

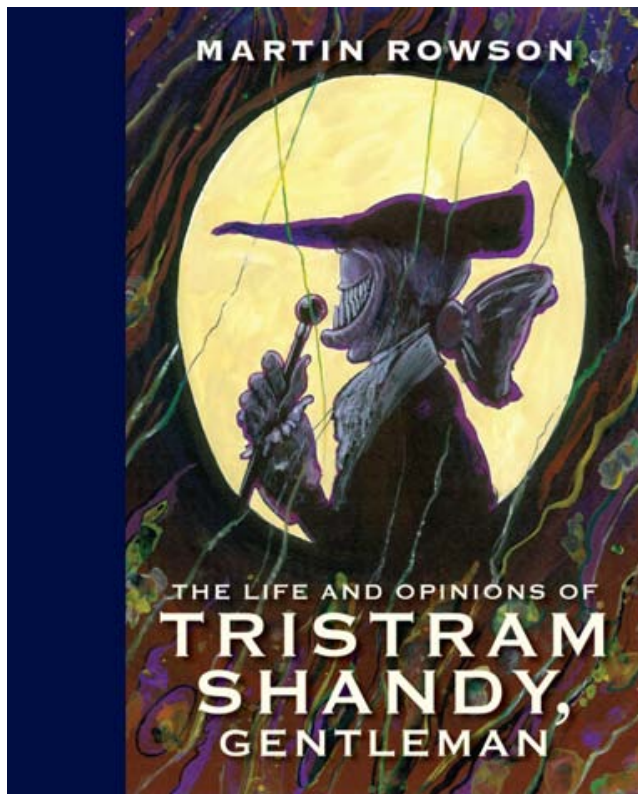


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*The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman* by Laurence Sterne  
Adapted and illustrated into graphic novel form by Martin Rowson



*“The more the characters do, the less gets done, the less they have to say, the more they talk...”*

E.M. Forster  
on *Tristram Shandy*

*and the more they talk,  
the more Rowson draws.*

*The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy*, which first began to appear 250 years ago, has outlived all its critics – even its greatest: “Nothing odd will do long,” declared Dr. Johnson in 1776, “*Tristram Shandy* did not last.” (He felt the same about America.)

Laurence Sterne’s bizarrely profuse labyrinth of digression found a kindred spirit in the artist Martin Rowson, whose classic 1996 masterpiece of graphic adaptation and textual deconstruction is here republished with a specially commissioned new cover from the author. Dazzlingly faithful to the nine volumes of this first-ever “anti-novel” (1759–67), Rowson has supplied the closest we will ever have to a tenth – not least for fulfilling Sterne’s original hope: “That every time a man smiles – but much more so when he laughs – it adds something to this Fragment of Life.”

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