! I can't stop laughing every time I read it. If you're a Garfield fan, you'll love this! If laughter is the best medicine, then Garfield delivers in spades. We love you, Garfield!

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