

How to Be a Cowboy

Billy Bob

MARNIX VERDUYN (NIX)

Billy Bob is a trainee cowboy. Together with Woody, his somewhat tougher friend, and with a copy of 'The Big Book of Killing Indians' in his hand, he roams around the Wild West, doing what a cowboy should do: killing Indians. Only it doesn't go too smoothly. Billy Bob is a keen student, though, who is full of philosophical questions.

A true master of humour

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In short sketches of usually just one strip, Nix places his cowboy in the most surreal situations. Billy Bob is tortured with a PowerPoint presentation, for instance, or cowboy and Indian pause to eat chips together. The pages of games at the end of the book are also wonderfully inventive and silly.

Nix, who is best known for his foulmouthed twins, Kinky & Cosy, has proven that he can also make a hilarious and challenging comic for younger readers. The fact that 'Billy Bob' was nominated for the best children's comic at the Angoulême festival makes it clear that the critics agree.

Who else but Nix could dream this up?

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AUTHOR



Nix (b. 1969), the pseudonym of Marnix Verduyn, gave up his job as a telecommunications engineer in order to start drawing professionally. He published cartoons in various newspapers and magazines, including Billy Bob for Spirou. In 2001, he launched the cartoon series Kinky & Cosy, which won him the prize for the Best Humorous Comic Book in 2001 and the 'Le petit Spirou' award in 2006. Nix also worked on an animated series featuring Kinky & Cosy, which was launched in 2015 in an exhibition in Angoulême.

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