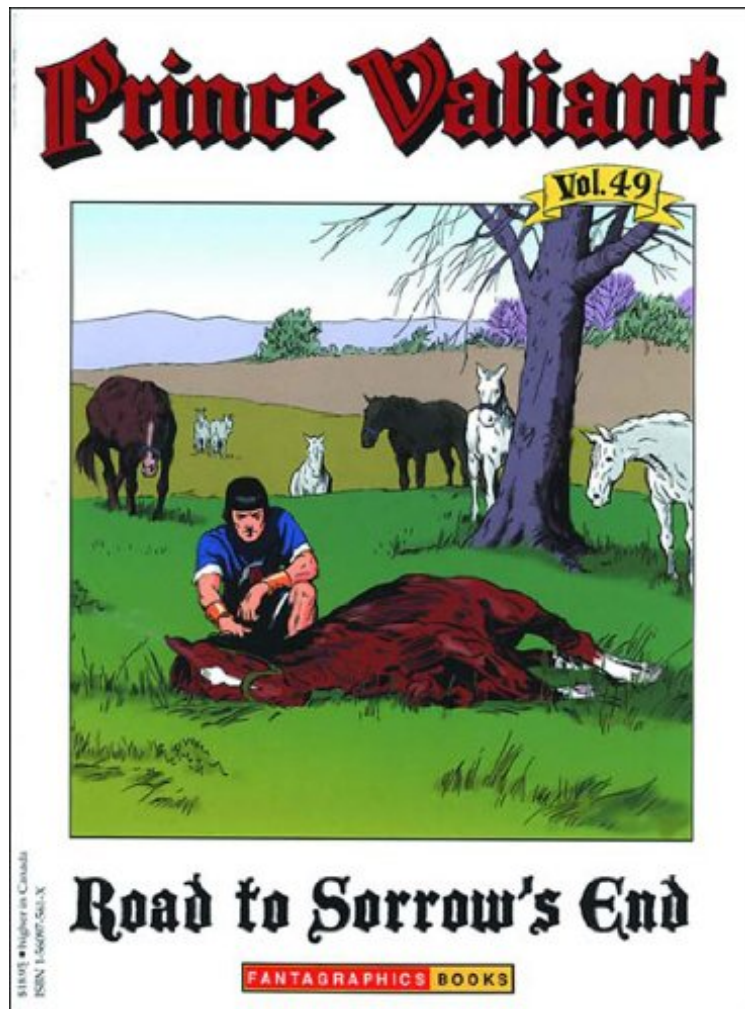


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About the Author Hal Foster (1892-1982) created Prince Valiant in 1937. Foster passed away in 1982. John Cullen Murphy continues to draw Prince Valiant (while his son, Cullen Murphy, writes the strip in between serving as the Managing Editor for The Atlantic). He lives in Connecticut with his wife Joan.