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Happy new year! Here's a short-but-sweet update.

BEGINNER BOOKS

In mid-December the University Press of Mississippi editorial board unanimously approved a contract to publish my history of Beginner Books. The tentative title is *I Can Read It All By Myself: The Beginner Books Story*.

Everything is due to the publisher at the end of this month, and as of 1:16 today, i finished revising the manuscript into final shape. Next up is gathering photos and illustrations.

I never dreamed I'd have a book published, so the prospect of having three is just wild.

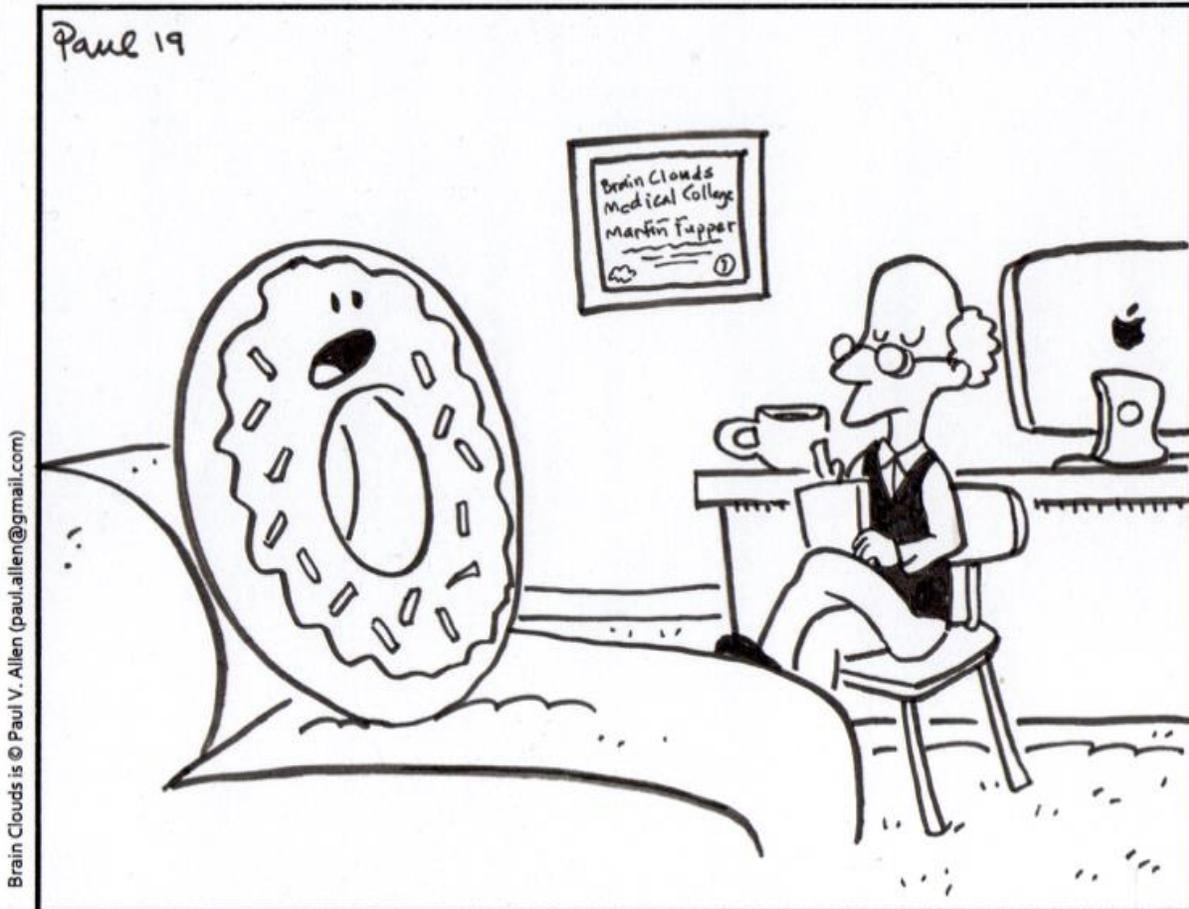


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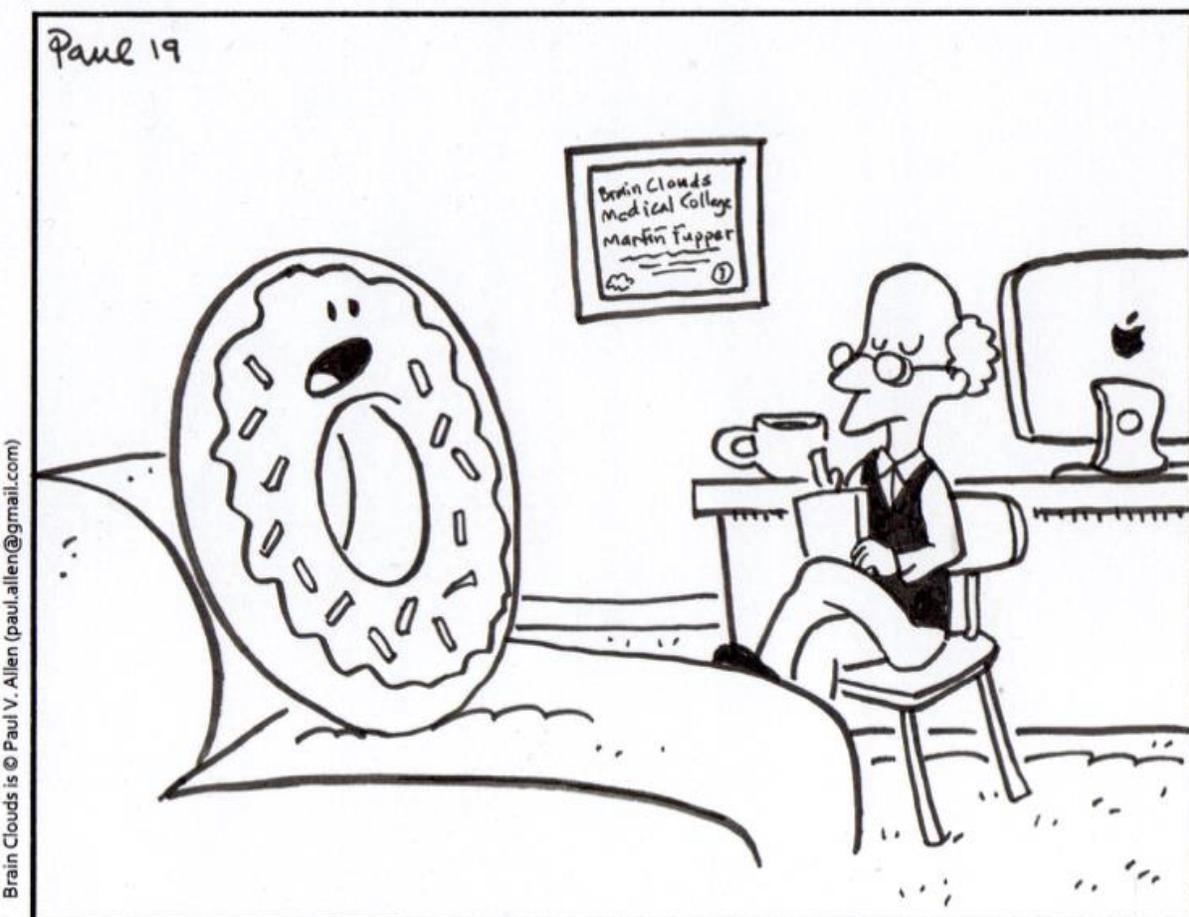
There are still a couple of months left of my self-imposed break, but that hasn't stopped me from collecting research materials for my next book. In addition to what's in the picture, I have a whole box containing nearly every issue of *Wizard: The Magazine of Comics* released between 1991 and 1999. I'm excited to geek out on all of this stuff.



I couldn't decide which caption I liked better, so you get two for the price of one.



"I feel like when I start talking everyone's eyes just glaze over."



"I just always feel like something's missing."

See you again in March. Hope your 2020 is starting off super!

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