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A collection of the first five years of "Piled Higher and Deeper," a comic strip about life (or lack thereof) in graduate school, as it originally appeared in Stanford University's "The Stanford Daily Newspaper" and online at phd.stanford.edu.

"Piled Higher and Deeper" the comic strip is currently read by grad students from over 300 universities and from around the world.

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W. Gabriel Gapas says

I've seen most of the comic strips in this book and I found them very amusing, despite the fact that I am still an undergraduate. I understand the grad school life since I have relatives who went through it and got their masters/doctorates after a long time of doing their theses/dissertations.

P.S. I have plans of pursuing about 2-3 Master's Degrees (Archaeology, Language and Literature, and Forensic Linguistics) and a Doctorate in English. I always check this comic to see and know what to expect in the graduate academia.

Brenna says

appreciate the creativity and thought behind this book.

Lesley Wharton says

This comic can be appreciated by all readers, but those individuals who've been through graduate school, and PhDs in particular, will be the ones to jump up and laugh/cry "YES".

Kritika says

THESE COMICS GET ME THROUGH GRAD SCHOOL. Enough said.

Liza says

If you are doing a PhD or a masters degree in engineering (or any other science, with social science being considered at a stretch), you will absolutely LOVE this comic series. Get the electronic version on your computer and check it every day, send it to all your friends and procrastinate with it to your heart's content. Go to www.phdcomics.com

However, if you are not a grad student, or have never been one, this will likely go over your head a bit....

Jill says

I randomly picked this up at San Diego Comic Con 2012 after being sold from reading the first two panels. It's ridiculously hilarious and relatable plus quite well constructed. Definitely worth a read for anyone who has been through college either for undergrad or post-grad, especially those who have been in the science majors.

Kay says

This series used to be my ameliorative drug of choice. Could certainly identify with the characters' seemingly hopeless state of mind and body.

ratna says

haven't actually bought the book, just followed the comic strips in "Piled Higher and Deeper" from time to time (well, actually not only reading them, but also having them as the wallpaper of my lab computer :p)

Someday, when I finish, I'd like to have this book. To remind me of the life (or THE LACK THEREOF :D) during this time :)

Aishe says

Although I did not pursue a PhD in the hard sciences, I still felt that these vignettes were true to my experience as a graduate student, and that of my friends and peers. The characters were instantly recognizable and relatable. All you had to do was insert snow, and these events could have taken place at my institution. I found the subject matter refreshing, and irreverent, and brutally honest. I definitely recommend it as a break from tedium for all my grad friends!

Ali says

I may be more nostalgic for this comic than anything, but I do find that this volume really does capture much of the joy I have had reading it.

Cait says

I loved reading these as webcomics, but they don't stay as funny through multiple re-reads, although I do still adore the characters.

Mugizi Rwebangira says

Too accurate!

Norain says

I have been considering about furthering my study to higher levels but this comic made me re-consider my option. I mean, having Dr prefixed to your name sounds grand but... whose idea was that originally? And really, what does it mean?

To Dr Y my probable adviser, if I am not continuing under you then blame Dr Cham. Or, maybe thank him for saving me?

Sherry says

This was a gift from my mom and brother last Christmas, which I had put on my wish list, because I was planning to finish up my graduate degree. I read through the entire book while I was working on my thesis, and it was very therapeutic (and confirmed my belief that a master's degree would be far enough).

It got a bit repetitive about certain jokes, such as free food, the hopelessness of research, avoiding one's faculty, etc. Some of those jokes eventually got tired. But otherwise, it was a fun complement to my graduate degree experience.

Anthony says

You may be aware of the PhD Comics strip that's syndicated in papers around the world and comes to you in web form. This is the first of three full-length books of reprinted strips and chronicles the 'early years' of PhD life. I typically find Cham's work hilarious, though was let down by this collection. Piled Higher and Deeper gives the impression that PhD life is only about the pursuit of free food, the gradual decline in posture, the deterioration of social skills, low pay and long hours, and the lord-vassal relationship between PhD student and adviser. Oh but that's right - that's about all it is....
