

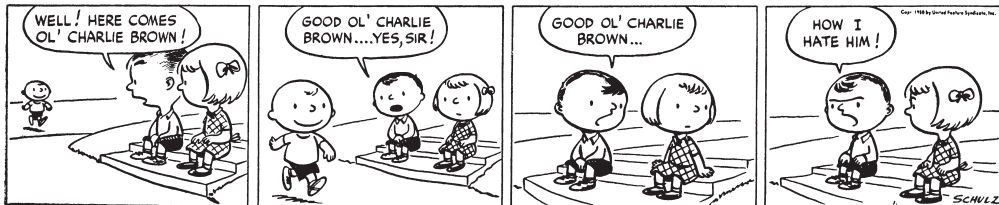


## CHARLES M. SCHULZ AND PEANUTS FUN FACTS

For more information and a complete look at the life and career of Charles M. Schulz, please visit the timeline on the Schulz Museum's website: <https://schulzmuseum.org/timeline/>

CHARLES SCHULZ DREW 17,897 COMIC STRIPS THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER.

- The first *Peanuts* strip ran in seven newspapers on October 2, 1950 and featured Charlie Brown, Shermie, and Patty. By 1958, *Peanuts* appeared in 355 U.S. and 40 foreign newspapers.



First Peanuts comic strip, October 2, 1950

- Schulz moved from his birthplace of Minnesota to Sebastopol, California, in 1958.
- Schulz was first published in Ripley's newspaper feature, *Believe it or Not!*, in 1937. Schulz was 15 years old and the drawing published was of the family dog.
- From birth, comics played a large role in Schulz's life. At just two days old, an uncle nicknamed Schulz "Sparky" after the horse Spark Plug from the *Barney Google* comic strip.
- In the 1930s, Schulz had a black-and-white dog who later became the inspiration for Snoopy—the same dog that Schulz drew for Ripley's *Believe It or Not!*; the dog's name was Spike.
- *Peanuts* is not the name Schulz chose for his strip; in fact, he didn't even like the title. In 1950, when Schulz sold his strip, originally titled *Li'l Folks*, to United Feature Syndicate, they renamed it *Peanuts*.
- The first *Peanuts* animated special, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, aired in 1965 and won both a Peabody Award and an Emmy for outstanding children's programming.
- Charles Schulz earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1996.
- The final *Peanuts* strip ran on February 13, 2000.
- *Peanuts* qualified for a place in the Guinness Book of World Records after being sold to the 2,000th newspaper in 1984. Today, *Peanuts* is still circulated in approximately 1,700 newspapers.



Art from *A Charlie Brown Christmas*



Ripley's *Believe It or Not!* featuring Schulz-drawn Spike.