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On the heels of Walt Disney's Donald Duck: Lost in the Andes (2011), this second volume collecting Barks' complete duck oeuvre shines the spotlight squarely on his finest creation, the miserly Scrooge McDuck, known for swimming like a porpoise through his cubic-acres' worth of cash and sweating every last dime of his fortune. The stories, covering the years 1952 to 1954 take Scrooge and nephews on globe-trotting adventures, from the bitter cold of the Klondike to the bottom of the Caribbean. Barks' comics are an absolute treasure that have aged remarkably well, and are finally getting wide-scale publication to introduce them to a new generation of readers. Grades 2-6. --Ian Chipman

About the Author

Carl Barks (1901-2000) spent most of his life in Oregon. In 1987, he was one of the three inaugural inductees in the Will Eisner Comic Book Hall of Fame (along with Eisner and Jack Kirby). He's also a Disney Legend.

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