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Definition: **Groening, Matt(hew Abram) (1954–)** from *The Hutchinson Unabridged Encyclopedia with Atlas and Weather Guide*

US animator, writer, and producer. He created the irreverent cartoon *The Simpsons* (1989–), which has won multiple awards and has become the longest-running prime-time series in US history. Groening also created the critically acclaimed animated science-fiction series, *Futurama* (1999–2003).

His success as a cartoonist began with his cynical *Life in Hell* comic strip, which ran from 1977 to 2012 and led to a series of books, starting with *Love Is Hell* (1986). The Simpson family started life on *The Tracey Ullman Show* in 1987 and had their own series two years later, which quickly became one of the Fox network's highest-rated programmes. A feature film *The Simpsons Movie* was released in 2007.

Groening was born in Portland, Oregon, and his own family provided direct inspiration for their animated counterparts; his parents were Homer and Margaret, and two of his sisters were Lisa and Maggie. He moved to Los Angeles to become a writer, where his early experiences formed the basis for *Life in Hell*.

Summary Article: **Groening, Matt(hew Abram)**

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He was born in Portland, Oregon, and educated at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. In the late 1970s he moved to Los Angeles, where he began drawing comic strips as well as working at the *Los Angeles Reader*, a weekly newspaper. The success of his comic strip *Life in Hell* from 1980, later anthologized in numerous books and still carried in newspapers worldwide, brought him to popular notice. His cartoon family, *The Simpsons*, first appeared on television in 1987 and was a huge critical and popular success, subsequently becoming the longest-running animated series in television history. Groening went on to create another cartoon series, *Futurama*, in 1999 and, despite cancellation of the show in 2003, popular demand led to the commissioning of further episodes in 2009.

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