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For Immediate Release: Hermes Press to publish a Brenda Starr reprint

Brenda Starr, Reporter® by Dale Messick: The Collected Daily and Sunday Newspaper Strips; color Sundays and black-and-white daily strips; ISBN 1-932563-80-6; landscape hardcover with printed laminated cover and dustjacket; 9 by 12 inches; 288 pages; reprints the first two color continuities of the Sunday strips, starting with the premiere on June 30, 1940; features the first “Man of Mystery” storyline featuring Basil St. John and five complete daily storylines; \$60; available June/2011.

Hermes Press adds yet another important title to its line-up of classic comic book and comic strip reprints with *Brenda Starr, Reporter by Dale Messick: The Collected Daily and Sunday Strips*.

Brenda Starr, the world’s most famous fictional reporter, role model to scores of aspiring female journalists, will now have her own series of reprint volumes starting with the strip’s debut on June 30, 1940. Created by Dale Messick, the first woman to create, draw, and write a syndicated newspaper strip, *Brenda Starr* successfully mixed romance, fashion, and adventure into one of the longest running features in newspaper history. Even though the strip will officially end its syndicated run on January 2, 2011, the feature will continue through Hermes Press’ reprints of strip’s early years.

The first volume of this series will reprint, for the first time, the first two Sunday storylines in full color. Hermes Press is digitally restoring these Sundays so that they look better than when they were first released. Also featured in this volume will be the first “Man of Mystery” story featuring Brenda’s love interest, Basil St. John.

Brenda Starr, Reporter started as a Sunday only strip but by October 22, 1945 a daily version of the feature also appeared. The first daily sequence will also be featured in the first volume of Hermes Press’ reprint.

Fans of classic comic strips and *Brenda Starr* will have a chance, thanks to this new reprint, to see one of the great newspaper features all over again, from the beginning.