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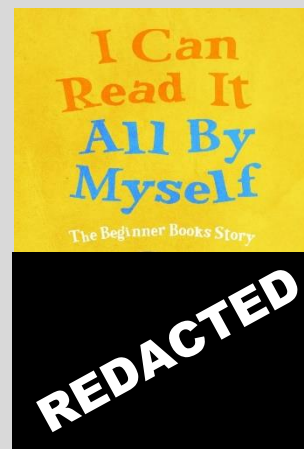
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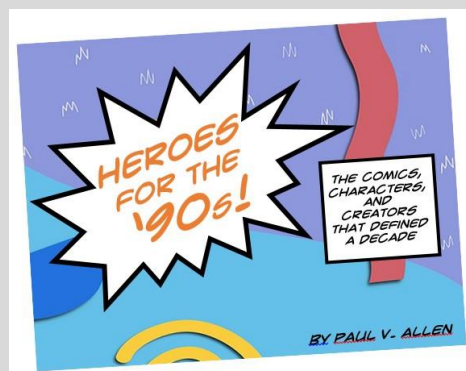
I Can Read It All By Myself: The Beginner Books Story will be available from the University Press of Mississippi in May 2021! I'm not yet allowed to show you the full cover, but I thought I'd at least provide a sneak peek:



HEROES FOR THE '90s!

I'm finally ready to share the first handful of essays in my history of superhero comics in the 1990s!

I'll be posting the essays one per week for the next month on my comics blog, [24 Pages](#). Click on the logo to read the introduction.



JACK KENT

I'm nearly finished with the primary work on my biography of cartoonist and children's author **Jack Kent!**

Though I still plan to view his manuscripts at the Kerlan Collection and to make a trip to San Antonio to see his stomping grounds, I've decided to go ahead and send a proposal to the University Press of Mississippi.

With the snail's pace of publishing, I'll have plenty of time to tweak it before anything important happens!



King Aroo excerpt from the 10/11/53 strip.

MY TRASHY ROMANCE

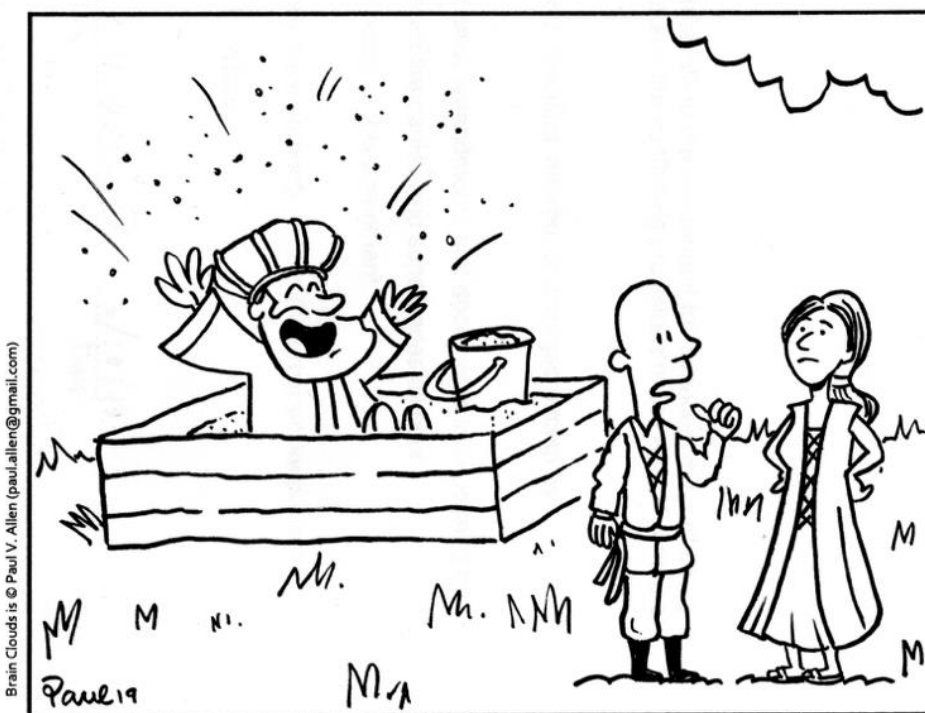
Being Eleanor Cameron's biographer has introduced me to a host of interesting people. Among them is Terry Black, who has written for the big screen (1988's *Dead Heat*), small screen (*Tales from the Crypt*), and print (*Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*), and is the brother of writer/director Shane Black (*The Monster Squad*, *Lethal Weapon*).

When he got in touch to tell me that Eleanor Cameron played a part in his new novel, *My Trashy Romance* (and very kindly sent me a copy), I figured it would just be a passing mention. I was very pleasantly surprised to find the main character's love for *The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet* is a main plot point in the book. And when I finished reading, I was shocked and honored to find that Terry included me in the acknowledgements as well!

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BRAIN CLOUDS



"He's been having delusions of obscurity."

As always, thank you for reading. Love and peace to you all.