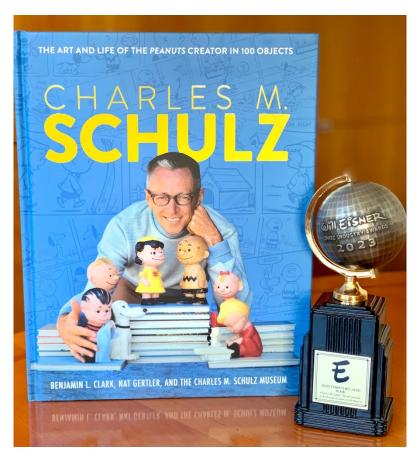


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Schulz Museum wins Eisner Award for Best Comics-Related Book



SANTA ROSA, Calif.—The Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center is the recipient of the Eisner Award in the category of Best Comics-Related Book for *Charles M. Schulz: The Art and Life of the Peanuts Creator in 100 Objects* (Weldon Owen, November 2022). The award was announced Friday, July 21, at the 2023 San Diego Comic-Con. Co-authors Benjamin L. Clark, museum curator, and Nat Gertler were in attendance and accepted the award on behalf of the museum.

Inspired by the recent centennial of Charles M. "Sparky" Schulz (1922-2000), the heavily illustrated book offers a comprehensive look at the creator of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the rest of the *Peanuts* gang through 100 objects from the Schulz Museum's expansive collection, including the cartoonist's original artwork, letters, and personal belongings.

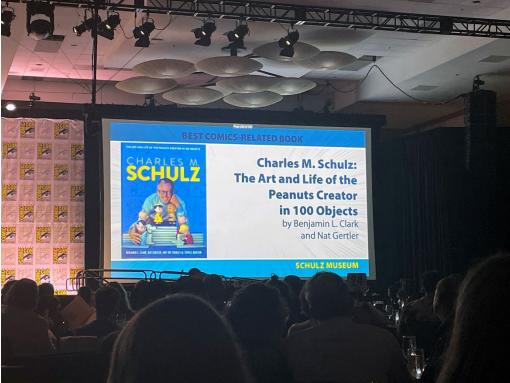
"After only 20 years of being an organization, it makes me proud that the Schulz Museum has reached the depth in our research and collection to honor Sparky with such a fine tribute," said Jean Schulz, Charles Schulz's widow, and president of the Schulz Museum's board of directors.

"To have the added recognition of an Eisner Award is a testament to the dedicated staff, colleagues, and fans around the world who celebrate Sparky's creativity and make it possible for his legacy to be appreciated for generations to come."

Jean Schulz was actively involved in the book's creation and was a contributor alongside over 50 other family members, friends, cartoonists, and colleagues of Charles Schulz, including *TODAY*'s Al Roker, *MUTTS* cartoonist Patrick McDonnell, and Pixar's chief creative officer Pete Docter. Filmmaker Wes Anderson wrote the foreword.

"It was magical for me to witness it all come together," said Gina Huntsinger, director of the Schulz Museum. "Using the stories we have collected, we wanted to create a book that you could read over and over again, each time discovering something new."

This year marked the 35th anniversary of the Eisner Awards, named for comics creator Will Eisner. The awards highlight the best publications and creators in comics and graphic novels. This year's nominees in 32 categories represented 150 print and online titles from over 50 publishers, produced by creators from all over the world.



The Eisner Award announcement at at San Diego Comic-Con on July 21, 2023.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Charles M. Schulz: The Art and Life of the Peanuts Creator in 100 Objects By Benjamin L. Clark, Nat Gertler, and The Charles M. Schulz Museum Foreword by Wes Anderson Hardcover, 9.5 x 12 in., 224 pp, \$50.00 ISBN: 978-1-68188-860-6 Nov. 1, 2022 (Weldon Owen) Available at the Schulz Museum's online Museum Store and book retailers nationwide.

ABOUT THE SCHULZ MUSEUM

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The Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center opened in 2002 to fulfill its mission of preserving, displaying, and interpreting the art of Charles M. Schulz, the creator of *Peanuts*, and building an understanding of cartoon art. Located 50 miles north of San Francisco in Sonoma County, California—where Schulz lived and worked for over 40 years—the Schulz Museum features the largest collection of original *Peanuts* comic strips in the world and presents changing exhibitions and programming for all ages. The museum also provides reference services and supports a robust traveling exhibition program. For more information, visit <u>schulzmuseum.org</u>.

HOURS & ADMISSION

Weekdays: 11:00 am–5:00 pm Weekends: 10:00 am–5:00 pm

Museum Members, children 3 and under: Free Adults: \$12.00 Seniors 62 and over (with ID): \$8.00 Youth 4-18 and college students (with ID): \$5.00 EBT Cardholders (with card; up to 4 people): \$2.00 Military: \$1.00 off admission

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