

Bart Simpson

Bartholomew JoJo "Bart" Simpson (born April 1, 1979)^[7] is the mischievous, rebellious, misunderstood, disruptive and "potentially dangerous" oldest child of the Simpson family in *The Simpsons*. He is the only son of **Homer** and **Marge Simpson**, and the older brother of **Lisa** and **Maggie**. He also has been nicknamed "Cosmo", after discovering a comet in "Bart's Comet". Bart has also been on the cover on numerous comics, such as "Critical Hit", "Simpsons Treasure Trove #11", and "Winter Wingding". Bart also has a 100-issue comic series entitled the Simpson Comics Presents Bart Simpson. Bart is loosely based on **Matt Groening** and his older brother, Mark Groening.

Even at a young age, Bart has accomplished many feats. He has won an award for his **Angry Dad** web series^[8], he has discovered a new comet which was named after him^[9], and he also has performed in a successful band with **Milhouse Van Houten**, **Nelson Muntz**, and **Ralph Wiggum**.^[10]

Bart Simpson



Description

"Bart is the dangerous eldest child of Homer and Marge. He is sometimes called El Barto."

Biography

Bart is a self-proclaimed underachiever and prankster who is constantly in detention, and, in addition to his behavior, is easily distracted. He is the most misunderstood of the family (after **Maggie**, who currently can only speak a few words), constantly frustrated by the narrow-minded people of **Springfield**, who judge him merely by his thoughts and actions.

His penchant for shocking people began before he was born, Bart "mooned" **Dr. Hibbert** while he performed a sonogram on Marge when she was pregnant with him, and moments after being born, he set Homer's tie-on fire, starting his life as a prankster (although Marge claimed that he could not have

done it on purpose because he was only ten minutes old)^[11]. Bart's first words were "**Ay Caramba**"^[12] after he walked in on Homer and Marge at a bad time.

When **Lisa** was born, Bart got jealous of all the attention Lisa was getting sick and tried to make himself the center of attention. Bart eventually couldn't take it anymore and told Lisa he was running away. Then, Lisa said her first word: "Bart!" Bart heard Lisa and realized how much she loved him, and realized he had to stay.

Bart's interests include **Krusty the Clown** (he is "Krusty Buddy" number 16302), reading comic books (especially **Radioactive Man**), watching TV (especially **The Krusty the Clown Show** and **The Itchy & Scratchy Show**), terrorizing **Lisa**, playing video games, helping Lisa solve various problems (e.g. reuniting Krusty with his **estranged Father**), and pulling off various pranks, (such as mooning unsuspecting people, prank calling **Moe** at his **tavern**, and his patented spitting off an overpass). Bart also sprays graffiti under the alias 'El Barto', and regularly frequents the **Kwik-E-Mart** (for bubble gum and **Squishees**) and **The Android's Dungeon**. **Yuma Hickman** moved to **Springfield** when **Marge** was pregnant with Bart.

Bart hinted that his favorite movies are *Jaws* and the **Star Wars** trilogy.^[13] His best friend is **Milhouse Van Houten**.

Date of birth inconsistency

In "**My Sister, My Sitter**", it is stated that Lisa is 2 years and 38 days younger than Bart. In "**Mr. Lisa's Opus**" and on the show's official *Instagram* account, Lisa's birthday is revealed to be on May 9, putting Bart's birthday on April 1. However, in "**Simpsonorama**", Bart states that his birthday is on February 23rd.

Behavior

Bart is a kindhearted, loyal and energetic, but sometimes very rowdy and mischievous boy.

Bart is a notorious prankster at **Springfield Elementary**, and his pranks are often elaborately complex, but can lead to unfortunate consequences. Bart's overall intelligence, like **his mother's**, has been shown to fluctuate slightly over the course of the series. It has been shown anywhere from being just above **his father's** level, to being just below, or (on the rare occasion that he shows interest or is willing to pay attention) exceeding that of **his sister**. Despite his behavior, Bart is also extremely good at science, art and even sports like skateboarding. His actions and speech frequently show considerable mental agility, street-smarts, and understanding. When Bart became a hall monitor for Springfield Elementary, his grades went up, showing that he only struggles because he does not pay any attention.^[14] Bart has **ADHD**.^[15] This has been exaggerated to the point he is willing to do Algebra, so long as it is a distraction from his *actual* homework.

On the other hand, Bart often seems to have trouble understanding even the simplest concepts, such as the word "irony," what the equator is and that the logo on his globe ("**Rand McNally**") is not actually a

country. It was also once implied that his mischievous behavior may have been a result of Marge accidentally ingesting a droplet of champagne while pregnant with him.^[16] Also, as an infant, one night he wandered into the master bedroom and witnessed Homer and Marge having sex with each other.

Labeled as an "underachiever" by authority figures, Bart rides an academic roller coaster, his grades, running the Loop-the-Loop from "F" to "D-" and back again. But he can be ingenious when the chips are down—as long as his ingenuity is not applied to anything school-related. Once, he put in a passionate effort to actually study when he was faced with the prospect of repeating the fourth grade, only to score a 59; he broke down in tears and inadvertently displayed applied knowledge while crying, barely passing. He once learned portions of the Talmud to help reunite his idol, **Krusty the Clown**, with his father, **Rabbi Hyman Krustofsky**. Once, after unleashing a surf wave across the school (damaging property but also saving Ned Flanders, who was on fire at the time), Bart was given an experimental drug for attention deficit disorder called **Focusyn**. Focusing his energy allowed Bart's intellectual potential to reach its maximum, even to the point where he was capable of tutoring a Navajo boy. Unfortunately, the drug also drove him paranoid as a side effect, and he started to believe that Major League Baseball was using satellites to spy on everyone in town. Marge and Homer became concerned for his erratic behavior and tried to take him off the drug, but the prospect of losing his intellectual edge over his enemies causes Bart to go berserk and sneak into **Fort Fragg** to steal one of its tanks. After blazing a path of destruction through the town, Bart uses the tank's cannon to shoot down an MLB satellite, thereby actually proving his suspicions to be correct.^[17]

Bart also displayed the ability to learn very quickly when he so desired, or in some cases subconsciously. In "**The Crepes of Wrath**" while on an exchange trip to France, Bart managed to learn French without even realizing it simply by being in the vicinity of **Ugolin** and **Cesar**, two men who regularly spoke French. Later, during "**Homer vs. Patty and Selma**", he showed considerable talent in ballet despite his initial hatred of it, which he did not realize until he attempted to take off his leotard. He has also managed to do this by choice such as in "**Blame It on Lisa**", wherein Bart learns fluent Spanish in less time on a plane to Brazil, only to be told by Marge that the Brazilians speak Portuguese.

His pranks can range from being relatively harmless to very cruel/destructive, depending on the characterization. He was also frequently a delinquent, getting into all sorts of trouble. It is implied that his exceptionally mischievous behavior (which Lisa once noted was borderline sociopathic) had its roots from when Marge accidentally ingested a drop of champagne (caused by then-Mayor Quimby breaking a champagne bottle on the newly christened battleship, the U.S.S. *Float-and-shoot*) while still pregnant with Bart^[18], as well as out of some deep-down rage for being told that he'll be a failure as early as preschool (of which it once led to him developing suicidal thoughts severe enough to make an extremely graphic drawing of his own demise). However, he has put limits on the trouble he can cause; he won't lower himself as to stealing the school textbooks like Lisa did while he was the hall monitor.^[19]

Although he gets into trouble and is sometimes shallow and selfish, Bart also exhibits many qualities of high integrity. He has on a few occasions, helped the love life of **his school Principal** and **his teacher**, despite the fact he often terrorizes them, and he often befriends lesser-known kids like **Milhouse**. One

example of his quasi-sense of honor is when Bart stands up for **Ralph Wiggum** at the cost of peer popularity with the bullies.^[20] Bart's hidden integrity is also evidenced when he is dared to shoot a bird with a BB gun by Nelson. Instead of outright refusing the challenge, Bart instead tries to intentionally miss the bird. Unfortunately, Bart doesn't compensate for a crooked sight, and he accidentally kills the bird. He is visibly upset by this, snapping at Nelson when he calls him a "cold-blooded killer" and even goes so far as to try and mend his wrongs with a right by adopting the bird's nest. Bart also displays his sense of morality when he acts as a conscience for his peers several times throughout the series, such as when he tells Jessica Lovejoy that stealing from the church is wrong. He was once sent to a juvenile detention center when he played a serious prank involving faux wedding gifts and a fake wedding.^[21]

Bart also has legitimate guilt whenever he got either Mrs. Krabappel or Principal Skinner fired, especially if it was not his intention to do so, like in the former case where his and his classmates' plan on getting her laid back by spiking her drink backfired when she ended up getting herself fired,^[22] and the latter case where his dog ended up in the ventilation shafts and got trapped along with Willie when he intended to use **Santa's Little Helper** for show and tell.^[23] He also sometimes gets into trouble even when he never actually did anything bad, or even when he actually did a good deed. A notable example of the former is when he was framed for a prank at a medieval festival held at school and was expelled for it (the actual culprit was Groundskeeper Willie) but he was welcomed back as an apology^[24], and a notable example of the latter was when both he and Milhouse ended up permanently (at the time) banned by Comic Book Guy from the Androids Dungeon because Bart and Milhouse talked **Mrs. Prince** out of selling him rare and invaluable **Star Wars** memorabilia that belonged to **Martin Prince** for what was obviously a ripped off price.^[25]

Although Lisa is a vegetarian, Bart is the real animal lover in the family. He becomes extremely attached to animals that fall under his care and will, most of the time, save animals that he feels will be hurt or else will go to great lengths to protect them. Some of Bart's favorite pets include: his dog (and best friend) named **Santa's Little Helper**, a snake named **Strangles**, an elephant named **Stampy**, a racehorse named **Duncan**, a nest of bird-eating lizards named **Chirpy Boy** and **Bart Junior**, Santa's Little Helper's **greyhound puppies** and a cow named **Lou**, for whom he was willing to prematurely marry in order to spare from the slaughterhouse.

Criminal record

- **Indecent exposure:** In *The Simpsons Movie*, Bart is dared by Homer to skateboard from home to **Krusty Burger** completely naked. **Chief Wiggum** notices this and chains Bart to a lamppost by the restaurant.
- **Harassment over Telephone:** Bart makes prank calls to **Moe** at his **tavern** as a running gag.
- **Assault with a Deadly Weapon:** Throughout the subplot of "**Please Homer, Don't Hammer 'Em**", Bart tries to trigger Skinner's allergies.
- **Arson:** Bart once accidentally burned down his Christmas tree when opening gifts early, and then lied about it. In addition, while he was not actually responsible for this instance, he unknowingly takes the heat for the charge of arson in order to allow **Nelson Muntz**, the actual culprit, to win the football championships in "**Bart Star**" (as he believed it was merely for a minor charge).

- **Burglary:** Bart technically committed this crime in "[The Canine Mutiny](#)" in order to retrieve [Santa's Little Helper](#), although the police largely overlooked this. Like with arson above, while he was not actually responsible for this instance, he unknowingly takes the heat for the charge of burglary in order to allow the actual culprit, Nelson, to win the football championships in "[Bart Star](#)" (as he believed it was merely for a minor charge).
- **Underage drinking:** In *The Simpsons Movie*, Bart downs an entire mini bottle of whiskey to drown his troubles. He also ends up (albeit accidentally) drunk from downing a stream of Saint Patrick's Day beer from one of the floats and retained enough effects from the experience that he attempted to accompany Homer to get beer at Moe's.
- **Vandalism:** Bart sprays graffiti around Springfield while under the alias [El Barto](#).
- **Abuse**
 - **Animal Abuse:** In "Duffless", Bart's first science fair experiment was to test the effects of cigarette smoke on dogs, which he did on Santa's Little Helper. Santa's Little Helper's health and respiration was negatively affected, to which Marge chastised him to not give him anymore cigarettes again. Also, in "[How Munched is That Birdie in the Window?](#)", he strangles an Ostrich almost to death, although this was in self-defense.
 - **Abuse of other people, particularly siblings:** He has abused his younger sister, [Lisa](#), both physically and mentally. This abuse goes all the way back to Lisa's days as a newborn, with Bart wanting to make himself the center of attention through any method he had - even if it meant cutting Lisa's hair. The two had also annoyed each other on occasion. [One time](#), his actions led to Lisa filing a restraining order against him until they made up.

While Lisa is a frequent target for his abuse, considering his sibling rivalry with her, he has also mentally and physically hurt other people, especially people of authority. One time, he lured his teacher Edna Krabappel into a date he had no intention of keeping.

- **Destruction of Property:** On multiple occasions, Bart accidentally or intentionally destroys other people's belongings such as in "[The Bart of War](#)". Bart and Milhouse intrude the Flanders' house as their "toy" fly is eaten by a cat. When they see [Ned's](#) collection of The Beatles merchandise, they mess around and eventually misplace and break some items, much to the displeasure of Ned and [Marge](#). He had also once hijacked a tank out of [Fort Fragg](#) and shot down an MLB satellite under the impression it was watching everyone (this while under the effects of Focusyn). He also deliberately shot a grenade launcher at Skinner's car during his brief time in military school.
- **Disturbing Public Peace:** Bart has also been known in one instance to have caused the entire city of Springfield to fall into a state of chaos due to having performed an experiment of amplifying the broadcast of sound through stacking together megaphones at the Springfield Police Department. Also, during a cruise trip, he used [a movie](#) starring [Treat Williams](#) to trick the people aboard [Royalty Valhalla](#) into thinking the rest of the world had fallen into a pandemic in his quest to achieve the forever cruise.

In addition to peace within the general public, Bart's rebellious attitude has driven wedges between people of high authority, most especially the staff of Springfield Elementary; one time having driven

them all to strike, and another taking over the school with his peers after one gets injured and after superintendant **Gary Chalmers** gets fired, leaving a vacuum of power he and the other kids exploit.

- **Defacing National Monuments:** At one point, Bart cut off the head of the monument of Jebediah Springfield as a feat to impress the local bullies, although he felt immensely guilty about it afterward. This then results in the entire town of Springfield hunting him and Homer down, ironically just as the two were about to return the head anyway, until they're forced into telling the backstory of why and how Bart cut the head off.
- **Psychological Torment:** Bart has been shown at times to have caused distress and disorder for his own amusement; some instances include using a **Superstar Celebrity Microphone** to hijack radio airwaves and falsely misleading listeners into believing the interference is a real occurrence, and another includes the repainting of candy hearts with crude slogans in which he caused a psychological breakdown in Principal Skinner through having accidentally invoked a PTSD flashback. Bart then comments with "Cool, I broke Skinner's brain!"
- **Fraud:** Posing as a representative for the non-existent International Water Commission of Springfield and claiming toilets are devouring people, Bart calls a recipient in Australia to see and disprove Lisa's explanation of the Coriolis Effect. Though he is proved wrong, he orders the caller on the other end, a young boy, to investigate the situation at their neighbors, which Bart doesn't realize that the boy lives out in the vast middle of the countryside. Surprisingly, with no one having hung up the phone that day, the bill amassed grows to be 900 dollars USD, and this eventually culminated in an international incident with a lawsuit from the nation of Australia.
- **Forgery:** In "**The Wandering Juvie**", Bart uses the wedding gift registry at **Costington's** as a prank to register himself and his bride, "**Lotta Cooties**", for wedding presents. Bart invites many people to his so-called "wedding" and plans to take all the unused gifts back for store credit, but he is stopped in his tracks by Chief Wiggum, who arrests Bart and sentences him to six months of juvenile detention by **Judge Constance Harm**. Also, **one Christmas** was turned to a city-wide mess when Bart lied about the loss of his tree (he had just burned it down), leading to the entire town giving their money to the family.
- **Attempted Treason:** One of Bart's worst crimes to date, he committed an act of treason in "**Homer the Father**"; in that episode, betrayed his own country by selling out secrets from the **Springfield Nuclear Power Plant** and almost gave it to Chinese agents, all for a Minibike. However out of remorse, he managed to get the USB drive back and swallowed it, much to the dismay of the Chinese agents.
- **Grand Theft Auto:** Bart stole Chalmers' car after it was revealed he hid his keys in the sun visor.
- **Peeping:** While done out of the kindness of his heart after seeing his sister Lisa be insulted by **Ms. Cantwell**, in "**Black-Eyed, Please**", he managed to sneak into the female bathroom and take a video of her insulting Lisa.
- **Indirect Murder:** In "**Replaceable You**" he was partially responsible (albeit unintentionally and unknowingly) for the death of **Alice Glick** when the "**Robopets**" he co-invented went rogue at the **Springfield Retirement Castle**.
- **Joyriding:** In "**The Parent Rap**", Bart and **Milhouse** accidentally released the parking brake after breaking into **Wiggum's** Police car and drove through an award ceremony in a park.

Sexuality

Bart has had many relationships with girls and in the future marries and divorces **Jenda**. However, he has also been hinted as being attracted to boys. In "**Bart's Friend Falls in Love**", Milhouse is smitten with a transfer student named **Samantha Stankey**; Bart schemes not to steal the girl but to detonate the affair so he can have Milhouse back. Whatever discomfort Bart evinces at Milhouse's emotional attachment to him takes the familiar, unsubtle form of denial. And when Bart does find friendship with another boy, it's expressly coded as romantic: "**The Haw-Hawed Couple**" of season 18 sees him growing close to class bully Nelson Muntz, only to wind up fearing the intensity of his devotion. In the end, Bart wistfully cradles one of his denim vests—an allusion to Brokeback Mountain.

Appearance

Bart has yellow skin and blond spiky hair (naturally pale red as revealed in "**No Loan Again, Naturally**") that matches the color of his skin (similar to his sisters - on one occasion, this caused distress in all three of the siblings and had them wonder where their heads end and their hair actually starts), sports, and, like the other characters of *The Simpsons*, has blue eyes (although the pupils look like 2 black dots). He wears an vermillion shirt (salmon in "**Bart Gets an 'F'**", blue short-sleeved shirt on early merchandise), blue shorts and blue sneakers with white socks. He sometimes wears his "lucky" red baseball cap and carries around his skateboard or a slingshot.

In his future appearances, his hair is usually longer, and he is shown to be slightly fat.

Alter Egos and Aliases

Bart sprays graffiti around Springfield using the name "**El Barto**", and his superhero alter-ego is "**Bartman**". He called himself **Cupcake Kid**^[26] when Homer became **Pie Man**. Bart is also known as "The Devil in Blue Shorts"^[27] by the organizers of the Teacher of the Year Awards, but he was believed to be an urban legend.

El Barto

El Barto is what Bart calls himself. Principal Skinner considers El Barto the most wanted kid in the school. It is spotted in many episodes, usually where graffiti is normally. It also appeared on all four discs of the **Complete Tenth Season** DVD box-set during the 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment logo before the DVD menu. Here, Bart wrote El Barto on the 20th Century Fox structure just before a **security guard** catches Bart. When the security guard finally manages to catch Bart, he sprayed the spray paint into the guard's face.

Relationships

Family

Homer

Due to Bart's mischievousness and rebelliousness in addition to Homer's often uncaring and incompetent behavior, the two have a turbulent relationship. Bart will often address Homer by his given name instead of "Dad" (when he was a baby, this was because other adults would refer to him as this), while Homer in turn often refers to him as "the boy". Usually, when Homer finds out that Bart has said or done something stupid or bad, he turns red and shouts "Why you little!" (often followed by throttling/strangling him) or simply "BART!" Bart once returned the favor when he learned that Homer, in order to buy back incriminating photos of him dropping Bart down as a baby, spent all the money that had been earned by starring in Baby-So-Fresh commercials relating to alleviating bad smells from babies, eventually resorting to using Homer's belt to strangle his larynx due to being unable to strangle Homer the usual way due to the size differences between the two, and directly led to a separation from his father.^[28]

It is also implied once that, whenever he messes up, he almost expects people to strangle him and even goes as far as to strangle himself (presumably due to his experience with Homer), such as when he accidentally let go of Ned Flanders' best fishing rod when attempting to fish with Flanders, Bart instinctively starts clutching his own neck and imitating strangling before realizing and reacting with surprise that Ned Flanders isn't strangling him. Homer and Bart's relationship reaches a breaking point following Homer's pollution of Lake Springfield (causing Springfield to be sealed under a giant dome by the EPA), with Bart even going so far as saying that he wishes Flanders was his father. Even though at other times, Bart is shown bonding with his father, such as through coin collecting or selling grease. Bart has even danced opposite Homer when the latter became a popular mascot.

It is often suggested that Bart is at times hurt that he and his father are in opposition to each other. Homer, despite being under the influence of marijuana at the time, genuinely explains that it is because Bart's birth signified the end of his youthful foolishness, as he now had a family to provide for, which intimidated him. Also adding that he is very much like Bart, as like his son, he is greatly misunderstood and insecure about his place in the family. Nevertheless, the two really do love each other deep down.

Homer can also at times be protective of Bart. As when George Bush spanked him, Homer, in a rage, started a pranking war that led to a brutal fight against the former president. When Bart was trapped down a well, his father stopped at nothing to dig a hole to find and save him. In addition, Homer has also "protected" Bart from the horrible sight of his nude aunt Patty by bleaching his son's eyes. Bart questioned this only to discover that Homer was looking out for him and appreciated it. Also, when he took note of Bart's rather merciless mimicking of Abe's "Gorgeous Godfrey" persona on other children, Homer berated his father for this.

Marge

Marge, who calls Bart her "special little guy", is much more caring, understanding and nurturing than Homer, but she also refers to Bart as "a handful" and is often embarrassed by his antics.^[29]

Unlike with Homer and Lisa, Bart never goes out of his way to prank Marge, and feels very guilty whenever he upsets or hurts her in any way.

Lisa

Bart shares a sibling rivalry with Lisa, who is two years and thirty-eight days younger than he is.^[30] While Bart has often hurt Lisa out of jealousy, and even fought her physically, they are very close—he loves her as deeply as she does him, and has always apologized for going too far. Most of the time, when Bart takes charge of the children of Springfield, Lisa is shown as not only supportive but at times even stands by his side (along with Nelson and Milhouse). He is often shown to be very protective of her when she is threatened or insulted by others (even though he frequently insults her himself), evidenced by his willingness to fight Weasel for stealing and destroying her cupcakes and stand up to Nelson when he shoved her to get to Milhouse (even though Nelson assumed Bart would side with him).

Indeed, in "[Bart of Darkness](#)", Bart's love and protectiveness towards Lisa gave him the strength to work past his broken foot (the cast being caught in a trash can, stuck on a hose, attached to a dirt mound, and pulling the weight of a bicycle with a stubborn dog leashed onto it) in order to rescue his sister when under the belief that she was in danger of being killed by Ned Flanders. In addition, Bart has shown himself willing to put himself through labor, swallow his pride, and even purchase things for her, as when trying to make her feel better, he offered to make her bed, start a foundation for the animals she saved, and even spend money on a \$500 record instead of a long-desired novelty. Bart has even sacrificed a dream job (Hall Monitor) and good grades to protect her from a damaging punishment caused by her own actions and helped her restore her reputation among the other children when she betrayed them by way of posing as a college student. Bart also seems to acknowledge Lisa as his better when it comes down to solving problems (even though he was instrumental in rescuing snakes on Whacking Day and retrieving his father's Hive grill) and frequently goes to her for advice. Both siblings formed a dynamic crime-solving duo during many of their encounters with [Sideshow Bob](#), Bart's nemesis. At one time, he enters a series of robot battles with his robot: Chief Knock-a-Homer (which is Homer as the robot hoping to gain Bart's trust), and tries to cheer up Lisa when [Snowball II](#) dies. Also, in "[Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire](#)" and "[Holidays of Future Passed](#)", he tells Lisa that she's the person Bart has always wanted to be.

Maggie

Arguably, Bart's best relationship with his family is with [Maggie](#), as they more often than not get along quite well (mostly because she is a baby). Bart's shine to Maggie has come in the form of his pulling various pranks with her, playing and bonding with her after he and Milhouse were separated for a time, and at one point square-dancing with her at a Dude Ranch.

Friends

While being disliked by most adults, Bart is rather popular with other kids and has very many friends at his school. His closest friend is [Milhouse Van Houten](#); Bart's other friends include [Nelson Muntz](#), [Lewis](#), [Richard](#), [Bashir bin Laden](#), [Nikki McKenna](#), [Jessica Lovejoy](#), [Donny](#), [Laura Powers](#) and even the less

socially desirable children of his school, such as [Ralph Wiggum](#), [Martin Prince](#), [Database](#), and [Wendell Borton](#).

Milhouse Van Houten

Out of all of them, Bart's best friend is [Milhouse Van Houten](#). Though the two are close friends, Bart has accidentally put Milhouse into trouble countless times throughout the series, with more than one occasion causing physical harm to Milhouse due to Bart's lack of regard for Milhouse's safety. At one time, Bart was driving a forklift with Milhouse standing on the fork while the forklift was moving. When Marge stopped Bart from driving the forklift, Milhouse was sent flying and was knocked unconscious.

The relationship between Milhouse and Bart has been strained several times. When Milhouse fell in love with [Samantha Stankey](#) and spent less time with his best buddy, Bart separated the two by notifying Samantha's father, who placed Samantha in a Catholic school. This resulted in a fight between the two friends, although Bart eventually offered an apology. In one episode, Bart stated that he was a little attracted to Milhouse, to get Homer ticked off.

Nelson Muntz

Bart's relationship with fellow school ne'er-do-gooder [Nelson Muntz](#) is rather rocky, even in recent times. Bart's [first encounter](#) with Nelson resulted in the bully receiving a bleeding nose in an act of self-defense; however, Nelson immediately took a dislike to Bart. An ensuing encounter resulted in Bart returning home all trashed up and in a trash can. Bart eventually rallied the kids of Springfield to fight back against Nelson and his cronies, which led to the bullies surrendering.

While he has bullied Bart in the same way he has bullied the other kids, Nelson does respect him and is regularly seen in Bart's circle of friends; this turns a heel in "[The Haw-Hawed Couple](#)", where they're forced to work together; despite a brief separation, they would reunite by the end.

Relationships With Springfield Elementary School Staff

Bart is understood to be a huge troublemaker at his school, resulting in him often being enemies of the teachers, particularly [Edna Krabappel](#), Principal [Seymour Skinner](#) and [Groundskeeper Willie](#). Despite this, while he does take joy in tormenting them, he does have some degree of respect for them, and would never deliberately intend to get them fired.

During the 20th anniversary of Seymour Skinner's time as principal, Bart tried to prepare a meal for Skinner to honor him. Bart initially attempted to give him scoops of dog food with American flags sticking out of them (either as a prank or because, according to Bart, Skinner actually likes dog food), although a combination of factors, namely Marge suggesting he make a cake instead after initially telling him off, as well as Homer obliviously eating the dog food beforehand, Bart instead made Skinner a cake (although Homer ate it before "Skinner" had the chance to cut it after the unexpected arrival of the real Seymour Skinner while everyone was surprised at Skinner, or rather Armin Tamzarian's admission to being a fraud).^[31]

Romantic Relationships

While he believes in "cooties", Bart has had numerous relationships and crushes on a number of girls in town, despite that most of them had ended in breaking up. Of course while in these relationships, Bart gets into more trouble than he usually does by himself.

Laura Powers

A teenager who Bart had a crush on, Laura Powers was the Simpsons' babysitter for Lisa, Bart, and Maggie. When Bart soon found out that Laura was going out with **Jimbo Jones**, he later prank-called **Moe**, under the name of Jimbo Jones, in order to expose him as the cowardly bully instead of the "bad boy" he claimed, all in front of Laura when Moe threatened him. Laura then said she would date Bart if he were older and kisses him, and made her first prank call to Moe, under the name of "Ivana Tinkle", with help from Bart.^[32]

Jessica Lovejoy

Jessica Lovejoy was Bart's first girlfriend. She liked Bart because of his bad-boy attitude and the fact that her parents didn't like him. Bart liked her because she was "smart, beautiful, and a liar". However, she ultimately turned out to be too bad for Bart and he chose to stay away from her, only to be sat next to her in church and framed for stealing by her. After all this, he initially pretends to still be attracted to her once she is revealed to be the true culprit and punished by scrubbing the church stairs, but once he takes over the job and Jessica leaves, he chuckles mischievously as he intends to do a poor job, hoping to get her in more trouble.^[33]

Greta Wolfcastle

Bart went out with a girl named **Greta** after he stopped some bullies from taking her backpack. She is the daughter of **Rainier Wolfcastle**. However, Bart later broke up with her. After the breakup, Greta went out with **Milhouse Van Houten**, with whom she then broke up with in **Canada** and stopped dating for four years.

Gina Vendetti

In "**The Wandering Juvie**", Bart is arrested for pulling a prank, and he is sent to juvenile prison. Bart becomes very scared at the juvenile prison as the other juveniles are bigger and tougher than he is. One day at the jail, Bart nervously walks through the juvenile prison playground to see who he can hang out with and talk to, but everybody seemed violent. Bart then ends up at a fence that separates the boys from the girls, and **Gina Vendetti** tells him to get off of her fence and cuts off his juvenile prison uniform. Later that night, the juvenile prison held a dance for the boys and girls to get to know each other, and Bart is paired with Gina. Handcuffed, Gina forcefully pulls Bart to a nearby window, kisses him, and escapes, causing the police to search for them. Gina and Bart then stroll through the woods for a place to hide. The two end up at a blacksmith's shop, and they enter to get their handcuffs off. They kiss again, and they split up. Later, Bart finds Gina crying and she reveals that she doesn't have a family to return to, and then they are immediately caught by **Chief Wiggum**. The rest of the **Simpson family** comes to bid Bart farewell, but Gina admits to Chief Wiggum that the escape was her idea. Bart is free to go, but Gina

must return. When Gina arrives at the juvenile prison, the Simpson family surprises her with a special taco dinner in her jail cell as a way of saying thanks for setting Bart free.^[34]

Darcy

Darcy is a 15-year-old girl who meets Bart when he gets a driver's license and uses it to pick up older girls. She was pregnant at the time and wanted her baby to have a father, so Darcy chose to get married to Bart when she fell in love with him. However, she didn't know that Bart was only 10 but still went to get married to him anyway as she was desperate for her baby to have a father. Their parents stop them before the marriage after Bart started to think that their relationship was becoming a little shaky, and they agree to meet again at some point.^[35]

Mary Spuckler

Mary Spuckler is Bart's most prominent love interest, appearing in three episodes which is more than any of Bart's other love interests. In *Apocalypse Cow*, he was forced to marry her in order to save his cow Lou, but they ended up not getting married. She is one of Bart's girlfriends that return in *Moonshine River*, and they show interest again as she reveals to be a failing actress after running away. In the end, after Cletus finds out where Mary ran away to, he forces her to come back, but she runs away and kisses Bart, telling him he's great. She makes her current recent appearance in *Love is a Many Splintered Thing*, as she and Bart resume to date after her career failed. However, Bart paid very little attention to her, making her dump him for a Brazilian boy. It revealed that in the future she will marry the Brazilian boy, but when her status is revealed to be single on a website, Bart sends her a message.

Nikki McKenna

When both fourth-grade classes are merged, Bart is forced to sit next to Nikki McKenna, who at first seems annoyed with Bart. She soon warms up to him, and they become very close, until Bart kisses her, seemingly putting her off to him. After a no touching policy is imposed on the school, Nikki kisses Bart again, confusing Bart. This hot-then-cold relationship continues between them until Bart gets knocked out unconscious from falling off of the school roof. Nikki gives him CPR and mouth to mouth to resuscitate him, but then tells Bart that she'll never tell him why she was hot then cold.^[36]

Jenny

Jenny was a girl who helped out at the *Springfield Retirement Castle* at the same time Bart was forced to help out. Bart developed a crush on her and eventually, they entered a relationship with each other which was based on lies as Bart pretended to be totally different. Eventually, she found out what Bart was really like and dumped him.^[37]

Melody Juniper

Melody Juniper was the daughter of Calliope Juniper, the new music teacher in school. Principal Skinner made Bart date her so that he could get a chance with Calliope. Melody was happy with this but Bart wasn't as happy. After Bart told her he wasn't happy with dating her, both Melody and her mother chose to move from *Springfield*.^[38]

Becky

Bart's first kiss was from **Becky** when she was dared to kiss him while playing truth or dare with **Lisa**, **Janey**, **White-Haired Girl**, and **Wanda**. However, he has not been in a relationship with her and never seemed to want one.^[39]

Sherri and Terri

Although it has never been shown explicitly on the show, it has been implied that Bart dated one of the twins after Homer convinced her that she couldn't really do any better than Bart. Which twin Bart actually dated with was never clearly stated, but it is clear that Bart went to the school dance with either Sherri or Terri.^[40] It is also implied that one of the twins has a crush on Bart, but once again, it isn't stated who it was.^[41]

Sherri and Terri's cousin

Sherri and Terri introduced Bart to their 'boy-crazy' cousin and Bart immediately showed interest in her, so he invited her to play "Spin the Bottle" with the twins and Milhouse.

Summer Romance girl

The "Summer Romance girl" is a girl that Bart had a brief relationship on, as part of his list of things to do before summer holidays ended. It also turned out that Bart was part of HER list, being the 100th boy she kissed before summer ended.^[42]

Shauna Chalmers

Shauna was **Jimbo**'s girlfriend until Jimbo had Bart watch her so he can do the activities that don't interest Shauna. Shauna and Bart became closer when he stood up for her. They began to spend more time with each other as Jimbo trusted Bart with her. For saving Shauna from mall jail, she rewarded Bart by flashing her breasts to him. Bart told her to leave Jimbo because he didn't respect Shauna and from then on she dated Bart. Jimbo found them kissing and Bart was afraid of being beaten up by him. **Lisa** had Shauna leave Bart (as it was for the best) right after Jimbo found Bart and Shauna in the tree house. Shauna is Bart's only girlfriend to reveal anything private visually. They kissed again in "**What to Expect When Bart's Expecting**".

Annika Van Houten

Milhouse's teenage cousin, **Annika** forms a romantic relationship with Bart in "**Let's Go Fly a Coot**".

Skills and Abilities

Bart is a polyglot and can speak several languages with varying degrees of fluency. Though he has not demonstrated the ability since his exchange trip to **France** as an exchange student (other than in the "Butterfinger Group" Simpsons Butterfinger commercial), he speaks near-perfect French.^[43] He also learned Spanish in a matter of hours in preparation for the family's trip to **Brazil**.^[44] Upon learning that Brazilians speak Portuguese and not Spanish, Homer orders his son to forget what he learned,

prompting Bart to strike himself over the head until he forgot the language. Bart also speaks Japanese (which he also learned in a couple of hours in prison along with his father, Homer, who is also shown speaking Japanese),^[45] Cantonese and Latin. His advanced linguistic skills may be inherited from Homer, who also speaks advanced languages, including penguin.

Another skill Bart inherited from Homer was his musical ability, he was shown to be a skilled drummer^[46] at least until an injury destroyed this talent.

He was a player in the **Mighty Pigs** Peewee Hockey League Team and their main scorer. He is also quite capable of firing advanced firearms with a frightening accuracy, as evidenced when, while at **military school** as a result of a prank involving electric mega horns, he was given an RGB6 Grenade Launcher by the firing range instructor due to his belief that Bart knew how to operate handguns, and he managed to destroy four out of five targets before one of his shots missed and ended up hitting Principal Skinner's car just as he was about to unlock it, to which Bart implied that he deliberately missed the fifth target and was actually aiming for Skinner's car that time.^[47] His killing teacher describes him as "a natural" in this same episode. He later displayed a similar proficiency towards weapons when he managed to hijack a tank by stealing the keys, drive it over to the park, and shoot down an MLB satellite with surprising accuracy all by himself, although at that point, he was also under the effects of an experimental drug that was supposed to suppress Bart's Attention Deficit Disorder.^[48]

Bart can also drive vehicles with surprising skill for his age. He has his own drivers license, given to him after saving Springfield from a fire (shown in '**Little Big Girl**'), although he has been seen driving before with a fake license at times.^[49] He still possesses it, using it to steal **Principal Skinner**'s car to get to **Jimbo**'s house.^[50]

Bart is also a skilled chef. He cooked a three-course meal for his parents and made a dessert.^[51]

When he was made hall monitor, he also had a great degree of skill in enforcing the law and rules.^[52] This trait was later exemplified when he, in a similar fashion to a bouncer, removed Homer from the premises of the **La Maison Derrière** after he continuously heckled Marge's ventriloquist performance.^[53]

Additionally, Bart has a natural inclination to dance, and was a ballet star in his dance class for a brief period at school. Likely, he inherited this ability from his father, who had been a talented gymnast during his years in high school.

Although he frequently gets bad grades in school, Bart consistently shows levels of high intelligence with his witty social commentary and clever thinking. Bart's intelligence does fluctuate from episode to episode, however, as Lisa was able to prove that he was "dumber than a hamster," yet he managed to outsmart her in that same episode with a similar project. In addition, Bart has consistently bested the genius of Sideshow Bob (figuring out his plan to kill Selma and tricking him by stalling just long enough to enable him to be arrested). While Lisa is more "book smart" and of superb literary intelligence, Bart is street smart and of remarkable social intelligence, as he naturally assumes the position of undisputed

leader in any situation thrust upon him, such as when he led many children to the park to play when expressing his exasperation over being constantly followed by adults, when he led a pack of children to infiltrate Shelbyville in order to retrieve their stolen lemon tree^[54], or when he led his fellow campers in a takeover of Kamp Krusty.^[55] Bart has also shown considerable leadership prowess when he took charge of his fellow students (although only briefly) when they were stranded on an island, when he amassed an army of children to combat Nelson (ultimately managing to defeat him), led the takeover of Springfield Elementary during a snowstorm, when he orchestrated a curfew break and subsequent plot to expose the adults' secrets, and when he led a hostage-like situation as part of a plot to get Chalmers reinstated as superintendent. Bart's skill with people is also evidenced when Bart becomes the most successful news anchor on Kidz Newz, but in doing so steals the spotlight from Lisa. When Lisa voices her disapproval, it is explained to her that Bart was being promoted because he has "zazz."^[56] It is implied in one episode that the reason he doesn't apply himself in his studies is that he does not wish to be like his sister.

Bart is also highly skilled at manipulation and extortion. At one point, he successfully instigated a divide between Skinner and Krabappel in order to begin a Teacher's strike and extended the period by stirring up unrest at the local bank. He also at one point manipulated the townsfolk into controversy by spilling secrets of the adults over the radio and also manipulated his entire school into believing the myth of Dark Stanley (which, as it turns out, wasn't actually a myth). Other examples of manipulation was when he tricked many Springfieldians into coming to a phony wedding with gifts, when he attracted media attention by falsifying the concept of a boy being trapped in a well, and when he caused Homer to have a burst of anger in Boston over his refusal to wear a hat. Bart also has skill in extortion, as he managed to coerce his parents into doing whatever he wanted while pretending to be a sociopath and also extorted a U.S. Senator into following through with a key portion of a plan meant to get an air traffic bill passed. Bart has also extorted Skinner on a number of occasions, such as forcing him to do and say demeaning things via the threat of activating his peanut allergy and by making him either remain still or perform difficult tasks when he (Bart) and his fellow students took over the school.

Bart is also very talented at craftsmanship. He once made a replica of himself to take his place in class and also one of Lisa so that he and the rest of his school could fool the state's comptroller.

Bart has also demonstrated skill in regards to fighting prowess despite every now and then being beaten himself. At one point, after graduating from military school, he remarked that he is now a master of different forms of unarmed combat. He managed to hold his own in a fight with a girl highly-trained in Krav Maga and actually managed to get the better of Nelson on at least a couple of occasions (during a fight on the school playground and when he was working with his sister to stop the bullies from pulling a serious prank). At another instance, after challenging the fifth graders to a rumble, he easily caught a punch from the much-larger fifth-grade leader before noticing a scar on his hand. Though in a dream-like sequence and during a tree house of horror segment, Bart showed exceptional combat skill when he effortlessly pummeled 10 and 20-year-old versions of his father and when he easily overpowered an onslaught of Springfieldians while working for Moe as a secret agent. Bart has also shown rather

admirable skill in armed combat, as he fought roughly on par with Skinner, a trained and experienced former Green Beret, in a stick fight that spilled throughout Springfield.

Bart can also play a great game of putt-putt. He once almost won a miniature golf tournament against Todd Flanders. At the eighteenth hole, both boys decided the stress that each other's father was putting on them wasn't worth it and decided to take a tie and split the fifty-dollar prize.^[57] Other recreational activities in which he shows talent include skateboarding, jockeying, lassoing, and tennis.

Bart also knows how to hot-wire a car.

He also has the ability to find truffles by smell.

Recently, Bart has demonstrated remarkable adeptness at chemistry.^[58]