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Soppy: A Love Story



Synopsis

â f"The next hot ticket could be British artist Philippa Rice, whose marvelously inventive blogs My Cardboard Life and Soppy have won her fans across the world."â f--Anna Baddeley, The Observerâ fThe wildly popular web comic SOPPY--with more than half a million notes on Tumblr--is the illustrated love story of author Philippa Rice and her real-life boyfriend. True love isn't always about the big romantic gestures. Sometimes it's about sympathizing with someone whose tea has gone cold or reading together and sharing a quilt. When two people move in together, it soon becomes apparent that the little things mean an awful lot. The throwaway moments in life become meaningful when you spend them in the company of someone you love. SOPPY is Philippa Rice's collection of comics and illustrations based on real-life moments with her boyfriend. From grocery shopping to silly arguments and snuggling in front of the television, SOPPY captures the universal experience of sharing a life together, and celebrates the beauty of finding romance all around us.

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I'll be darned but I'm not quite sure what the underlying business model is for books that are collections of otherwise free newspaper and web comics. But, as dozens of "Dilbert" and "Peanuts" and "Calvin" and similar books make clear, there is an almost boundless market for such books. (To be fair and complete, this book is not just a collection. While it includes all of the Soppy comics it also consists of, in Ms. Rice's words, "loads more that you've never seen".) Wait, I may have the answer to the collection question. If you look at one or two of these strips in isolation they can often not make much of an impression. Popular web comics and strips seem to be based on the reader's

familiarity with the characters, the reader's patience, the reader's willingness to follow an extended bit of storyline to its conclusion, and the reader's willingness to read the strips that set up the payoff. That seems even more true for strips that are more along the lines of gentle character pieces than actual funny-pages material. And so, that's what struck me here. A few pages in I thought that this was perfectly nice, very quiet, sort of obvious, and a bit shallow either as drawing or as a story. But of course I was wrong. As you follow these strips and as you connect the little calm bits and pieces the project starts to come together into a whole that develops real depth and impact. That actually has a touching romantic heart. And that's where a collection comes in. I don't know if you can get that aha! impact reading a page a day or a page every other day. But, you can sit down in a quiet place with this book and as you go through it page by page it builds up and comes together.

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