

Reading Questions: R. Crumb's My Troubles with Women

1. Describe Crumb's artistic style. What is its most striking feature?
2. Which story in this collection do you find most effective? Why?
3. Which story in this collection do you find least effective? Why?
4. What do you think of Crumb? Why? Be specific and complete.
5. What does Crumb seem to think of himself? Be specific.
6. Are you offended by anything in this book? What, specifically? Why?
7. How would you describe the relationship between Crumb and his wife, Aline?
8. What is Crumb's opinion of women? Be complete and support your response.
9. What is your reaction to the story, "If I Were a King"?
10. How does Crumb seem to approach the art of autobiography?
11. Crumb is widely considered to be one of the most important artists of the 20th century. Based on My Troubles with Women, would you agree or disagree with this assessment? Why?
12. Many critics castigate Crumb's work as misogynistic and pornographic. Based on My Troubles with Women, how would you respond to such criticisms?

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