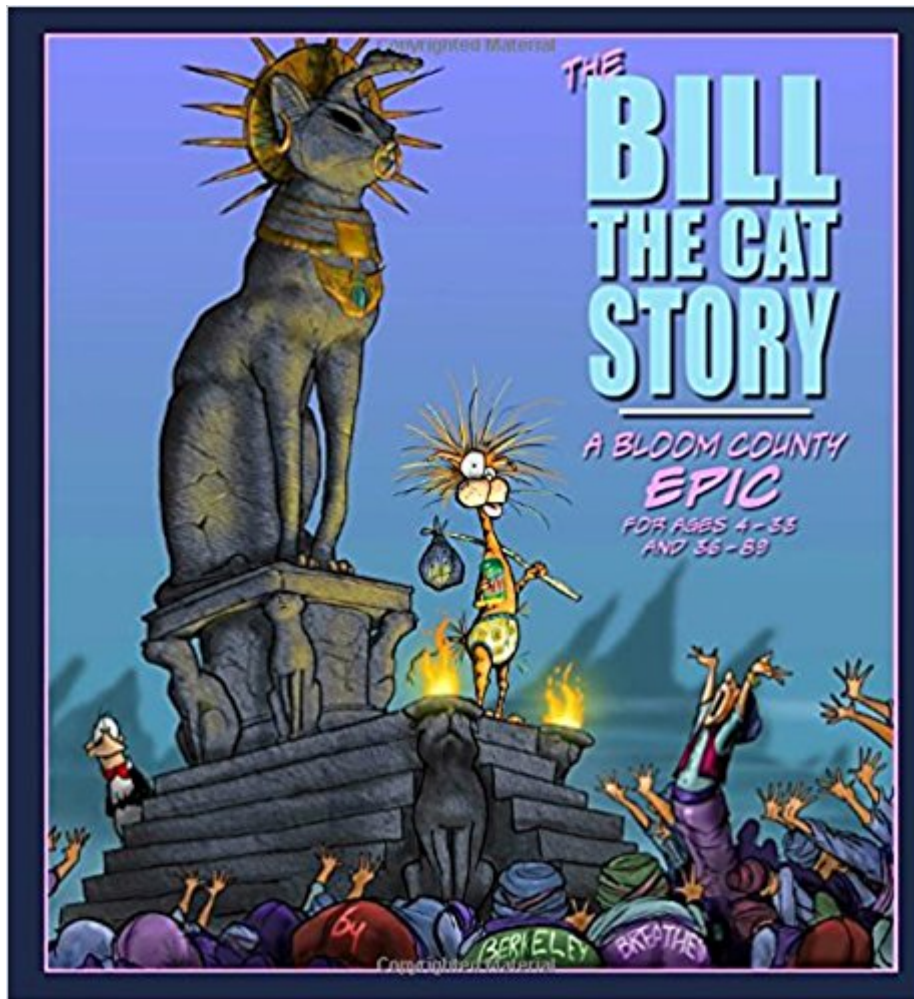


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# The Bill The Cat Story: A Bloom County Epic



## Synopsis

The Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of the "Bloom County" comic strip is back! To help celebrate, here is the first ever Bloom County picture book, featuring fan-favorite Bill the Cat! (Ack ack!) Pre-order your copy today! Almost thirty-five years ago Berkeley Breathed launched a little-known comic strip called "Bloom County" that was full of characters who instantly entered the public consciousness--none more so than Opus (the penguin) and Bill the Cat. Bloom County's popularity soared, it was soon syndicated nationally, had millions of daily readers, and before long its creator was awarded a Pulitzer Prize. Then, nine years later, "Bloom County" sadly came to a close. It had simply ceased being fun for Berkeley Breathed. Now, more than twenty-five years after it ended, "Bloom County" has returned in full force online, with an ever-growing fanbase every bit as zealous as it was in the strip's heyday. For the comic's youngest fans, and for those who never stopped wishing for its return, here is an all-new, kid-friendly story for anyone who ever wanted to know the origin story of Bill the Cat. "Bloom County" has never been more fun!

## Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Oh, Bill...you're back! It's been so long. I could not wait to rip open the box and open this book. I read it to my husband just for the pleasure of hearing the words while immersing myself in the rich, detailed, and oh-so-Berkeley Breathed illustrations. I'm so happy. Delighted. This one goes right next to original Bill himself on my desk at work.

I'm a Bloom County lunatic - have been for years. I say this with all reverence for Berkeley Breathed. While the artwork is beyond amazing in this book, Breathed's trademark wit, story-telling, and playful ingenuity that has been the hallmark of his comic strips and children's books was not present here. The story was thin, rushed, and did not play on the richness of the many characters and traditions of the Bloom County lore that made the strip such an iconic part of American editorial landscape. It is as though the art was a big #1 in this book, and the story a distant second. I'll gladly buy more and more of anything he ever produces - I have a shrine to Bloom County in my den - but this book really didn't have a story or a point. It mainly had very pretty pictures. If I had to guess, this was not even written by Breathed, but by some corporate hack pretending to be him. Bill deserved better.

There is no better strip writer than Breathed. Opus got me through college and now after decades, he returns. Looking as good as ever. I wish I did.

I just read it. Great animation, funny story, good for kids of all ages! Still chuckling.

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