

the
Idleness is the
Devil's Workshop
Sketchbook

by dr. bob

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All kidding aside, Ulli, you've been
a great friend and I hope this
little gift gives you some idea of
my appreciation. These drawings are
the only lasting material thing I
can give that comes from me and not
my pocket which is a bit empty
anyway.

DEDICATION

This volume is dedicated to Mr. Hester and Mrs. Kiesel, two fine human beings who provided the inspiration which led to its completion and who nearly turned me into an alcoholic.

PREFACE

This collection of dr. bob drawings is the first of its kind, put together especially for Herr Ulrich Kiesel in honor of his twenty-ninth birthday so that someday far in the future when I'm neither a famous physicist nor a famous cartoonist this friend of mine can say "I knew that guy when he still had a hint of talent. Boy did he blow it."

-dr. bob

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

It isn't often that a humorist's first work receives such widespread critical acclaim and popular success as has the first edition of this sketchbook. Several pieces of the artist's earlier Italian period have been included, partly to provide insight into the style of his later West German period, which is represented here, but mostly ~~as~~ a flimsy excuse to justify hiking the price of this book by such an outrageous amount.

We were all saddened by the sudden and tragic demise of dr. bob when he was crushed by a plummeting iceblock resulting from the accidental discharge of sanitary wastes from a passing 747 while jogging, especially since we were hoping to make a killing on his future books.

- the publisher

COAST-TO-COAST RAVES for dr. bob's new book of humor

"A rare and exceptional new talent with a keen ability to express the lighter side of the human condition."

- East Hoboken Weekly Safeway Sale Circular

"A breath of fresh air in the greeting card business ... even better than spray air freshener"

- Omaha Independent Card Review

"Cash for Trash- if only our garbage were as marketable as this ..."

- Cleveland Sanitation Department

"A fine example of the defusing of a potentially dangerous scientific mind... if only Von Braun had spent a little more of his time doodling."

- Science for Peace Newsletter

"dr. bob is not merely talented, he is bold, resourceful and intensely precise with a few simple strokes of a ball point pen ... first time, every time."

- Bic Corporation Annual Stakeholder Report

"An artistic genius unparalleled in this century."

- artist's parents

"We wouldn't publish this guy's stuff if he paid us."

- South African edition of Playboy