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The Internet sensation, *Fowl Language Comics*, is back with its second book, *Fowl Language: The Struggle Is Real*, the perfect parenting humor book for anyone who liked *Toddlers Are A\*\*holes!*

“This Guy’s Comics Hilariously Sum Up the Truth About Being a Parent.”

—*Buzzfeed*

He's back, and he's totally got parenting figured out this time. KIDDING.

It's another collection of *Fowl Language* comics, ripped from the headlines of this author's actual friggin' life.

You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll swear. It's almost exactly like a day of parenting, except without the annoying little people.

## Fowl Language: The Struggle Is Real Details

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# From Reader Review Fowl Language: The Struggle Is Real for online ebook

## Ella Zegarra says

Por eso jamás tendré hijos ?

**Original de:** El Blog del Gato - El Extraño Gato del Cuento

No voy a negar que cuando leía se me hacía un poco exagerado las cosas que aparecían en libro y llegué a pensar que quizás este dibujante no estaba criando muy bien a sus hijos, pero luego... luego recordé como eran mis hermanos a esa edad y le doy toda la razón ?

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## Ash says

Absolutely funny. Must read for parents. I could relate to every single comic strip. I am a huge fan of his comics and glad to have another book of his in my collection.

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## Jessi ♥? H. Vojsk says

Maybe it's because I don't have kids, but I liked the book, but it wasn't that funny.

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## Ronyell says

*I would like to thank NetGalley and Andrews McMeel Publishing for providing me a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.*

### Introduction:

A couple of years ago, I had read a graphic novel called “Tales from the Crib” which was written by Henrik Drescher and it detailed the struggles of parenting in a humorous way. Several years later, I came across this interesting new graphic novel that I received from NetGalley called “Fowl Language: The Struggle is Real” which is by Brian Gordon and it also details the struggles of being a parent in a humorous way and I enjoyed this graphic novel as much as I enjoyed “Tales from the Crib!”

### What is this story about?

This graphic novel is basically about the main character, who is a male fowl, trying to deal with his two children and the graphic novel goes into the ups and downs of being a parent such as; trying to get some peace and quiet while the kids are gone, trying to find other adults to talk to after spending so much time with your own children and trying to get your child to go to sleep. Also, this graphic novel shows that despite all the craziness that you are put through when dealing with your children, you still love them in the end!

### **What I loved about this story:**

Brian Gordon's writing: Oh my gosh! I still cannot stop laughing after reading this graphic novel! Brian Gordon has done a fantastic job at writing this graphic novel as I really enjoyed the harsh trials of being a parent being shown in a humorous and satirical way! I loved seeing the scenes where the father duck is trying so hard to deal with his children, while trying to get some peace and quiet, whenever his kids are away as it does hit home for many parents who have to cope with dealing with their children's demands. But at the same time, this graphic novel shows the struggles that parents have to go through with their children in such a hilarious way that I cannot help but laugh at the father duck's misfortune at dealing with his kids! Probably two of my most favorite moments in this graphic novel was one where the father duck is imagining a parody for the TV series "24" by titling it "21" and the joke here is that the father duck has to find a TV program that his kids would sit down and watch so he can have time to do the chores around the house (luckily, the program that the kids are watching is ninety minutes long, giving him even more time to do his chores). The other moment I enjoyed was the one where the father duck is trying to explain to his kids about what a record player and a CD is since the kids are only familiar with YouTube and it reminded me of the few times where I try to explain to some little kids about what a CD player is since some of them grew up listening to music on an iPhone or through YouTube.

Brian Gordon's artwork: Brian Gordon's artwork is both cute and hilarious to look at as are all the ducks in this graphic novel are drawn in a cute squat style and I especially loved the images of the father duck having wide popped out eyes whenever he gets shocked or annoyed by his kids' hijinks. The simplistic style of the artwork also brings out the humor in the situations that the characters get into as the highlight of the artwork is seeing the ducks' reactions to whatever hilarious situations they all get into.

### **What made me feel uncomfortable about this story:**

For anyone who does not like strong language, there is some usage of the "f" and "s" words respectively and some readers might be taken aback by the coarse language clashing with the cute artwork displayed in this graphic novel.

### **Final Thoughts:**

Overall, "Fowl Language: The Struggle is Real" is a hilarious read for adults who are parents or are becoming parents and want to find a book that pokes fun at the tough trials of parenting! I am definitely going to be reading the rest of this series pretty soon!

**Review is also on: [Rabbit Ears Book Blog](#)**

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## **Nikki says**

Received to review via Netgalley; publication date 10th October 2017

I've seen the Fowl Language cartoons around now and again, but I've never really sat down to read a bunch of them. I know I'm not a parent, but I have rabbits, so I totally related to a lot of these. I'm not even kidding. Rabbits are just as contrary as a small child, and even less capable of explaining what they actually want...

The art is cute, but pretty samey; the theme is basically "parenting is hard but worth it". It's not a big revelation or anything, but it's still a fun little collection — especially for a parent, I imagine.

Reviewed for the Bibliophibian.

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## **Montzalee Wittmann says**

Fowl Language: The Struggle Is Real by Brian Gordon is a book I requested from NetGalley and the review is voluntary. I think I laughed, smiled, or smirked with each and every cartoon because I could relate after having four boys! The expressions and situations were hilarious and so on target with what parents are feeling and what they go through! I don't normally enjoy ever single cartoon in a book so I was pleasantly amazed when I was entertained by the craziness of this fun family. Thanks!

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## **Mehsi says**

I received this book from Netgalley in exchange of an honest review.

I think I already have seen some of Brian Gordon's comics on the internet, so when I spotted this book over on Netgalley I couldn't resist. Especially when it is about parenting. I just love books about that topic. I don't have kids myself, but I have babysat, and also worked at day cares, so I have seen my fair share of kids being kids. :P

So I could definitely relate to various things in this book. And so I had a lot of laughs while reading, on these moments I am happy I am currently at home, and not anywhere near anyone, or else people would wonder what the hell I am reading that makes me laugh so hard.

It was nice to see him alone, reflecting on things, or chatting with other adults/parents.

I would have liked the book to be more chronological. Now at times the ages of the kids varied from big enough to talk, back to babies. It was a bit confusing.

I like that the author decided to draw his parenting stuff in the way of ducks. It is definitely a change from all the other comics where everyone is drawn as a human.

All in all, a hilarious comic book that I would recommend.

## Lexxi Kitty says

*\*I received this book from NetGalley and Andrews McMeel Publishing in return for a fair review.\**

This is the second book in the series and second book I've read by this author.

Like the first book, this is a collection of funny little drawings with words on them focused on birds - humanized birds who are parents to baby ducks. Well, the ducks area also humanized. hmms. I probably could have worded that better. Right, so - a collection, as noted, of humorous comic strips about parenting.

There's an introduction - mentions some tips. Including:

If you forget to prioritize care for yourself, it's gonna bite you in the ass one way or another.

If your kid will tolerate it, swaddle the crap out of them. It totally helped my son calm down as a baby. I'd still do it, but he's in fourth grade now, and evidently that's frowned upon.

hehe - 'if all else fails, try the cathartic act of bitching about your children by drawing them as ducks'

To remind readers, and/or show new readers, what the comci is like, I insert a panel:

(if the insertion works - that's the latest panel on the website for Fowl Language.

hehe - non-parents 'T.G.I.F'. Parents - 'T.G.I.M.' (at least while school is in session) - and TGIF becomes OMGIF

Lots of funny comics here. I kept having burst of laughter explode out of me.

Last time I did a review for a book in this series it consisted mostly of me giggling. I'm not really sure what else to put here other than another review of me giggling. So: Imagine me - giggling.

Parent tells kid that he sounds like a broken record. Kid wants to know what a record is. Then what a CD is, etc. hehe. Parent starts mumbling.

Kid 1: I think he's buffering.

Kid 2: Try refreshing him.

Parent: here comes the plane!

Kid: I don't like the way planes taste, either.

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### **Carla Johnson-Hicks says**

This is the second Fowl Language book I have read and I still laughed at many of the jokes because I could identify with them. This book was a little different as after the joke, there was another panel that wasn't as funny, so I enjoyed the other one much better. I did see myself and my children on many of these pages and love that my son is going through this now with his own children. The fact that the characters are ducks makes it just a little cuter. I think the funniest pages for me were the meal one and the healthy snack one. I could hear those words coming out of my mouth. There is also mention of social media which is so prevalent in our society. A cute book for soon to be parents or for those fearing empty nest syndrome. The publisher generously provided me with a copy of this book via Netgalley.

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### **Matt says**

Parenting can be rough, though there is always a silver lining. That's something that Brian Gordon tries to transmit in this series of comic-like pieces, injecting humour into areas that may sometimes leave a parent wanting to put their head through a wall. Told from the perspective of the parent, Gordon illustrates just how difficult the simplest tasks can be, though when you look back, humour comes at you from all sides. He touches on the role of rule-maker, as well as the misinterpretations that children have to simple requests, turning tranquil afternoons into chaos. It is definitely nice to have something like this to read, if only to shake your head and let out a chuckle. Recommended for any parent (grandparent, babysitter) who might need an injection of humour before reaching for the wine bottle.

Now then, if only they had a book for stubborn gingers, I would finally crack the Neo code!

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### **destiny ? [howling libraries] says**

I genuinely believe every parent with even half a sense of humor should follow *Fowl Language* comics, whether you do so on facebook or go comics or just pick up the damn books when they come out. Parenting is super rewarding but kids can also totally be tiny jerks, and Brian has found the perfect happy medium between sounding grateful to be a parent and still acknowledging that sometimes kids make us want to rip our hair out.

In particular, if you're used to following Brian's comics like I am, you'll be pleased to find out that the unique thing about this collection is that many of the comics have had a bonus panel added to them, so even though you might be familiar with some of the strips, you'll get some new ones, too!

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## **[Shai] Bibliophage says**

Reading Fowl Language: The Struggle Is Real has made me dread on what if I became a parent in the future. I'm not sure if I can handle the HUGE responsibility as well as the bickering and whining of kids. I think I was born without any ounce of patience, hence I didn't become a teacher and arts instructor because I know I cannot tolerate uncontrollable students. What's more if I became a parent?!?! THE HORROR! hahaha!

Browsing the comic strips here, whether a parent or not, will certainly make readers laugh their head off. It is also funny how the author, Brian Gordon, personify his kids as ducklings. I guarantee that once you flip through the pages of this book, you will absolutely enjoy and crave for more.

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## **Jamie says**

3.5 rounding up.

A quick and fun read!

As a parent, I found truth in all of these. I laughed out loud at a few of these, especially at the baby monitor, the cussing one, and the mess and sneaking a snack.

I felt a lot of these could have just ended at just the one slide- as they were funny enough-then the second or third slide would show up and kind of put a damper on the whole joke.

I had kept seeing his work on 9gag, and wanted to check out more of his stuff. This book for sure put a smile on my face, and can't wait to check out even more of his artwork and silliness.

I received a copy of this book through Netgalley for an honest opinion. I would like to thank Brian Gordon and Andrews McMeel Publishing for the opportunity to read and review this Arc.

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## **Amie's Book Reviews says**

When Brian Gordon became a parent, he thought he was going to ruin his kids and/or make some catastrophic mistake. Fortunately, for both himself and for his kids, "Despite their fragile appearance, evolution has seemingly hardened small children against numbskull parents like [him]."

What Brian has done, is taken all the weird and wonderful, serious and strange and yet somehow universal parenting issues and day-to-day struggles and used them to create blisteringly hilarious comic vignettes. If you are a parent it will be near to impossible not to literally laugh out loud at Brian Gordon's FOWL LANGUAGE comics.

Using ducks (fowl) to represent the members of a family, the comics each represent a moment in parenting that all (or most) parents can relate to and that when seen in print will have readers laughing out loud.

This is the second book of Fowl Language Comics that I have read and reviewed. To see the review of

BOOK ONE, visit <http://bit.ly/FowlComics1>

I rate this hilarious book as 5 out of 5 Stars ????? and with its October release date it makes perfect sense to purchase as Christmas gifts for family and friends.

To read my full review and to see some of the Fowl Language comics, go to <http://bit.ly/FowlComics2>

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## Schizanthus says

While I'm not a parent I still really enjoyed this book. The comics were funny and entirely relatable. Plus, the drawings are of ducks. What's not to love about ducks?!

I've observed so many of these moments with friends' kids, along with the sticky kids who always end up next to you in the checkout line and the ones playing the games with annoying music at the highest possible volume on their parent's phone at the doctor's surgery. Whenever I come across a *Fowl Language* moment I have such admiration for the way parents manage the seemingly impossible and usually think, 'You poor things' and feel myself wanting to give the frazzled parents a hug. Yet at the same time I'm probably also thinking, 'This is reason number 638 why I don't have kids'.

There's always something cathartic about finding a "Me, too!" moment when you feel like you're the only one going through something and parents are definitely going to find plenty of those in this book. This is a book that can be used to reminisce - "Look what we survived!", to encourage - "I think I can, I think I can" or possibly even as an effective form of birth control.

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