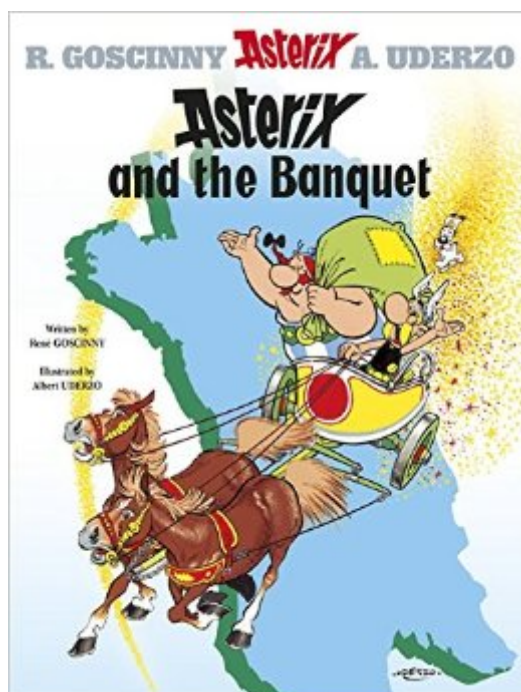


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Synopsis

When the Romans say no, Asterix says yes. So when the soldiers construct a barricade around Asterix's village to pen everyone in, he and Obelix embark on a trip around the entire country, collecting local specialties along the way. It's a delicious feast for them, and readers, too.

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Customer Reviews

This lovely book- a visual delight- is basically a souvenir of France. Our two adventurers tour round the country, taking in all regional specialities and Uderzo illustrating scenic and recognisable landscapes. The story itself is pretty weak, but you could not have designed a better tourist brochure for the country.

Gave these books to some junior high kids. They not only loved the graphic story, but also enjoyed the sprinkling of Latin throughout. Nearly all continued learning through Latin classes at school. A superior intro to our Mother Tongue as well as a thoroughly interesting comic book series for its own sake.

The ancient Romans decide to wall off the renegade village that is home to Asterix and Obelix. To prove that they can't be cut off from the rest of Gaul, Asterix makes a bet with the Roman leader--Asterix and Obelix will escape and get culinary delights from all over Gaul to show the Romans how great Gaul is. Or something like that. The plot is the thinnest ever, even by Asterix

standards. The book has the standard jokes, punny names, and silly fights. Overall, it's entertaining but forgettable. If you are going to start with Asterix, don't start here, there's lots of other better material out there (Asterix in Britain is still a favorite of mine).

Rene Goscinny and Albert Uderzo, *Asterix and the Banquet* (Orion, 1965) I decided to re-read all the Asterix books I'd read, and read the ones I hadn't, back in 2004. I had gotten through most of them by 2005, but three eluded me. I tracked down *Mansions of the Gods* in 2007, but *Asterix the Legionary* and *Asterix and the Banquet*, for some reason, have been well-nigh impossible to find. I try to get them through Interlibrary Loan twice a year or so, on the off chance one of the very few libraries that actually have copies will have one in stock. I struck it lucky this time, and got hold of *Asterix and the Banquet*. Only one to go! This is another geography-lesson issue, with Asterix and Obelix touring France and picking up local delicacies in order to win a bet with a Roman prefect. There is, of course, a plethora of opportunities for bad puns, silly jokes, and all the other hallmarks of the series. (It has also been noted that this book marks the first appearance of Dogmatix.) Fun stuff. If you like the rest of the series, this one's a gimme. ***

First published in French in 1965 as *Le tour de Gaule d'Astérix*, it was first published in English in 1979. An action pact, fun filled adventure, Asterix and Obelix tour Gaul (Ancient France) in order to win a bet to prove to the Roman occupiers that Gaul is their country and that they will go where they like in it. The proof is food specialities from all over Gaul which is to be presented in a banquet. Naturally the Romans pull out all stops to stop our friends but as always (and as we shall see in the adventure) the Gauls are irrepressible. We get to see what Ancient Gaul in the minds of the writers looked like. This may have been a parody of France in 1965!

What can I say? I buy the Asterix books for my middle school sons who adore them. They were first introduced to them when they were in grade school, by some friends from France. I was always an anti-comic book mom, but how can I complain when world history is thrown into the story? Both boys (ages 12 and 14) read and reread all of the titles we own. We have the paperback versions and the bindings are very sturdy and hold up to all the wear and tear and usage. They love 'em!

Sick of Asterix's village being free of Roman rule, Caesar sends a prefect to build a barricade around the village. Vitalstatistix, Getafix and all the others are very annoyed at this. Gaul is their home, they want freedom to visit brothers and sisters in other towns. Asterix gives the Romans a

challenge. He and Obelix will not be stopped by a barricade. He will not only break free, but tour France, gathering tasty treats for the village banquet. Fish soup, ham, humbugs, salad, French everything from everywhere French. Will Asterix and Obelix succeed? How will they do it? When I was a kid, I was a big fan of "Asterix and the Banquet" (Asterix #5). Felt like a big party celebrating Asterix and France. Still a fairly good read for fans. Fun looking for Dogmatix too.

The Romans have surrounded the Gaulish village. Asterix makes a bet with their commander that he can get out, and take a tour de France, to retrieve a delicacy from each region, for a big banquet. They will invite the commander to join them, as proof of victory. Any form of transport will do, even if Obelix has to carry a horse. No bikes to be seen though!

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