

About author James Butler

The Cow-Pie Chronicles

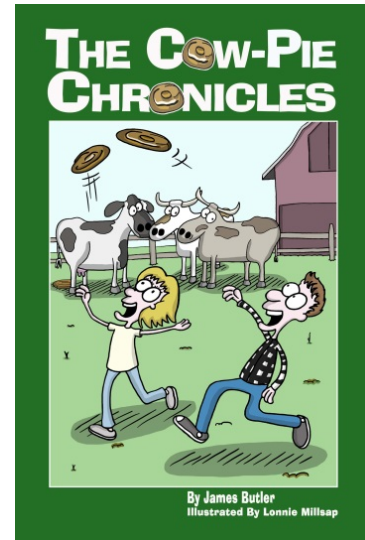
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James “Jim” Butler spent the first 11 years of his life on his family’s Midwest dairy farm. Those years were filled with hard work, adventure and periodic suffering. He then moved to a town far away from country life where he became an excellent student and a track star, setting two school records. All the running he did on the farm really paid off!

Writing always fascinated him, even in grade school. In 1963, for a sixth-grade English assignment, he attempted to write a book about traveling to the moon. He got a “C” because the assignment was late and unfinished. But he kept writing, getting “A’s” in English and winning a writing award in college. During those years, Jim often told funny stories to friends and relatives about things he did with his sister on the farm—things that often got them both into trouble or put them in sticky situations.



Five years ago, Jim wrote a few stories about his early farm adventures and sent them to a publisher. The publisher loved them and asked if he had more! He had a lot more, and those stories became the basis for *The Cow-Pie Chronicles*, his best book yet.



About illustrator Lonnie Millsap

Cartoonist Lonnie Millsap was born and raised in Los Angeles. Like most artists, he began drawing early in life. One of his earliest artistic memories was getting into trouble at age four for drawing a life-sized crayon Batman on his refrigerator and gray living room carpet. Initially, he didn’t get into trouble for the carpet Batman because of the way he strategically contorted his body over it, but his parents did buy a new carpet a week later.

Lonnie’s artistic influences were Charles Schulz (*Peanuts*), Sergio Aragones (*Mad Magazine*) and Johnny Hart (*Wizard of Id*), Gary Panter (*Jimbo*) and Matt Groening (*Simpsons*, *Life in Hell*). He is the author of *I Hate My Job!*; *I Stepped on a Duck!*; and *My Washcloth Stinks!*



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