

## The World of Smurfs: A Celebration of Tiny Blue Proportions

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**Matt. Murray : The World of Smurfs: A Celebration of Tiny Blue Proportions** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The World of Smurfs: A Celebration of Tiny Blue Proportions:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Smurfin SMURFTASTIC! By SupaSmurfWOW! Was I pleasantly surprised with this book. I have been a collector and fan of the Smurfs since childhood. I own all things Smurfy and have read as much as I could get my hands on to educate myself with this phenomenon. There is no better book out there on this topic than this one! Matt. Murray goes back to the very start of the Smurfs creator, Peyo, and chronologically brings the reader all the way to present day with THE SMURFS movie. It gives the reader insight as to the history of these creatures and documents their rise to fame in great detail. By not just focusing on the many toys and products the Smurfs have been tied in to, this book embodies the entire Smurf legacy and is a fantastic "celebration of tiny blue proportions!" 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. This is a must-have for smurfers! By slayeroscar I smurf this smurf! It has lots of smurf about the Smurfs' creation and success. But the smurf part is all the additional smurf it comes with in its pages: smurfers, mini smurfers, smurfs, even mini smurflets, some in clever cellophane smurfets. Every smurf was a surprise (and not the smurfing kind)! I agree with the other smurfewer that it should have more pages dedicated to smurf and smurf. I think there's not a simple smurf of the delicious Smurfberry cereal or the cookies that I smurfed as a smurf. Also a list of most Smurfs should have been smurfed, as a smurfologist the author should smurf all 100+ of them, right? Only major smurfs were smurfewed. The only smurf I find is that too much smurf was dedicated to the new smurf. Since it is so smurf I think it was smurfy. Anyway, buy this smurf. You won't smurf it! Now for you non-Smurf speakers out there the English version: I love this book! It has lots of information about the Smurfs' creation and success. But the best part is all the additional stuff it comes with in its pages: stickers, mini posters, cels, even mini booklets, some in clever cellophane pockets. Every page was a surprise (and not the exploding kind)! I agree with the other reviewer that it should have more pages

dedicated to memorabilia and merchandise. I think there's not a simple photo of the delicious Smurfberry cereal or the cookies that I adored as a kid. Also a list of most Smurfs should have been included, as a smurfologist the author should know all 100+ of them, right? Only major characters were reviewed. The only con I find is that too much space was dedicated to the new movie. Since it is so recent I think it was unnecessary. Anyway, buy this book. You won't regret it! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very Smurfy read! By dave humphrey For anyone who has an admiration for the tiny blue people 3 apples high, this book is a must. It explores the origins of how they came from the mind of creator Peyo how they evolved into the characters that we still love to this day. Lots of great art extremely informative. A must for any Smurf fan, young or old.

"...The World of Smurfs: A Celebration of Tiny Blue Proportions...happens to be excellently written by Matt. Murray, the world's only known Smurfologist!" - Retroist.com "What's more surprising than a first place box-office win for The Smurfs movie? This book...It's the ultimate word on the whole Smurfs phenomenon. I never thought I'd say this, but I highly recommend this book. It's a lot of fun." - Jerry Beck, author of The Animated Movie Guide "This book has so much information and history on the Smurfs, that there will surely be bits and pieces of history that will school even the most fanatical of Smurf enthusiasts." - DadsDish.com "You're not just getting a book here (or just a free poster, mini comic and stickers!) but a piece of cartoon history. No other book will tell you the story of the Smurfs better than this one." - toyxplosion.com "Whether you're a fan of the old-school Smurfs cartoon from the 1980s, or a fan of the new live-action/CGI movie from Sony, the book is a must-have... But this is not just some book tied-in to the movie of the moment in order to cash in; rather this hardcover coffee-table book is lovingly assembled and written from the heart." - MTV Geek From the Back Cover When "Les Schtroumpfs" arrived in a Belgium comic strip in October 1958, no one could have expected the global fame and consciousness they would reach. The elflike blue wonders gained popularity in Europe through comic books and classic figurines, but it wasn't until they became the stars of NBC's Saturday morning lineup in the 1980s that all of America fell in love with the Smurfs. Now, thirty years later, the Smurfs are headed to the big screen in a star-filled live-action/CGI hybrid. The World of Smurfs is the first book to take fans through the creation of the Smurfs, from the early days of their creator, Peyo, as a struggling cartoon artist; to the global phenomenon they became; to the recent Smurf resurgence, including the 2008 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Balloon and 2011 movie. Along the way, Smurfologist Matt. Murray explains the process of creating cartoon and CGI versions of the Smurfs from Peyo's original sketches, and provides character bios for favorite residents of Smurf Village including Papa, Brainy, Clumsy, Hefty, and Smurfette. Fans young and old will appreciate this comprehensive compendium of the Smurfs' world, detailing how it has grown and adapted in the past fifty years. About the Author Matt. Murray earned his BFA in film, television and radio production from NYU. A former president and the first executive director of NY's Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art, he curated their popular "Saturday Morning" exhibit and crafted events and programming such as the year-long retrospective "1986: The Year That Changed Comics." He contributed to and was interviewed for the "I Smurf the Smurfs" documentary on The Smurfs Season 1, Volume 2 DVD and has served as the "Smurf Consultant" on Papercutz' series of Smurfs graphic novels. In addition to his Smurfology work, Murray is an actor, pop culture blogger and a collector of original comic, cartoon and animation artwork. He lives in Bethlehem, PA with his cat that is not named Azrael.