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The ripsnorting adventure of Opus & the Great Basselope Expeditionary Force, who set out in pursuit of the last descendant of an ancient & ferocious race. From the creator of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Bloom County*. 12" x 9". Color & b&w illus.

## **The Last Basselope: One Ferocious Story Details**

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### **Gloria says**

This book was one of my all time favorite reads when I was young. Just recently I read it again, which reminded me why I kept it for so long. Not only is the story funny and memorable, the artwork is one of a kind and will captivate you, as well as place a smile on your face. If you are looking for an unique children's book with a heart warming story and beautiful illustrations, this is one that should be on your list. Don't forget to look on the back of the book to see a "real" photo of the Last Basselope.

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### **Matthew says**

This was a great narrative. The only parallel from Breathed's catalog that I recall is A Wish for Wings that Work. This is one of the stories that will pull on the heartstrings so long as a reader has heartstrings upon which to pull. I wish that there was another story in which Rosebud the Basselope could make his return to the forest where Opus and his friends played.

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### **Nadia says**

Just got this from Paperback Swap and it holds up as well as I remembered. BB does great kid-lit (in addition to having drawn my favorite comic strip ever, "Bloom County") and he knows the way little kids think. Although I think Ozzie's going to hurt something if he keeps holding his breath to inflate his non-existent antlers. <3

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### **Kaethe says**

Way more cute than you'd expect an author to be able to stuff into a picture book.

Seeing this, and other Breathed picture books, always makes me wonder what other cartoonists would do with a larger canvas.

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### **Timothy Boyd says**

A spin off book from the bloom county strips. Recommended

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### **Spudsie says**

Beautifully illustrated.

Maybe if we took the time to get to know the monsters we fear we'd discover allergies are at the root of all problems.

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### **Jillian Zeidner says**

An outstanding children's book. I read this constantly as a child and recently rediscovered it on my shelf. Let me tell you, it has stood the test of time. A little-known but excellent book for everyone. Go read it!

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### **Melki says**

Opus and pals have a grand and colorful adventure searching for the legendary Basselope, a "ferocious" beast who has a taste for ~~human flesh~~ dandelion fluff.

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### **Phillip Parker says**

I ran across a copy of this book at a thrift store and, having always had an inexplicable fondness for Opus the penguin, had to pick it up.

It is a fun book with delightful illustrations which I will be sharing with my grandchildren.

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### **Melanie says**

This is the hilarious tale of Opus, the explorer penguin, and his friends as they try and succeed in finding the Last Basselope. A Basselope is a huge, ferocious beast that eats cows whole! What they actually find is a dandelion-loving Bassett Hound with antlers. Hilarious!

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### **Kelly says**

This is another cute Bloom County children's book about a ferocious Basselope.

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### **Ogreart says**

I love this book. I have used it in seventh-grade classrooms as a read-aloud. I love this book for more than that, though. It has heart.

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### **Tony Ehmke says**

One of the most hilarious and heartfelt books I remember from my childhood. Berkley Breathed (normally a comic strip artist at the time) is such a witty and brilliant writer, the creator of the lovable character Opus the penguin, who embarks with his friends on a journey to capture the Last Basselope, a mythical beast they believe will acquire them honor and fame. In the end, they discover not a beast but a friend, one that they will never forget.

The story is filled with wonderfully written vocabulary, read along with beautiful illustrations that keep young readers anxious for more. And for parents, the humorous dialogue and the even more humorous pictures to match will keep readers entertained for many years to come. A definite must-have for any family.

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### **Catherine says**

I probably can't be objective about this book because I faithfully read Bloom County in the paper every day from the age of about 10 and it influences my speech and sense of humor to this day. But my three year old seems to love it. The vocabulary is much more advanced than in most small children's books, the drawings are beautiful and full of subtle jokes, and hopefully the book will instill in my children a strong desire never to appear on reality TV.

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### **Aven says**

It's been a while since I've read this book. Seems like I didn't like it when I read it. Can't remember what the book was about though. Guess it didn't make an impression on me.

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