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1. BISG SPREADS THE WORD ON THE NEW ISBN-13

ISBN-13 webinars provide useful prescriptions for the new industry numbers game.

2. BOOK PUBLISHING BY THE NUMBERS, AND RECLAIMING READERSHIP

VNU's BookScan and Book Standard launch a new annual book summit.

3. FAST *FOREWORD*

What do the Quill Awards mean to indie presses (not much), Civil War quilters and other news from the small press community.

4. *FORE PLAY*

What is haunting cartoonist Gahan Wilson?

5. *FOREWORD FOOTNOTES*

Titles worth noting from our review stacks.

3. *FOREPLAY*

Gahan Wilson's cartoons have been described as having a "playfully grotesque style" and a "dark humor." This cartoonist, author, editor and illustrator is also a legendary figure in the fantasy and science fiction world. His cartoons have been collected into books such as *Playboy's Gahan Wilson* and *Gahan Wilson's Graveside Manner*. In this installment of *ForePlay* he talks about his work and what haunts him.



Dossier

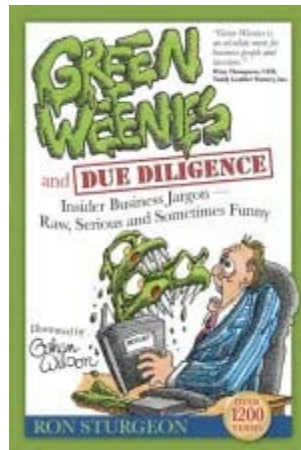
Occupation: Freelance Artist and Author.

Residence: Sag Harbor, NY.

Why you know the name: You have seen his work in *Playboy* and *New Yorker* for almost 50 years, as well as in several books, including children's books-that and the work in one National Lampoon; long gone, but he says it still seems to haunt him.

In his free time: Rests up from being a freelance Artist and Author.

In his former life: Wilson says it is always the same-no former life. "Maybe I'll have a future life."



What book are you reading, and where is your favorite place to read?

I'm reading the latest Harry Potter book because a magazine wants me to review it for them.

What qualities do you value most professionally?

Good work, originality, and honesty.

What are you still determined to learn to do?

I'm really trying to learn to do what I do better.

If you were a member of a tribe, what would be your special role in it, and why?

I think being a Shaman would be a good move.

Describe one recurring dream you have?

I don't have one, and for that I am very grateful.

What would you save from your home if it were burning?

My cat-but now you bring it up I should make up a longer list. But the cat would still be first.

What question has never been answered for you?

Huge numbers of them, starting from childhood. I have also learned that many answers I first found convincing later turned out to be totally wrong. Or at least I think they did.

What would surprise most people to learn about you?

I suppose some things would surprise some people and other things would surprise other people. I don't think I have anything, which would surprise everybody.

If you could have any five people over for dinner, who would they be?

That would depend on the dinner-Supreme Court Justices, after I interview them to get down to five.

What is your prediction for independent publishing in 2005?

Green Weenies will be a huge success.