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*Get Fuzzy* makes the fur fly. This freshly amusing strip is a darling among readers who enjoy pets with an attitude. This wry cartoon features Rob Wilco, a mild-mannered ad guy who's guardian to two rambunctious pets: Bucky, a temperamental cat who carries a boom box and goes on spending sprees, and Satchel, a gentle canine who tries to remain neutral even when he bears the brunt of Bucky's mischief. Together, this unlikely trio hangs out together, watching TV, cooking for friends, and attempting the occasional adventure outside. Anyone who has a pet or even knows one will find this *Get Fuzzy* collection, *The Dog is Not a Toy*, an astutely witty take on relationships between the species.

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### **Duane says**

Darby Conley is a great comic artist and this book is one of his best. Filled with pet humor and just normal everyday life humor, this book should please just about everyone. A great laugh! Rob has two pets, one a dog that is in a world all his own and a cat that needs some major pysiological help. A great book to laugh to.

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### **Melissa Lee-Tammeus says**

I think this is about the sixth book I've read in this collection and I am becoming more addicted as I read them. This is so typical of living with both a dog and a cat - I actually laughed out loud. So glad I discovered these.

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### **Stacia says**

Maybe I'm just not into it anymore. Or maybe it's because I've read this book before. I didn't find myself enjoying it a whole lot. I have a few of these Darby Conley books set aside to read one last time before donating and after reading this one again, I may just donate the rest without spending the time. They're great comics and capture dog/cat/human humor quite well. It's just maybe that I live with it 24/hours a day, the cats, and so it's less humorless now.

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### **Autumn says**

In this Get Fuzzy comic strip, you'll find the temperamental cat named Bucky who reeks havoc on the gentle pooch named Satchel and their owner, Rob. This has many laughs and jokes throughout the entire book, and can't get enough of it.

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### **Crystal says**

It's easy to tell while reading this that it is early in the comic strip progress. the art is sharper and less mainstream, and the humor, at least the pet's behavior, tends to be much more dramatic/ mean. I still laughed out loud multiple times throughout this very easy read (and thanked God my cats aren't like that). It was worth the purchase and read--but it has gotten even better in the time since he wrote these.

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### **Kate says**

Another hilarious and beautifully drawn collection. I love the multiple perspectives from which he draws his strips, and the minute details he puts into them, like a tiny Chuck Close print hanging on the characters' apartment wall.

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### **Selwa says**

Get Fuzzy is a comic about a cat (Bucky), a dog (Satchel), and their human (Rob). It's like Garfield, but funny. This being the first book, I highly recommend it for the uninitiated. I'm not sure what else to write, except that it's really funny. That is all.

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### **Mark Pescatrice says**

Darby is a hilarious cartoonist and a breath of fresh air. Even if you don't like animals, you'll still probably find this funny.

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### **Jennifer says**

I like Get Fuzzy. If you do too, you'll like this.

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### **Carol. says**

I like very few comics, and most of the ones I loved aren't in the papers anymore: Gary Larson's The Far Side, Nicole Hollander's Sylvia cartoons and Bill Watterson's Calvin and Hobbes. I've been enjoying the Sunday version of Get Fuzzy, and thought I'd try and go way back to get a feel for its origins. Get Fuzzy is about an ad guy, Rob, and his two pets, a dog named Satchel and a single-fanged Siamese cat named Bucky.

At least in the beginning, Get Fuzzy is notable for Satchel and Bucky that are able to talk to other people: their owner, Rob; his various friends; Rob's dates; his dad when he pet-sits. It's an unusual take and a little surprising in the comics, which mostly maintain the nudge-wink of animals that talk when other people or grown-ups aren't aware. Jokes include Satchel baking a meatloaf using Bucky's cat food, and Bucky taking his allowance early so he can go caterwauling. It works best when it plays on natural animal behaviors such as cats staring randomly into corners or dog-like enthusiasm for food or new friends.

There's a few that made me laugh out loud and many that didn't. I have a soft spot for Satchel, the Shar-Pei-lab cross who applied to be part of the American Kennel Club Purebred Club but was denied. It's a telling strip in more ways than one; it demonstrates Satchel's sweet innocence, but dodges from taking on the big guns. Here's hoping he gains confidence.

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### **Danielle says**

It is strange to see the characters how they started off, but this series never fails to crack me up.

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### **Matt Mazenauer says**

One of the best comic strips out there, this made me like cats before I even owned one. Highly recommended.

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### **Emilio says**

Hay veces que lees tiras cómicas obligado.

Son tiras sobre un hombre, su gato y su perro. No, no es Garfield. El perro es bobalicón y bienintencionado, el humano es un adorno despersonalizado y el gato es cínico y olvidadizo. No es muy cliché, pero tampoco es muy original.

El apartado gráfico es correcto. Son tiras, dibujo rápido y de fórmulas simples. Cuando tiene que dibujar alguna figura humana un poco difícil (niños, por ejemplo) no lo hace muy bien, pero son tiras, no pasa nada.

La narrativa visual es bastante mala. Muchas veces te rompe el chiste la falta de continuidad visual de la misma tira. Los guiones tampoco son muy allá, los chistes son flojos cuando son buenos e inexistentes cuando son malos.

Me imagino que tiene su público y que habrá quién le encuentre la gracia. Se lee fácil, son tiras, las tiras siempre se leen fácil. Pero me han dado ganas de saltarme las páginas de 20 en 20.

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### **Lauren says**

A collection of comic strips/panels about a Shar-Pei/Lab dog living with a Siamese cat with their owner. Satchel-- the loving, innocent dog who just wants everyone to get along. Bucky-- the mischief-making cat who dgaf.

In other words, this is my life now.

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### **Kaethe says**

too many "words" in "quotes", but funny even so. The current fave of animal-based cartoons at out house.

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**Sam says**

I love this book! Actually, I love ALL Get Fuzzy books. But this one is a CLASSIC! The first Get Fuzzy book to get published. It's a HILARIOUS book about a cat named Bucky (the evil one), a dog named Satchel (the nieve one), and Rob (the owner). Rob struggles with life with, you guessed it, Bucky Katt. A MUST READ!!!!!!

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**Laura Belle says**

I loved Get Fuzzy when I was little. I've had this book for years and just had the time to actually read it.

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**Holly says**

I love reading comic books when I don't want to stay up too late reading. This has to be pretty much my favorite comic strip right now.

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**Ari says**

Right off the bat I have to say is that more often than not I went: What the...? My recommendation is to read, nonstop, through two of his treasuries. Then you'll get it. Once you do Conley is a genius at showing how different personalities get along and how poignant his messages are. These books are very funny and just fun to show the crazy and messed up ones to your friends.

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**Randy says**

Can't get enough of and the "Get Fuzzy" comic strip. With tremendously smart humor, Darby Conley captures the essence and personalities of pets and humanizes it. A "Garfield" for the thoughtful comic connoisseur.

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