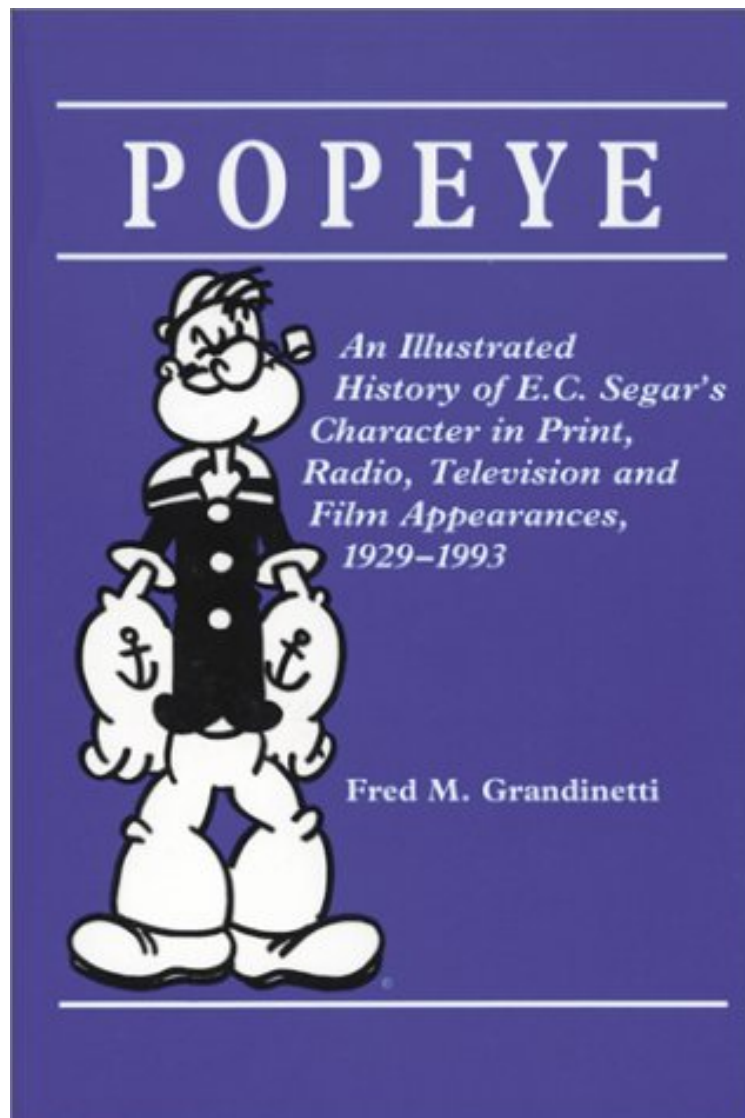


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Here is the history of Popeye, one of the best-loved cartoon characters. Animated series and films are examined, noting the different directions each studio took and the changing character designs of the Popeye family. Popeye in other media -- comics, books, radio, and even a stage play -- is thoroughly covered, as are Robert Altman's 1980 live-action film, and Popeye memorabilia.

From Booklist Popeye remains immediately recognizable throughout the world, and it's his status as a pop culture icon that makes this guide to the one-eyed sailor's exploits a good purchase. Grandinetti, cofounder of the International Popeye Fanclub, chronicles the spinach-eater's career in nearly all media; details the histories of Olive Oyl, Bluto, and the rest of his sidekicks; and provides episode guides to his hundreds of screen appearances. Popeye's been in a long slump since his 1930s heyday, when he starred in E. C. Segar's imaginative newspaper comic strip and lush theatrical cartoons. His strip now appears in only a handful of papers, his 1980 live-action movie was a flop, and in animated cartoons, he's been reduced to cheaply animated made-for-TV fare (in his most recent incarnation, he and Olive are the married parents of a blond, spinach-hating child named Junior). Aficionados might wish for less on Popeye's later versions, but the book yam what it yam. Gordon Flagg "a good purchase" -- Booklist/RBB "for the most thorough examination of Popeye, no other book comes close" -- Big Reel "the ultimate pop-culture resource" -- Model and Toy Collector