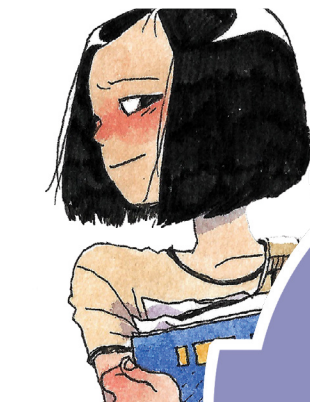


SPRING/SUMMER 2020 CATALOG



IRON CIRCUS COMICS



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Spring/Summer 2020

- comics & graphic novels / memoir
- black & white art
- 200 pages
- 6" x 9"
- trade paperback
- available April 2020
- young adult readers
- **starred review** in School Library Journal
- **starred review** in Booklist
- **starred review** in Publishers Weekly
- starred review in BookDragon
- Amazon "Teen & Young Adult Asian History" #1 New Release
- Junior Library Guild Selection
- School Library Connection Top 6 Picks for January
- LINKcat Don't Miss List

Banned Book Club

Written by Kim Hyun Sook and Ryan Estrada,
illustrated by Ko Hyung-Ju



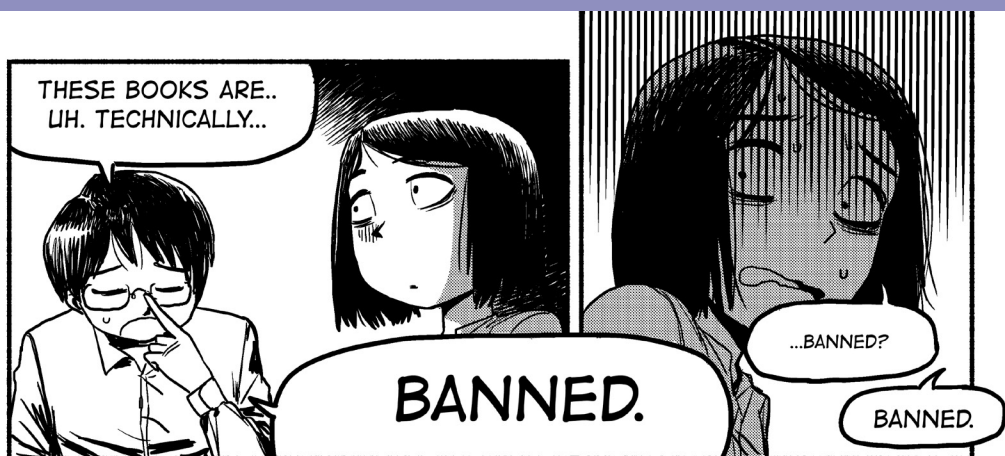
US \$15.00

CAN \$20.00

978-1-945820-42-7



A true-life memoir about rebellion, friendship, and the power of the forbidden.



The gripping true story of a South Korean woman's student days under an authoritarian regime in the early 1980s, and how she defied state censorship through the rebellion of reading.

- **URGENTLY TIMELY:** Against the backdrop of a recently empowered authoritarian regime, Kim's story reveals the small ways life begins to change, almost imperceptibly, for people under the thumb of an oppressive reactionary government. Kim and Estrada explore similarities to present-day global politics in much the same way Timothy Snyder did in *On Tyranny*.
- **CROSS-SHELVING POTENTIAL:** While **Banned Book Club** is both a memoir and a graphic novel for young adult readers, it sits equally well in Current Events and Politics sections, reaching a broad readership interested in government, literature, activism, and 20th century history.
- **FAST-PACED PLOT:** Much like Kim during the events of the story, readers don't get too much time to soak in a leisurely conversation about literature in **Banned Book Club**, which quickly shifts gears to page-turning political thriller after its opening chapter.
- **BRIGHT TONE AND MESSAGE:** Far from a doom-and-gloom "lost cause" tale, Kim's story is told through lighthearted moments of humor, budding romance, and adolescent drama that contrasts what would be an otherwise frightening look at totalitarianism, making it easier to absorb for younger readers.
- **AUTHENTIC MANHWA ART:** A graphic novel about Korea that looks the part, **Banned Book Club's** action jumps off the page with bold, clear, expressive manhwa (Korean comics) art by Ko Hyung-Jo.

- comics & graphic novels / fantasy
- color art
- 320 pages
- 9" × 6.75"
- trade paperback
- available July 2020
- young adult readers

The Complete Penultimate Quest

Written and illustrated by Lars Brown,
colored by Bex Glendinging



US \$25.00

CAN \$33.00

978-1-945820-50-2

“Why are we going down there, anyway? Some mystery to uncover, treasure to find? Why are we here?”





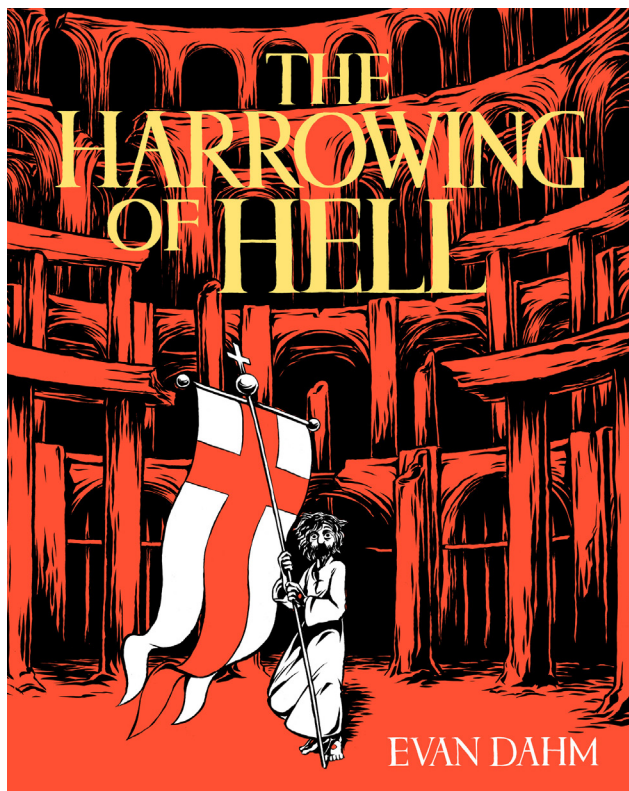
In a witty, genre-defying tale of magic, mystery, and philosophy, brave warriors must learn the difference between diversion and escape as they try to break the cycle of a penultimate quest in which the final fantasy never arrives.

- **UNEXPECTED DEPTH:** Cloaked in a traditional dungeon-crawler fantasy story, **Penultimate Quest** is a much deeper meditation on the meaning of a life based on repetitive tasks, and the challenges one must face when trying to break free from it. Equal parts Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Chesterton, Dostoevsky, and Super Nintendo, this is a fun-filled, monster-haunted quest through existential philosophy.
- **NEW COLOR ART:** Previously serialized as a popular webcomic, this will be the first one-volume print edition of the complete story in full color; a treat for both online fans and new readers looking for an engaging literary exploration of the fantasy genre.
- **GAMER-CENTRIC:** Steeped in the language and tropes of role-playing games, the characters are humorously aware of the game and its trappings—hit points, potions, spells, level numbers—and they reflect several types of real-world players and playing styles.
- **ABSORBING ART:** Highly detailed backgrounds and monster designs fully envelop readers in the lived-in fantasy world Brown has created, complete with swordplay, magic spells, and fierce battles for survival. It's easy to get lost in the adventure while pondering the story's deeper questions.
- **BROAD APPEAL:** **Penultimate Quest** will instantly connect with RPG players and fantasy readers, especially those who grasp the joke in its title (the "final fantasy" never seems to arrive!). But its probing questions and smart writing widens its reach to fans of speculative literary fiction like China Miéville and Haruki Murakami and "puzzle plots" like *Lost*. It will enliven any forward-thinking Philosophy section and add some variety to Graphic Novel shelves.

- comics & graphic novels / religion
- duotone art
- 128 pages
- 8" × 10"
- trade paperback
- available May 2020
- **mature readers**
- **starred review** in Booklist
- positive review in Publishers Weekly

The Harrowing of Hell

Written and illustrated by Evan Dahm



US \$10.00

CAN \$13.00

978-1-945820-44-1

“Thou wilt not cast us out, holy one of God. We know who Thou art.”





A modern reinterpretation of the apocryphal tale of Christ's descent into Hell after his death, **The Harrowing of Hell** is a densely illustrated allegorical tale of the world's most famous political revolutionary.

- **PRIMED FANBASE:** Evan Dahm is a seasoned small press veteran with a loyal following built over more than a decade in the business. His *Rice Boy* webcomic (in print and available from Iron Circus) won an Ignatz Award and currently nets over 230,000 visitors every month. His 15,000+ social media followers have been getting teaser art from **The Harrowing of Hell** for over a year prior to pub date.
- **MODERN POLITICAL THEMES:** Described by the author as an “anti-mystical Christian anarchist comic book,” **Harrowing of Hell** deconstructs Christian theology down to its fundamental story of the world's most famous and influential revolutionary leader whose aim was to put an end to government and chains.
- **GIFT-WORTHY PRESENTATION:** Designed as a holiday season gift for the intellectual/political/religious enthusiast in everyone's life, the book is a gorgeous spot-varnish hardcover with a beautifully illustrated paper-over-board cover.
- **INVITING ARTWORK:** Dahm's signature inky brushwork brings an opaque, mysterious ancient text to life in a warmly appealing cartooning style that captures the original's bedtime story mood. Spot-color red throughout adds an extra layer of symbolic meaning to a richly rewarding allegorical tale.
- **DEEPLY RESEARCHED:** Not simply a Wikipedia adaptation, **The Harrowing of Hell** draws on ancient and modern sources, including religious, academic, and literary. In an included behind-the-scenes essay, Dahm tells the story of how his version of this famous yet still largely untold tale came to be from a lifetime of religious upbringing and curious inquiry.

- comics & graphic novels / paranormal / humorous / depression
- color art
- 200 pages
- 6" x 9"
- trade paperback
- available June 2020
- young adult readers

It's Your Funeral

Written by Emily Riesbeck, illustrated by Ellen Kramer, colored by Matt Krotzer



US \$15.00

CAN \$20.00

978-1-945820-52-6

“Now c’mon, Marnie! It’s time for some healing, nurturing office work!”





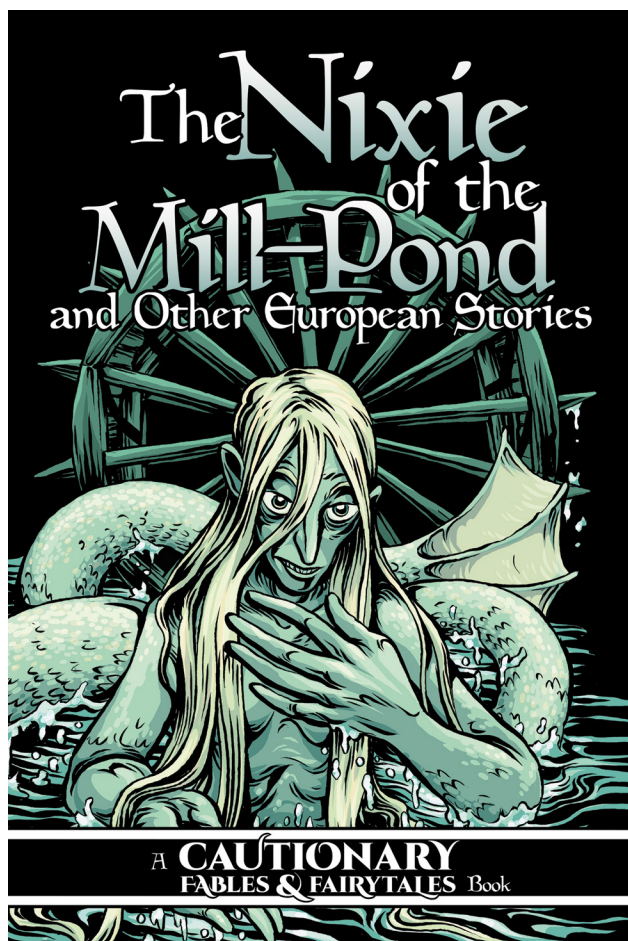
A recently deceased girl and her helpful afterlife caseworker embark on a series of hilarious mishaps and misadventures throughout the space-time continuum as they try to close her file so she can move on. A paranormal fantasy about healing, learning to love yourself, and being okay with being not okay, **It's Your Funeral** is the cosmic office comedy you've been dying to read!

- **PRESSING THEMES, FUN DELIVERY:** Similar in spirit to *The Good Place* and *Bojack Horseman*, **It's Your Funeral** tackles serious themes of longing and self-worth through breezy, fast-paced, precision-timed comedy told in distinct episodic stories.
- **RELATABLE MENTAL HEALTH MESSAGE:** Perfect for moody teenagers and those who have experienced depression themselves or within their personal lives, **It's Your Funeral** deftly depicts the realities and effects of day-to-day mental health struggles with grace and sensitivity. As a story of growth and patience, it shows what it's like to take small steps towards greater goals and being comfortable with having good days and bad days.
- **UPBEAT TONE:** Full of hilarious antics, quirky *Men-in-Black*-style creatures, and a feelgood ending, the story sticks a positive, hopeful landing while subtly delivering its emotional punch. Marnie learns throughout the book that the workers at the DSA won't give up on her, and that she shouldn't give up on herself.
- **CHARMING ARTWORK:** Ellen Kramer's brightly colored art and Matt Krotzer's expressive balloon lettering combine for a broadly appealing look that recalls Pixar movies and Henson's *Creature Shop*, with cute characters and bold, round lines that will grab attention on shelf from anyone who loves modern cartoon art and animation.
- **WIDE AUDIENCE:** Will appeal to fans of animation in general as well as anyone who loves office sitcoms like *The Office* and *Parks and Recreation*, indie/literary graphic novels, or comic memoirists like Jenny Lawson and Samantha Irby.

- comics & graphic novels / fantasy / folklore / anthology
- black & white art
- 200 pages
- 6" x 9"
- trade paperback
- available April 2020
- middle-grade readers
- 4,000+ copies on order, Junior Library Guild

The Nixie of the Mill Pond and Other European Stories

Edited by Kel McDonald and Kate Ashwin



US \$15.00

CAN \$20.00

978-1-945820-54-0

“Wait until the full moon rises, sit at the bank and play a beautiful tune. Then you will see what happens.”





In this high-spirited and hilarious comics collection, some of storytelling's finest talents reimagine classic European folktales with a modern twist. Featuring the work of Mary Cagle, K.C. Green, Katie Shanahan, and more!

- **TOP-FLIGHT CREATORS:** This anthology features some of the most popular artists and writers working in children's comics and animation today, including K.C. Green, whose webcomic *Gunshow* spawned the "This is fine" meme. The combined social media reach of *Nixie*'s creators tops 120,000 followers.
- **RECOGNIZABLE CLASSICS:** Europe's folktales are some of the most widely known, and this collection includes updated riffs on some of the all-time classics, including "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Puss in Boots," and "The Pied Piper."
- **HIGH-INTEREST:** Presents a series of hilarious and high-energy modernized versions of classic tales that will keep kids reading until the end. The dynamically illustrated stories remove the "scholastic" aspect that can turn off kids when introducing them to folklore.
- **ESTABLISHED BRAND:** The third entry in a popular middle grade series that's going strong, *Nixie* builds on this brand recognition and will sell to kids looking "for the next one."
- **TONAL RANGE:** Not simply a collection of "straight" retellings, *Nixie* features broad reinterpretations that include cartoony humor, dark magic, swashbuckling adventure, and taunt suspense.
- **WINNING FORMAT:** Meets the growing demand for Common Core-aligned graphic novels that middle grade readers will self-select.

- comics & graphic novels / erotica / anthology
- color art
- 230 pages
- 6.625" × 10.25"
- trade paperback
- available May 2020

• **adults only**
(explicit sexuality)

Smut Peddler Presents: Silver

Edited by Andrea Purcell



US \$30.00

CAN \$40.00

978-1-945820-58-8



***Some things just get
better with age.***



A seductively thrilling, broadly diverse bedside read featuring characters over 40, **Silver** reminds fans of quality filth why **Smut Peddler** is the last word in top-self sexy comics. Featuring the work of Otava Heikkilä, Blue Delliquanti, E.K. Weaver, Ziyed Yusuf Ayoub, and many more!

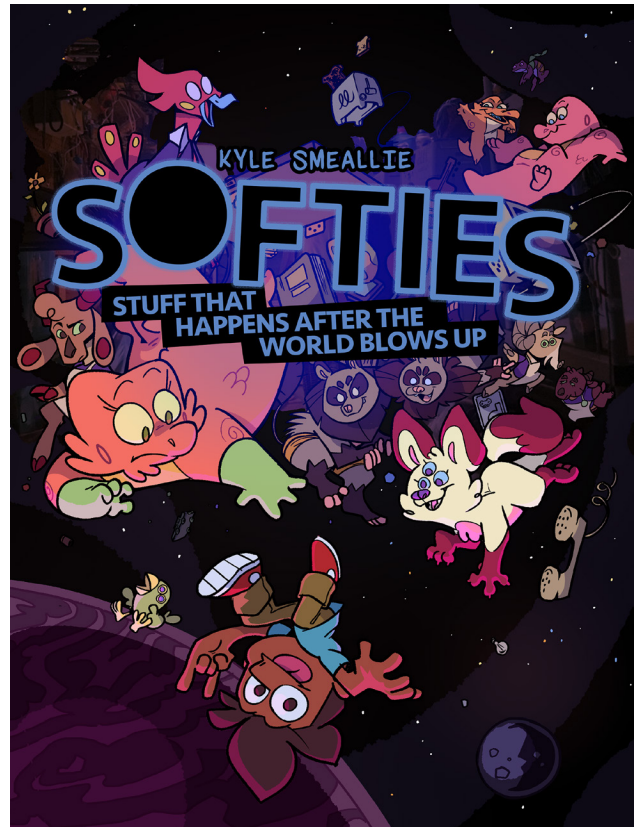
- **TOP CREATORS:** **Silver** is a quality anthology with diverse A-list creators boasting Eisner nominations, Lambda awards, and seasoned smutty comics experience. The talent list includes such heavy-hitters as Otava Heikkilä (*Letters for Lucardo*), Blue Delliquanti (*Meal*), and E.K. Weaver with a new tie-in story to her hit graphic novel *The Less Than Epic Adventures of TJ and Amal*.
- **DIVERSE REPRESENTATION:** Staying true to the **Smut Peddler** promise, **Silver** not only showcases a wide array of humanity across races, genders, kinks, and sexual orientations, but its primary focus on visibly mature participants over 40 shows appreciation for a sorely underrepresented demographic in erotica.
- **ESTABLISHED LABEL:** Now in its fifth volume, the **Smut Peddler** series has been delivering top-drawer erotic comics since its debut in 2012. Fans of literate smut know to look for the **Smut Peddler** seal of approval for sex-positive, consent-driven erotica with an emphasis on strong characters and storytelling.
- **BROAD APPEAL:** Mixed genres in one volume make it a unique hand-sell to readers who love diverse erotica, science-fiction, fantasy, literary fiction, romance, and boundary-pushing graphic novels in general.
- **LIVELY ARTWORK:** The **Smut Peddler** series isn't just read "for the articles"—it puts the "graphic" back in graphic novel with gorgeous, accomplished, full-color artwork in different styles that tell stories too wild for any other collection.

- comics & graphic novels / science fiction
- color art
- ~200 pages
- 7" x 9.25"
- trade paperback
- available June 2020
- all ages
- School Library Journal's 13 Graphic Novels to Look Forward To in 2020

Softies

Stuff That Happens After the World Blows Up

Written and illustrated by Kyle Smeallie



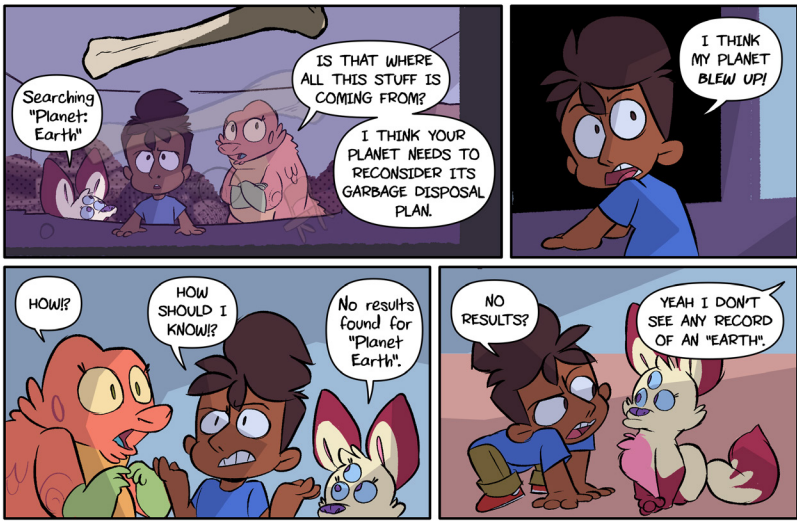
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Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy meets Adventure Time!



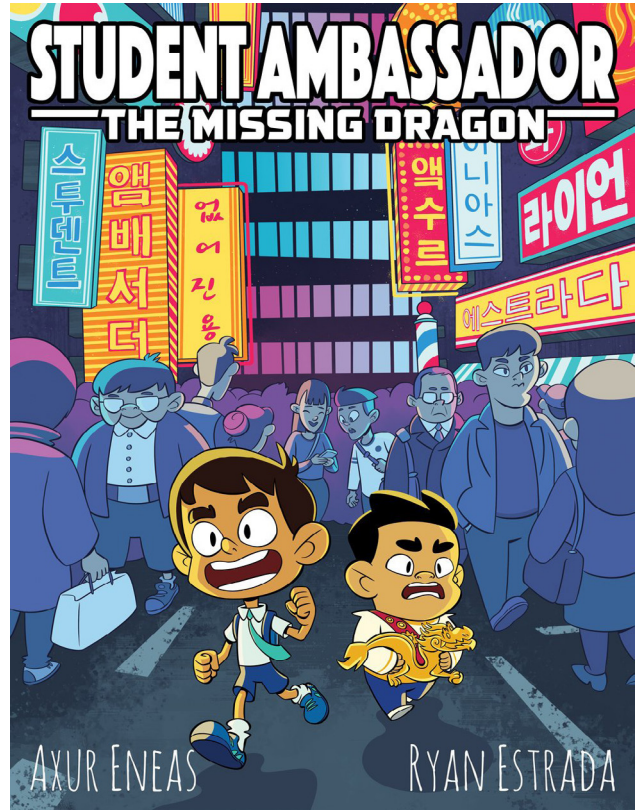
The planet Earth had been randomly destroyed—bummer! But that can't stop Kay, its sole survivor, and her newfound alien pals from setting off on a wildly imaginative, surprisingly touching adventure for the ages.

- **NICHE GENRE SWEET SPOT:** Fills a gap in middle grade sci-fi adventure with a humorous tale told in a deceptively simple art style that doesn't pander to its audience. **Softies** appeals to kids just starting to age out of this range who still want books filled with jokes and silly aliens.
- **SOPHISTICATED HUMOR:** Not content to rely on gross-out humor and joke-book-style laughs, **Softies** is more like a *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* for kids. Smeallie imbues his characters with a biting satiric wit that never lets up, making for page-after-page of smart, literate comedy that doesn't shy away from commentary and character development.
- **FUN, IMAGINATIVE TWISTS:** Even though the story takes place in outer space, it's far from constrained by the bounds of science or even science fiction. Whether it's an escape from a mutant dinosaur bird, a divey comedy club headlined by an insightfully chatty rooster, or a nail-biter research quest in an intergalactic library, **Softies** bursts with unrestrained whimsy and a sense that anything can happen next.
- **SUBTLY RESONANT:** Smeallie takes Kay on a journey of self-discovery that's expertly woven into the intricate plots and constant jokes in a disarming, surprisingly touching way. While she starts the book accepting Earth's fate, her companions haven't and they inadvertently kickstart her growing sense of longing that drives the story without being cloying, making for a richly rewarding read.
- **CHALLENGING CONCEPTS:** The cast of highly educated characters delight in word play and toss around concepts like "plot exposition" and "object permanence" that will push precocious readers to ask an adult or look up new terms to help them understand the jokes. **Softies** is perfect for accelerating readers looking for a challenge without leaving their favorite genres.

- comics & graphic novels / action & adventure / mystery & detective
- color art
- 150 pages
- 6" x 9"
- trade paperback
- available July 2020
- middle-grade readers

Student Ambassador: The Missing Dragon

Written by Ryan Estrada, illustrated by Axu Eneas



US \$15.00

CAN \$20.00

978-1-945820-60-1



“I want to tell you a story about being a student ambassador, but that will be boring. So instead, I’ll tell you about the time I almost got eaten by a crocodile.”

When a whip-smart student ambassador is sent on a high-stakes diplomatic mission to a far away land, he and a newly crowned boy king are thrust into a globe-trotting action-adventure mystery set in the real world where dangers mount and smarts save the day!



- **THRILLING REAL-WORLD ADVENTURE:** A globe-trotting mystery/adventure, like a Dan Brown novel for kids, **Student Ambassador** is a break from the flood of novels in middle grade magic and fantasy. It gives bookshelves a much-needed splash of heroics grounded by characters with normal human abilities, using fascinating true facts about the world as its clues and plot points.
- **FOR ADVENTUROUS KIDS:** Like an updated Tintin that celebrates the world's diversity instead of exoticizing it, **Student Ambassador** centers a Mexican American and a Korean as the protagonists in a story where they solve problems adults can't. It's perfect for readers of *Hilda*, *Gravity Falls*, and all kid detective fiction, and for any kid who's passionate and curious about the world.
- **HIGHLY VISIBLE AUTHOR:** Author Ryan Estrada is impressively media savvy, with appearances on dozens of podcasts, radio, and television outlets including CNN, BBC News, Busan English Radio, Sirius XM, teaching assignments all over the world, and even a *Moth Story Slam* win. He will be promoting this release through every available avenue including his 222,000 social media followers.
- **DEEPLY RESEARCHED:** Estrada, a self-professed "artist/adventurer," lives in South Korea and has traveled to all the locations in the book since his younger days as a real-life student ambassador. It's based on extensive research, lived experience in many cultures, and feedback from local residents, librarians, and teachers to ensure its authenticity and quality. The story is peppered with historical and cultural facts and Korean language tips, and he has been planning this book for 20 years.
- **TIMELY MESSAGE:** The characters in **Student Ambassador** are enmeshed in the real-life geopolitical situations that face us today, and their heroics are presented in the form of good citizenship, active listening, curiosity, and applied knowledge. Kids inspired by Joseph and Nang will look to real-life areas where they can make an impact with intelligence and leadership rather than strength and posturing.
- **EXCITING ARTWORK:** Artist Axur Eneas's vibrant, animation-style art leaps off the page like a Saturday morning cartoon, and he brings the pages of **Student Ambassador** to life with propulsive action.

Fall/Winter 2019–2020

- comics & graphic novels / erotica / humor / LGBT
- duotone art
- 520 pages
- 7.5" × 9.7"
- trade paperback
- available now
- **adults only**
(explicit sexuality)

The Complete Curvy

Written and illustrated by Sylvan Migdal



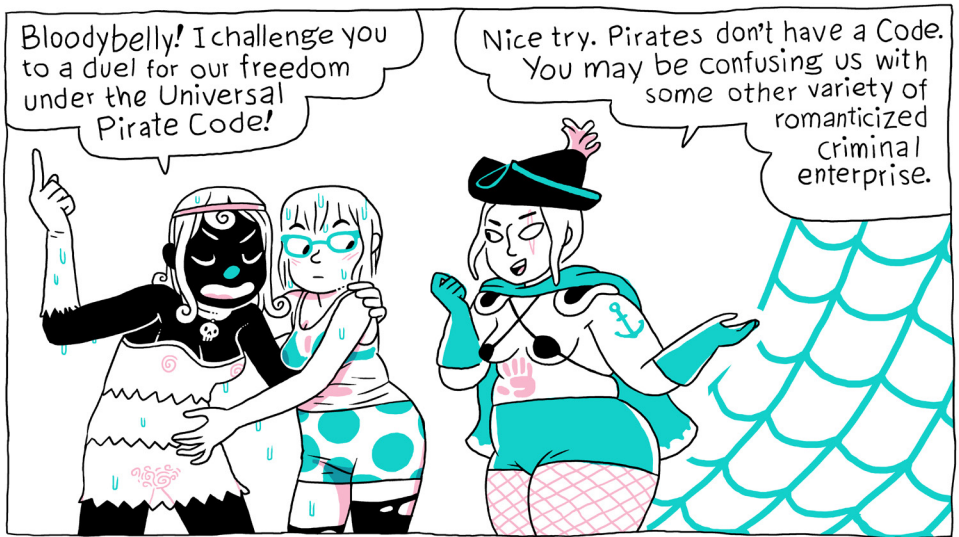
US \$50.00

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***The whole clit and
caboodle, in print at last!***

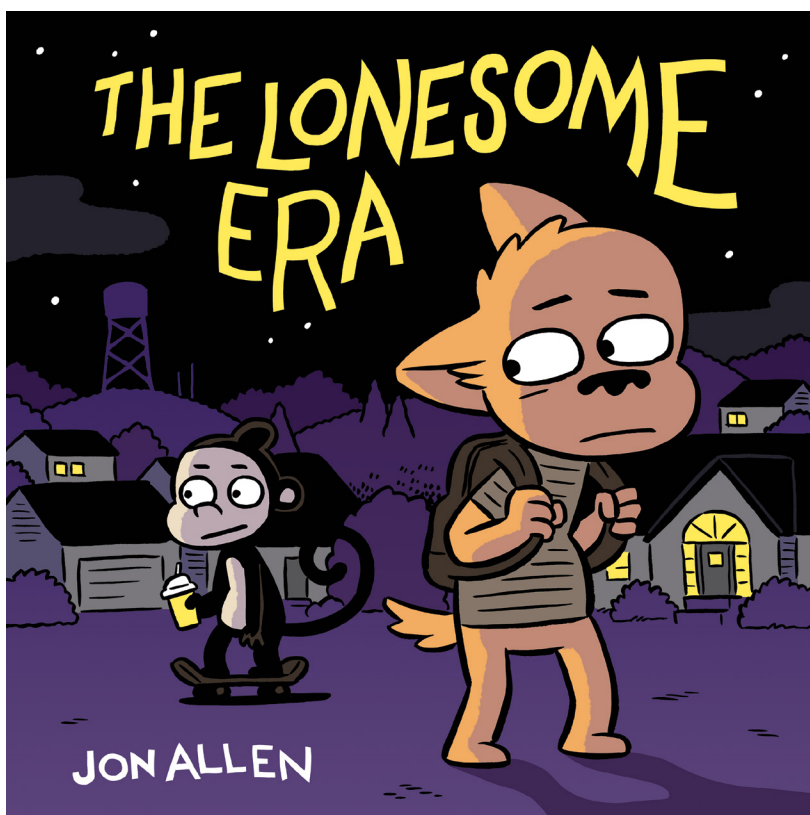


Anaïs Phalèse plays softball, worries about passing her physics courses, and unwittingly lives on what the rest of the interdimensional realities dismiss as Boring World . . . better known to us as "Earth". One day she meets Fauna Lokjom, the licorice Despoina (Princess) of Candy World. Anaïs helps Fauna flee the clutches and minions of Prince Boglox of Stupid World, and the suspicious pursuit of Fervid Wexler, U.S. Federal Agent, a man unshakably convinced that Anaïs and Fauna are terrorists. A profoundly silly and sexy sci-fi adventure for adults, **Curvy** ran for 13 years online before finishing in October of 2017. It's collected here in a single volume for the first time ever.

- comics & graphic novels / slice of life
- black & white art
- 426 pages
- 7" x 7"
- trade paperback
- available now
- young adult readers
- positive review in The Beat

The Lonesome Era

Written and illustrated by Jon Allen



US \$30.00

CAN \$40.00

978-1-945820-38-0

***From Ohio, with
unrequited love.***





Camden is a cat! Camden is also crushing hard on his best buddy and terrible influence, Jeremiah. Young, bored, and trapped in their slowly decomposing Rust Belt town, Camden tamps down his burgeoning feelings for the local ne'er-do-well and allows himself to be roped into every awful idea, every hair-brained plan, and every threat to life and limb Jeremiah can come up with.

The cartoon cast belies the ever-increasing volume of stupid and dangerous risk-taking Camden allows himself to become part of, endangering life, limb, and reputation. How much longer can this go on?

Spring/Summer 2019

- comics & graphic novels / educational
- full color art
- 84 pages
- 5.5" × 8.125"
- trade paperback
- available now
- **mature readers** (explicit drug use)

How Do You Smoke a Weed?

Written and illustrated by Lin Visel and Joseph Bergin III, fact-checking by Lauren Keller



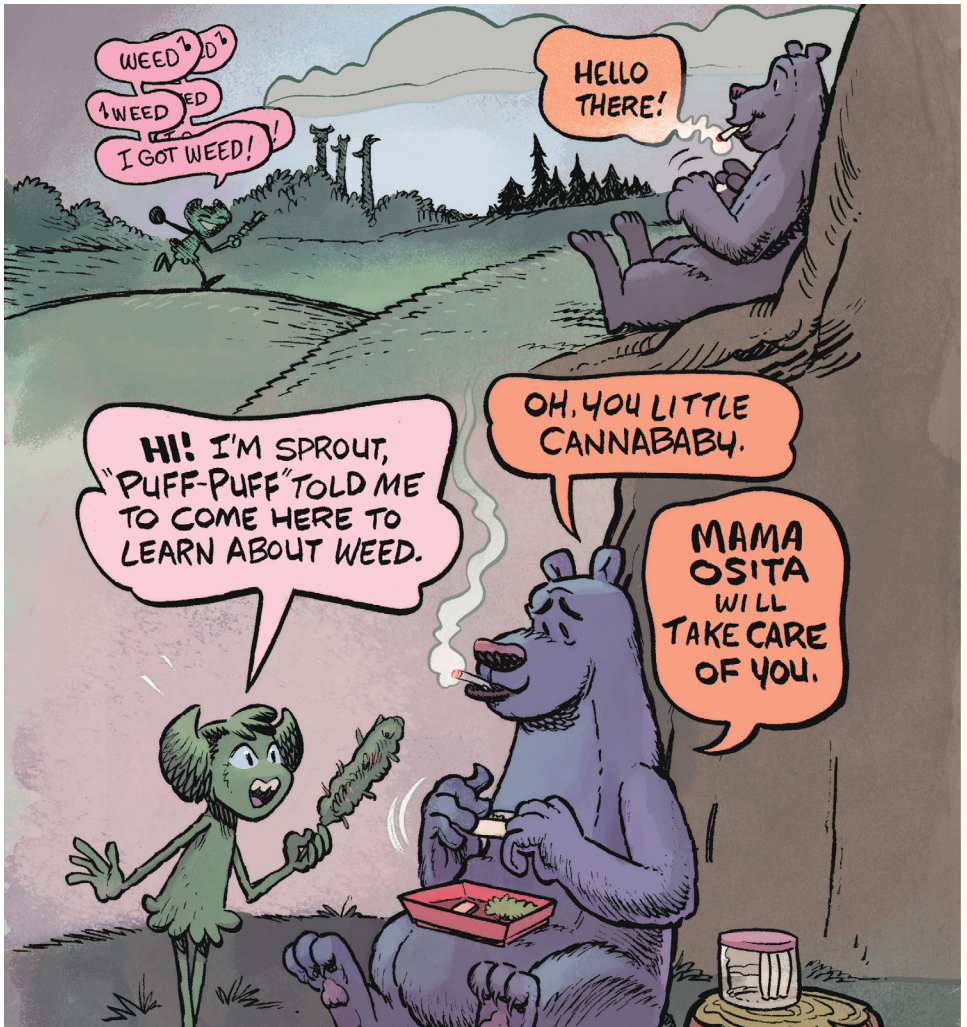
US \$10.00

CAN \$13.00

978-1-945820-16-8



The perfect guide to living the high life.



Many U.S. jurisdictions have decriminalized or legalized marijuana use, and more are joining the shift in policy yearly. Dispensaries are popping up everywhere, and experienced users are openly rejoicing... but where does that leave the marijuana newbie, cowed by years of "Just Say No" disinformation but curious about what they've missed?

Written by experienced, conscientious users and presented in an easy-to-read comic book format, **How Do You Smoke a Weed?** fills that gap, covering everything from weed history to strains, couch-locks to body highs, edibles to vaporizers. Perfect for the cannabis-curious, and new insights for the veteran smoker.

- comics & graphic novels / erotica / romance / LGBT
- book 2 of the Letters for Lucardo series
- black & white art
- 148 pages
- 5.5" × 8.125"
- trade paperback
- available now

• **adults only**
(explicit sexuality)

Letters for Lucardo Fortunate Beasts

Written and illustrated by Otava Heikkilä



US \$15.00

CAN \$20.00

978-1-945820-28-1



Never love a mortal.



In this second volume in the **Letters for Lucardo** series, Ed Fiedler has gone into exile to protect his lover Lucardo—an immortal aristocrat of the Night Court—from Ed’s own aging human transience. Lucardo, heartbroken and enraged, suspects the meddling hand of his father—Lord of the Night Court—in Ed’s flight. Lucardo mounts a search to find his missing lover, which bears fruit . . . but ultimately brings them both face-to-face with their deepest fears.

Otava Heikkilä is a comic artist born in 1990 in Finland. His earlier works include the webcomic *Judecca*, which he co-created between 2009 and 2016, and the short erotic comic “A Winged Man Flew into the Shed” in Iron Circus’ *Smut Peddler Presents: My Monster Boyfriend* anthology.

- comics & graphic novels / mystery
- color art
- 184 pages
- 6" x 9"
- trade paperback
- available now
- young adult readers

Minus

Written and illustrated by Lisa Naffziger



US \$15.00

CAN \$20.00

978-1-945820-32-8



***A thrilling
mystery of dark
family secrets!***



Beck Beveroth is the sheltered, home-schooled daughter of the over-protective Gil. Raised in the isolation of her father's remote homestead, Beck's on the edge of independence for the first time ever: she's been accepted for enrollment at an out-of-state college! Excited and apprehensive, she decides to road-trip with Dad to campus move-in day . . . but their plans go violently off-course when Beck hears gunfire while in the restroom at a gas station pit-stop. When she finally emerges from hiding, her father and their car are gone . . . and she's the only person left alive.

Lisa Naffziger is a comic artist and children's book illustrator from the Midwest. In March of 2014, she graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design with a BFA in Sequential Art. She is a full-time freelance artist, known for illustrating the graphic novel *Life's Questions Answered* and the children's book *Ozzie the Courageous Otter*.

- comics & graphic novels / erotica / anthology
- color art
- 240 pages
- 6.625" × 10.25"
- trade paperback
- available now

• **adults only**
(explicit sexuality)

Smut Peddler Presents Sex Machine

Edited by Amanda Lafrenais



US \$30.00

CAN \$40.00

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Get ready to turn on.

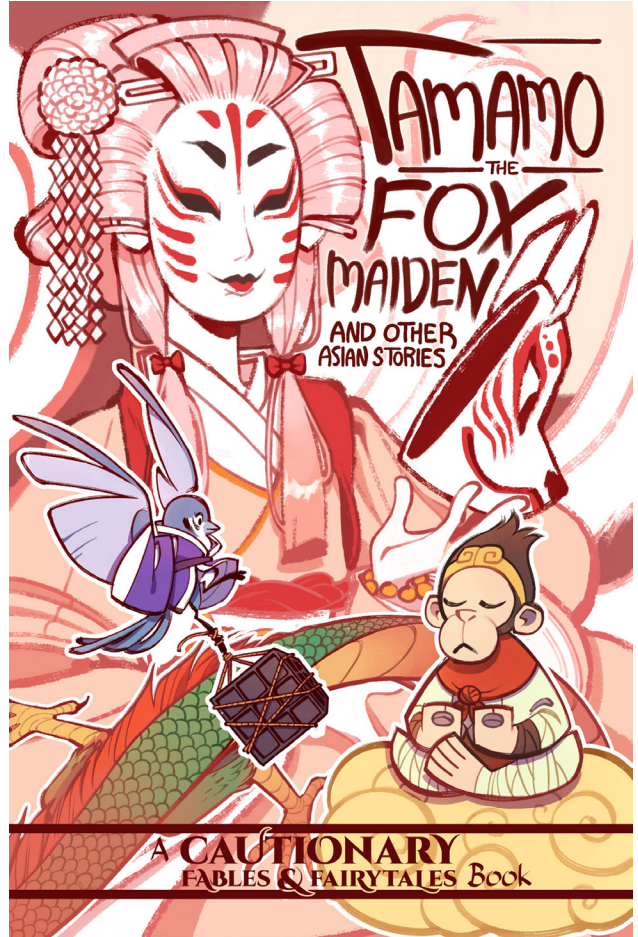


The latest in the **Smut Peddler** series of erotic anthologies, **Sex Machine** features sexy comics about robots, cyborgs, androids, and AIs!

- comics & graphic novels / fantasy / folklore / anthology
- black & white art
- 288 pages
- 20 stories
- 6" x 9"
- trade paperback
- available now
- middle-grade readers

Tamamo the Fox Maiden and Other Asian Stories

Edited by Kel McDonald



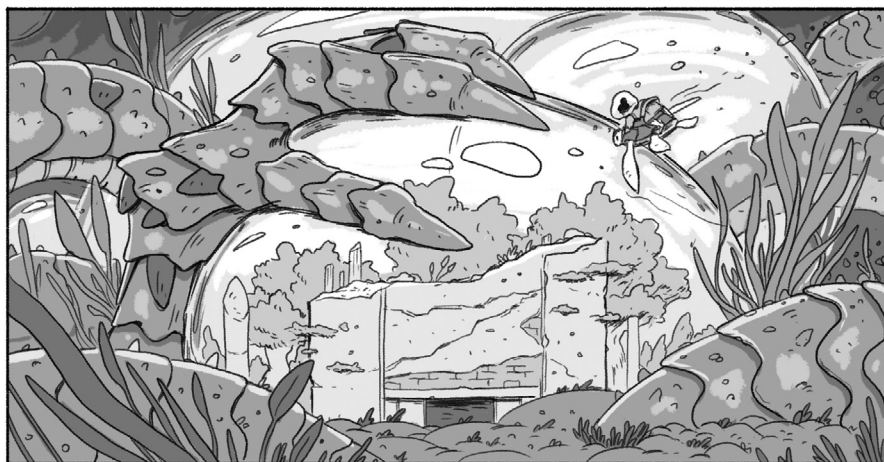
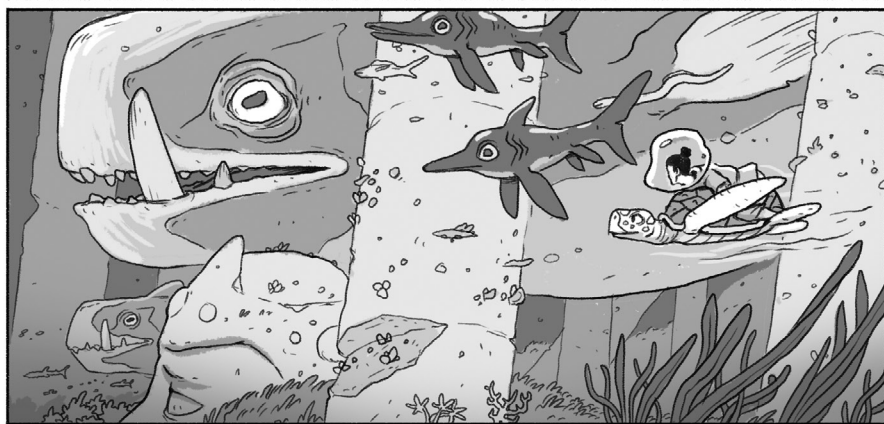
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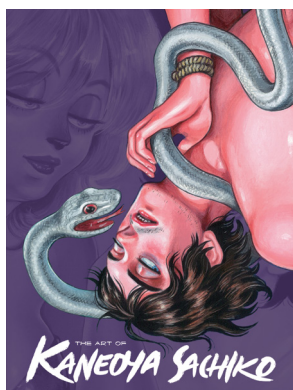


**Once upon a
time in Asia...**



The **Cautionary Fables and Fairy Tales** series is back, with twenty stories of myth and folklore from all over Asia! This anthology's cartoonists include **Nina Matsumoto** (*Yokaiden*), **Nick Dragotta** (*East of West*), **Gene Yang** (*American Born Chinese*), **Ron Chan** (*Plants vs. Zombies*), **Carla Speed McNeil** (*Finder*), **Terry Blas** (*Dead Weight*), **Cat Farris** (*My Boyfriend Is a Bear*), and a whole lot of other cool folks!

Fall/Winter 2018-2019



The Art of Kaneoya Sachiko

Illustrated by Kaneoya Sachiko

The first English-language collection of the titular artist, **The Art of Kaneoya Sachiko** chronicles the creator's work and themes for nearly a decade, showcasing the monstrous, the romantic, and the mortal suffering of her subjects. Inspired by anime and manga from the '50s and '90s, Kaneoya's global contingent of fans has never had a easily-obtainable volume of her work... until now.

- art / individual artists / Japan
- full color art with some black & white
- 224 pages
- 9" x 12"
- hardcover
- English and Japanese text
- available now
- **mature readers** (suggestive situations)

US \$35.00

CAN \$46.00

978-1-945820-22-9



The Chancellor and the Citadel

Written and illustrated by Maria Frantz

The world is over. All that remains is the Citadel, and the Chancellor who protects it from the hostility beyond its walls. But what can she do when the world at large is convinced it was her who brought the Earth to ruin in the first place, and are determined to make her pay for it by destroying the last hope the world has left?

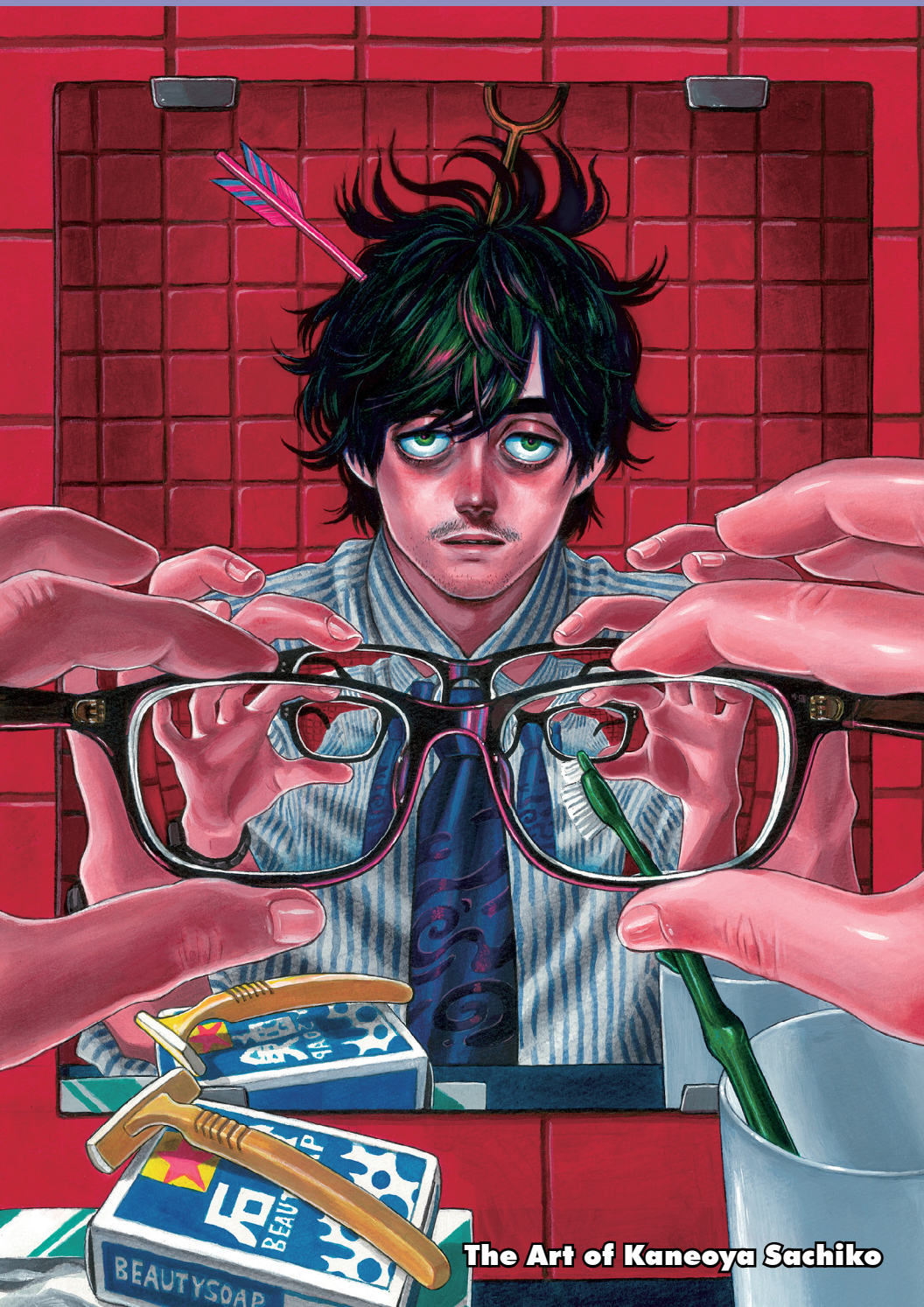
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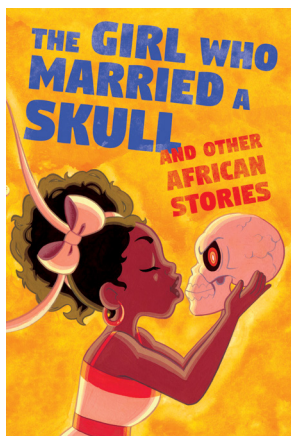


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Edited by C. Spike Trotman and Amanda Lafrenais

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- black & white art
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Meal

Written by Blue Delliquanti and Soleil Ho

Illustrated by Blue Delliquanti

Yarrow McMurray is a young woman determined to make her mark on the cutting edge of cookery with her insect-based creations. However, her evangelist streak concerning insect cuisine rubs some of her fellow chefs the wrong way . . . particularly Chanda Flores, member of a culture that's been eating bugs for centuries, and deeply suspicious of this young white woman's intentions to turn her traditions into the next big foodie trend. Can Yarrow win over Chanda . . . and Milani Spence, the neighbor she's been crushing on for weeks?

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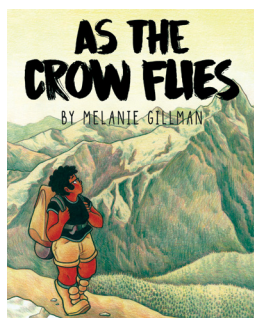
Blue Delliquanti is a comic artist based in Minneapolis. She is the author of the Lambda-nominated comic *O Human Star*, which been running since 2012. Her work has also appeared in various anthologies, including *Beyond, New World*, and *FTL, Y'all!*.

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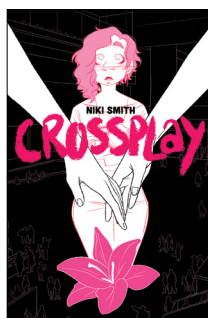
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Written and illustrated by Melanie Gillman

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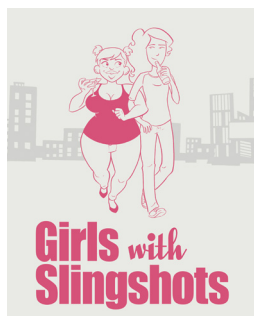
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Written and illustrated by Niki Smith

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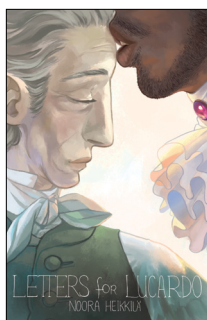
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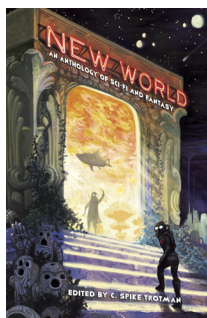
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Ed Fiedler is an aging scribe in a royal palace. Lucardo von Gishaupt is a forever-young aristocrat, and member of the mysterious and powerful Night Court. When the two develop feelings for one another, the line they cross will endanger them both. **ADULTS ONLY.**

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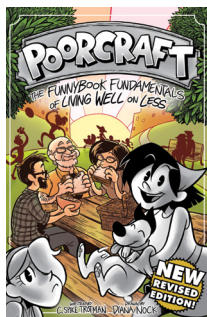
New World

Edited by C. Spike Trotman

This anthology of science fiction and fantasy focuses on culture clash, exploring what happens when different civilizations, worlds, and species meet. It revels in the wonder of the new, but reminds us that one person's adventure can be a whole community's tragedy.

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Edited by C. Spike Trotman

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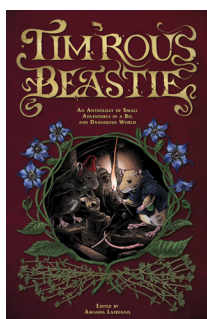
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Featuring ten tales of fantastic fornication, this erotic anthology brings three new elements to the wildly successful **Smut Peddler** formula: full color, longer stories, and a focus on not-exactly-human men. **ADULTS ONLY.**

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Tim'rous Beastie features tales of brave and imperiled critters defying their size and place in the natural order, and was inspired by *Watership Down*, *The Rats of NIMH*, the *Redwall* series, and other stories about tiny lives in a big, big world.

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