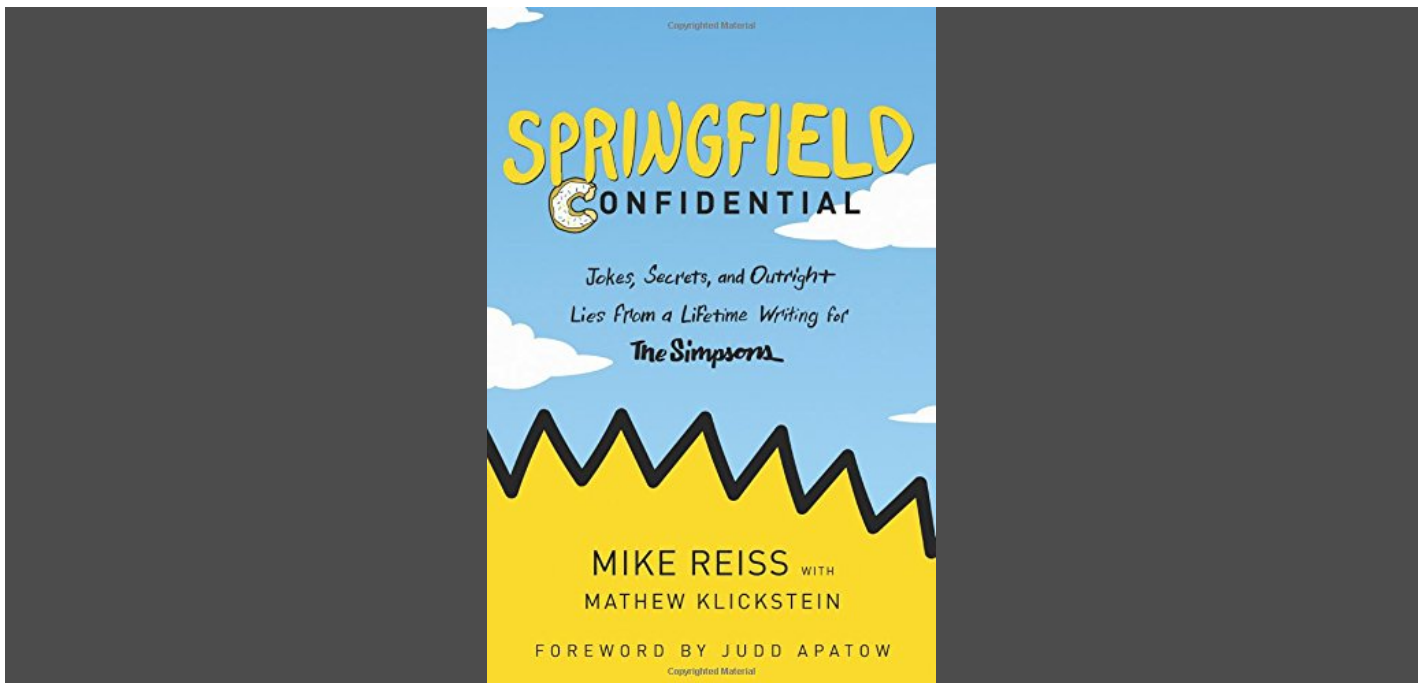


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Four-time Emmy winner Mike Reiss—who has worked on *The Simpsons* continuously since episode one in 1989—shares stories, scandals, and gossip about working with America’s most iconic cartoon family ever. Reiss explains how the episodes are created, and provides an inside look at the show’s writers, animators, actors and celebrity guests. He answers a range of questions from *Simpsons* fans and die-hards, and reminisces about the making of perennially favorite episodes.

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