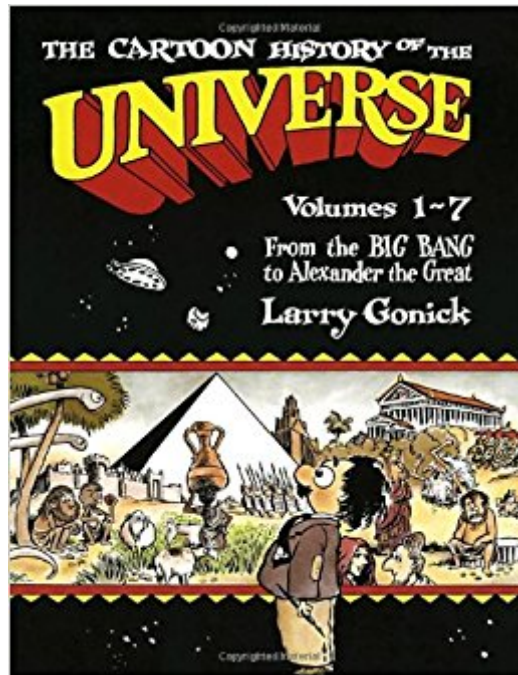




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An entertaining and informative illustrated guide that makes world history accessible, appealing, and funny.

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One of the beautiful things about comics is that it is possibly the best medium for combining education and entertainment. No one knows this better than Larry Gonick, whose Cartoon History series spans many subjects. Whether you are a fan of history, comics, or Gonick's books, The Cartoon History of the Universe I is a great place to start. Part I contains volumes 1 to 7, from the Big Bang to Alexander the Great.

Gonick's hilariously informative history of the planet is a great addition to the growing field of comics trade books. Starting with the Big Bang theory and moving on to the "evolution of everything," he manages to cover three billion years--from the origins of cellular life to the fossil and dinosaur periods that followed, right up to the first appearance of hominids--all with casual erudition, silly humor and delightfully cartoony black-and-white drawings. But Gonick doesn't stop there. He reinstates the record of women (their theoretical role in the development of agriculture and the matrilineal clans of the neolithic era) as well as accurately restoring black racial characteristics to the Egyptian dynasties. He also surveys other highly evolved ancient civilizations: the Sumerians,

the Hittites, the Assyrians and the Israelites. Gonick cheerfully conjures rulers, warriors and slaves alike, many stumbling around in the desert, as they form the foundations for Western civilization. This is Gonick's first book. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I read this book when I was in elementary school and loved it. I was fascinated and it gave me a much wider perspective on history and the repeating patterns throughout history than school provided. My son started reading my original copies in 3rd grade and also loves them. He's on the second (red) book now. The author doesn't sugar-coat history. At least I hope not because then history was more violent and petty than it already was. There are a couple of pages I suspect my late 1980's parents would have been uncomfortable with me reading when I was a kid. I grew up OK though, so I didn't worry about my son reading them on his own.

I highly recommend this book. It's well written, it's occasionally funny and very readable. Volumes 1 to 7 starts with the Big Bang, to the evolution, to the first great civilizations (Sumer, Egypt and the Greeks), and ends with Alexander the Great reaching India. I was so impressed about the presentation that I thought - why isn't there an animated version of this book (and the other volumes)? Wouldn't it be nice for kids to be able to get their history lessons via Cartoon Network? But then I reached the part about what early Greek women did with their goats and sheep and how the Spartans treated young boys and I thought "well, maybe it's better if it stays in book form". My only gripe is the lack of an index. Certainly handy when important names and places are regularly mentioned (like any other history book) .

Another stellar volume by Larry Gonick. If your kid absorbs this, she will know more than 99% of well read adults in this country.

Fun way to learn history, especially if you're a nerd who likes history jokes. This would be great for kids as well!

This is the PERFECT gift for the person who has everything. Anyone would enjoy reading this wonderful book - so well written and illustrated.

My 9-year-old son can't get enough of this book. Great drawings and humor on every page.

No real historical value to it.

Gonick is unequaled in his ability to tell a story..

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