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A darkly comic collection of work, this book collects together the best of Shrigley's work, old and new. It is a celebration of the surreal world of one of Britain's finest contemporary artists.

## What the Hell Are You Doing?: The Essential David Shrigley Details

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# **From Reader Review What the Hell Are You Doing?: The Essential David Shrigley for online ebook**

## **Krissy says**

I got this book shortly after it was first released. At the time, i think i thought it was dark and funny". I revisited this year and found it to be violent, bitter, angry, and sad. I sold it to the bookstore immediately.

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## **Bob Hartley says**

This book misrepresents Shrigley. He drew on my arm once for a tattoo event and he was really lovely. I thought he'd be cynical and haggard. I think when there are videos on youtube debating whether you can draw or not but you're also selling in galleries, you've got the industry by the short and curlies. One of my favourites, certainly.

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## **Eric T. Voigt says**

The perfect, massive stocking stuffer for 2017's Holiday Season.

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## **Dustin Crazy little brown owl says**

On a recent visit to the library, this book spoke to me from the shelf as I walked past and asked "What the Hell are you Doing?". I thought that was a good question so I picked up the book and walked to the checkout counter.

This volume contains lots of pictures which may make you laugh out loud - with every page you turn, you won't know what to expect - it could be fun!

Actually, I thought I would like this collection much better than I ended up liking it :-( Most of these items are rather mean and not my type of humor.

A couple of favorites near the beginning:

\*A woman milking a cow's udders and the cow says "What The Hell Are You Doing?"

\*A stuffed dead cat is posed on it's hind legs holding a sign that says: "I'm Dead"

I would like like to get some of these pages enlarged and framed for my wall :-)

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## **L. says**

i am so excited i am going to the river to drown myself

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## **Nicole says**

funny sick. if you like this, you'd probably like gahan wilson (playboy cartoonist).

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## **Gavin says**

Hilarious, abject, shoddy. Magical realism if magic were shit and made you look an idiot. Voices from the last bus and the dawn of time, from dank cells and strip-lit service stations. Against institutional art and other pretences, and against indifference, and against no fun.

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## **Mirjam says**

I dont get it, its not for me, guess im not sophisticated enough for art this deep - its what you say when you think some art is utter shit right? Or just nod and move a long.

There were some funny bits though (the mushrooms for example) but overall it weirded me out and I really didnt understand it.

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## **Ilse says**

\*2,5 stars

My rating is a bit harsh on this book because yes I did laugh a few times but I just didn't get most of the humour, I looked at what I was seeing and didn't see what was funny, maybe I shouldn't see that anyway or whatever but most of these were just not my kind of humour.

I was really looking forward to it because I bought his notebook (a collaboration with flying tiger) which I loved and I was so intrigued with his work, sometimes I come across the stuff that brought a smile to my lips but there weren't enough funny ones for me to rate this higher.

(Also it did not help I had a very bad copy of this which made some of them unreadable)

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## **Andrew says**

Please stop calling this a graphic novel. It's an art book.

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♥ Sandi ♥ says

2 stars

I find that I am not a Shrigley fan. This is a graphic novel of non sequitur pages ~ some funny, some interesting, some evidently above my head because they had absolutely no meaning to me. This is a book of over 300 pages that can be read within about an hour (basically looked at, since there are very few words applied to the graphics).

I know I am bucking the crowd on this one, but I really did not enjoy this graphic. The illustrations are crude - which would be alright, if they made any sense. Often I felt the captions did not fit the illustrations.

Now I have read a Shrigley book. As I said, I find that I am not a Shrigley fan.

## Books Ring Mah Bell says

Best. Book. Ever.  
Shrigley? Yes, Please!

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## Phillip Goodman says

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 AHA funny stuff from the master of the clever doodle.

P.S. i didn't type out all of that HAHAAHAHAHAHA, i typed out a third of it and then copy and pasted it twice.

### Freyja says

Great collection of my favourite artist. I love his non-sequiturs and absurdist humour (and despair). His distinctive handwriting and expressively bad drawings are a good reminder that you don't have to draw well

to make good art, if you don't want to.

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