

# Capturing the fancy of unsung terrier heroes



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Ever heard of Finnigan, the first terrier saint? He graced the earth from around 8-13 A.D. and was, apparently, "a remarkably kind beast."

How about Ugly Jo Hawkins? From 1928 to 1939, he played the guitar in the style of Chuck Berry. Obviously a Scotch terrier ahead of his time, nobody appreciated his music in those backward days.

Or maybe you remember the infamous canine Bo Jenkin (alias The Forger). Born in 1978, his life of crime quickly spun out of control and, in 1981, he grew a little too smart for his own good and signed his own death warrant.

If none of this rings a bell, you may want to check out a "A Scot Gallery Eccentric: Wry Tales of a Little-Known Realm," recently out from Troy-based Momentum Books. In it, Lathrup Village artist-writer Tom Roy will acquaint you with the above canine luminaries, plus 54 other unsung terrier "heroes."

You may not know exactly what to make of any of it, but chances are, you'll have a great time browsing through the off-the-wall Gallery, anyhow.

Roy, who also draws the zany, single-frame comic, "The Pitts," for the Detroit Free Press, can't quite say why he chose to put together this odd little history featuring Scotch terriers and their mythical realm. No, he's never owned a "Scottie," and he's only just "a smidgen Scotch" himself.

About the closest he can come to any explanation for what he calls "The Dogs" is that he always has had a soft spot in his heart "for all things British."

But "A Scot Gallery Eccentric" is not really something you explain, anyway. It's something you experience.

A Detroit-area native, Roy attended the Center for Creative Studios after graduating from Redford Union High School in the late '60s. Following a stint as a freelance illustrator, he owned his own television graphics company for awhile, returned to free lancing, and now, in addition to his off-hours "cartooning," works at a TV graphics firm in Southfield.

"The Pitts" debuted in the Free Press last March. It was an outgrowth of numerous sketchbooks he had put together over the years in his at-home basement studio in Lathrup Village.

"Gallery" also was conceived via the sketchbooks.

"I had 10 or 11 sketchbooks that contained all these tiny, short stories, along with the sketches," says Roy.

When Bill Haney, publisher at Momentum, got a look at the books, he quickly expressed special interest in publishing "The

Dogs." After some reworking of the already existing pen-and-ink sketches, plus an addition of two or three new canine characters, "A Scot Gallery Eccentric" was born.

A few of Roy's terrific terriers and their stories were inspired by "real people," he admits. Most notable of these is probably Fergus McThomson, born in 1946 and still very much alive. An ex-dent jazz fan "born in a rock 'n'

roll world," he wrote "the definitive fiction that drove the final nail in the coffin of popular cultural trends."

He is modeled on Roy's editor, Tom Ferguson.

In the future, we may see other shaggy dog story-pictures from Tom Roy. Or we might see a series on Shakespeare, Holmes and a comically gluttonous Watson instead. Or the misadventures of a

hapless farmer and his strange herd of radioactive cattle. Or something called "Some of My Best Friends Are French."

For now, though, we can smile at the definitely eccentric "Gallery." Some of the advance publicity for these dogs' tales called them "a breed apart."

That they are. Take a look.

Last words: In honor of Black History Month, Detroit folklorist-

musician Naim Abdur Rauf will perform African stories and songs at Borders Book Shop in Novi at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. The program will be of special interest to readers ages 8-12. Preregistration is required.

Michigan historian William Anderson will autograph copies and read from his most recent

work, "Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography" at Borders Novi at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. The program will be of special interest to readers ages 8-12. Preregistration is required.

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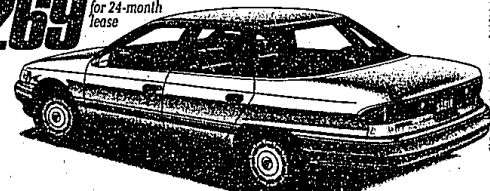
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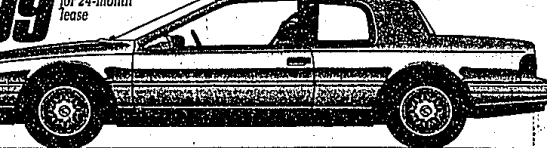


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