

From Personal Ads to Cloning Labs: More Science Cartoons from Sidney Harris

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three StarsBy CustomerOkay!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Geek humor at its bestBy wiredweird'Science' magazine is one of the world's two premier outlets for the best in refereed general science reports, along with 'Nature.' It's also one of the places where Harris has published his brilliant cartoons.The cover hooked me, but the first cartoon had me roaring out loud - a wry expression of the improbability (and wonder) of life on earth, and a clear but counterintuitive statement about chemical equilibrium in solutions with concentrations too low for statistical mechanics. Then a while later, a researcher emerges from a lab with a chimp, saying "It's just not working. HE's teaching ME primate speech" - the researcher herself being a primate, of course. Then the "String Theory Quartet." Then the Museum Dilemma: X-rays reveal a Leonardo under a Rembrandt. And so on.Science is far too important a matter to be taken seriously. Face it, we're an irrational and emotional species, playing (often convincingly) at rationality. Harris does a wonderful service for humankind: he makes all that hard stuff as accessible and visceral as a belly laugh. Harris is the only cartoonist I know of who correctly translates the subtleties of science into the silliness of the human condition. This doesn't ridicule or trivialize

the science. Quite the opposite, Harris makes it real. If Harris didn't exist, we would have had to invent him. But damn, I wouldn't have been smart enough to think him up. I'm just glad he was there to do it himself. //wiredweird

Harris's work has appeared in numerous publications, including *The New Yorker*, *Playboy*, and *Discover*. Now the author of *Einstein Simplified* and *You Want Proof? I'll Give You Proof* strikes again. "What's so funny about science? Sidney Harris, that's what!"--Isaac Asimov.