

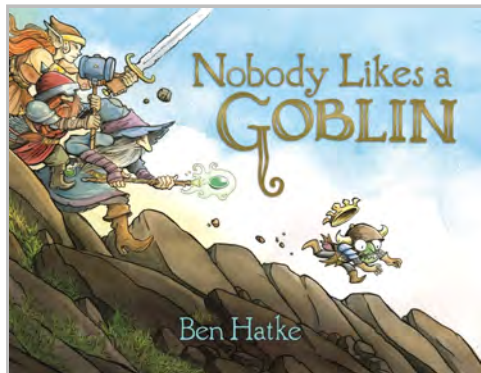
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First Second

SPRING 2016

BEN HATKE

Nobody Likes a Goblin



JUNE

First Second

Juvenile Fiction

On Sale 6/7/2016

Ages 4 to 8

Hardcover, 40 pages

11 in W | 8.5 in H

Carton Quantity: 30

ISBN: 9781626720817

\$17.99 / \$20.50 Can.

Also available



Little Robot

9781626720800

\$16.99/\$19.50 Can.

Julia's House for Lost Creatures

9781596438668

\$17.99/\$19.99 Can.

Zita the Spacegirl

9781596434462

\$12.99/\$14.99 Can.

An unlovely little goblin must leave his dungeon and become a hero in this picture book by #1 *New York Times*-bestselling graphic novelist Ben Hatke (*Zita the Spacegirl*).

Goblin, a cheerful little homebody, lives in a cosy, rat-infested dungeon, with his only friend, Skeleton. Every day, Goblin and Skeleton play with the treasure in their dungeon. But one day, a gang of "heroic" adventurers bursts in. These marauders trash the place, steal all the treasure, and make off with Skeleton--leaving Goblin all alone!

It's up to Goblin to save the day. But first he's going to have to leave the dungeon and find out how the rest of the world feels about goblins.

Ben Hatke struck picture book gold with *Julia's House for Lost Creatures*, and he brings more of the geekish whimsy that gave *Julia's* so much charm to *Nobody Likes a Goblin*.

Ben Hatke is the author and illustrator of the *New York Times*-bestselling *Zita the Spacegirl* series, the picture book *Julia's House for Lost Creatures*, and the graphic novel *Little Robot*. He lives and works in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia with his wife and their boisterous pack of daughters.
benhatke.com

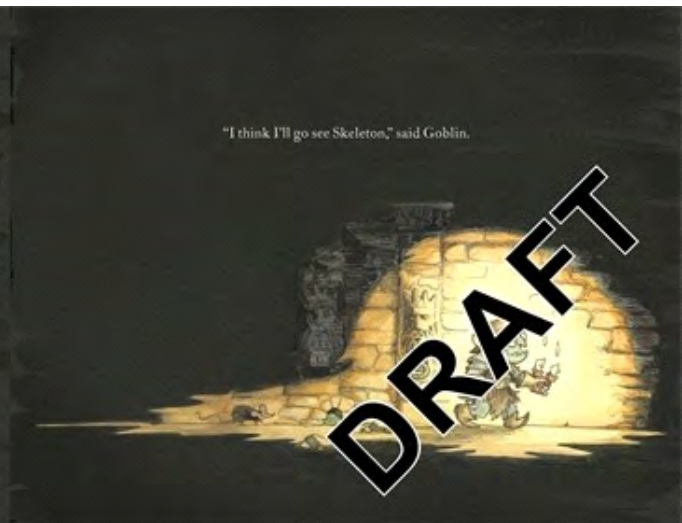
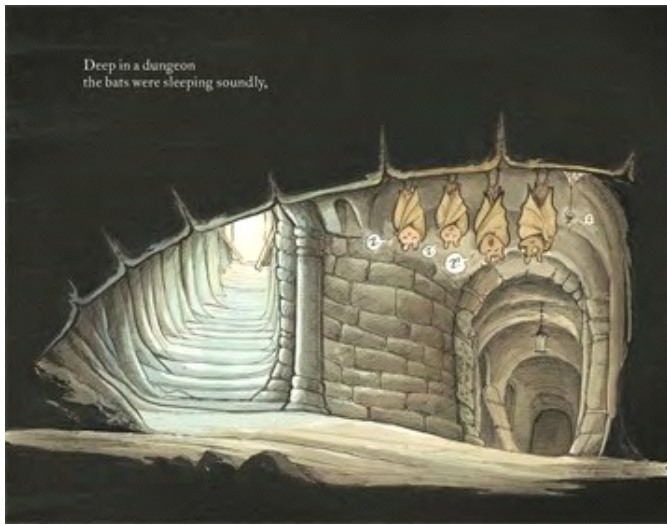
Praise For...

The *Zita the Spacegirl* series:

"Marvelously inventive!" -Boing Boing

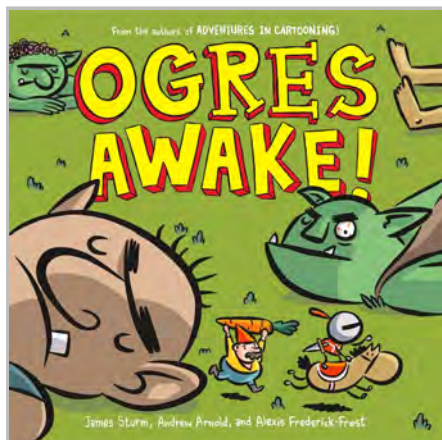
Julia's House for Lost Creatures:

"Hatke fills the comic-book-style, picture-book-sized pages with lovely watercolor illustrations of a menagerie of creatures. . . Imaginative tots will love *Julia's*



JAMES STURM, ANDREW ARNOLD & ALEXIS FREDERICK-FROST

Ogres Awake!



JULY

First Second

Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels

On Sale 7/12/2016

Ages 3 to 5

Hardcover, 40 pages

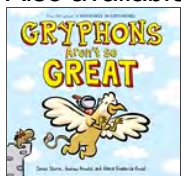
7.5 in W | 7.5 in H | 1 lb Wt

Carton Quantity: 50

ISBN: 9781596436534

\$14.99 / \$17.50 Can.

Also available



Gryphons Aren't So Great

9781596436527

\$14.99/\$17.50 Can.

Sleepless Knight

9781596436510

\$14.99/\$17.50 Can.

Adventures in Cartooning

9781596433694

\$12.99/\$15.99 Can.

In the third adorable picture book spin-off of *Adventures in Cartooning*, the Knight is up against an army of ogres!

The knight and her horse, Edward, have made a startling discovery: there are five huge ogres asleep at her doorstep! When these monsters wake up, the kingdom will be in big trouble! And so the knight, Edward, and some garden gnomes fight back, not with swords and shields, but with potato peelers and spoons. It turns out that ogres are pretty friendly when they have full stomachs!

Ogres Awake! offers more sweet, goofy storytelling from the creators of *Adventures in Cartooning*. With simple how-to-draw tutorials on the endpapers, these cute picture books are a playful extension of the hit instructional series.

James Sturm's books include *The Golem's Mighty Swing*, *Market Day*, and *Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow*. He is the co-founder of the Seattle alternative newspaper the *Stranger* and the Center for Cartoon Studies, an MFA degree granting college. cartoonstudies.org

Andrew Arnold's work has appeared in several publications, including *Nickelodeon Magazine* and *Cambridge University Press*. Originally from Houston, Texas, Andrew currently lives in New York City.

Alexis Frederick-Frost's illustrations have appeared in a variety of publications including *Nickelodeon Magazine*, *First Second Books*, and others. Alexis currently lives with his wife in Maryland. alexisff.blogspot.com

Praise For...

Gryphons Aren't So Great:

"This lively frolic is sure to please young readers." -*Kirkus Reviews*



LUCY KNISLEY

Something New

Tales from a Makeshift Bride



MAY

First Second

Comics & Graphic Novels / Romance

On Sale 5/3/2016

Trade Paperback , 304 pages

6 in W | 8.5 in H

Carton Quantity: 24

ISBN: 9781626722491

\$19.99 / \$22.99 Can.

Also available



Relish

9781596436237

\$17.99/\$19.99 Can.

New York Times-bestselling graphic memoirist Lucy Knisley (*Relish*) writes about her adorable DIY wedding!

In 2010, Lucy and her long-term boyfriend John broke up. Three long, lonely years later, John returned to New York, walked into Lucy's apartment, and proposed. This is not that story. It is the story of what came after: The Wedding.

DIY maven Lucy Knisley was fascinated by American wedding culture . . . but also sort of horrified by it. So she set out to plan and execute the adorable DIY wedding to end all adorable DIY weddings. And she succeeded. This graphic novel--clocking in at almost 300 pages of humor, despair, and eternal love--is the story of how Lucy built a barn, invented a whole new kind of photo booth, and managed to turn an outdoor wedding on a rainy day into a joyous (though muddy) triumph.

Lucy Knisley is the author and illustrator of beloved graphic novels about memory, identity, food and family. Her Alex Award-winning graphic novel, *Relish: My Life in the Kitchen*, tells the story of her childhood steeped in the food industry. It was a *New York Times* bestseller and has been translated into five languages. Her travelogues (*French Milk*, *An Age of License*, and *Displacement*) and web comic series (*Stop Paying Attention*) have been lauded by critics, and her combined work has built her a devoted readership for her honest and thoughtful true-life stories. She lives and works in Chicago, with her new husband. lucyknisley.com

Praise For...

Relish:

"I plan on buying this book for every foodie I know." - *Wired*

MARKETING

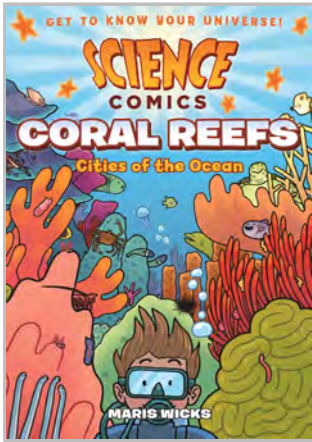
- National Author Tour
- Book Festival/Regional Trade Show Appearances
- Major National Women/Parenting Media Campaign
- Extensive Digital Marketing & Social Media Campaign
- School & Library Marketing Campaign



MARIS WICKS

Science Comics: Coral Reefs

Cities of the Ocean



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First Second

Juvenile Nonfiction / Comics & Graphic Novels

On Sale 5/3/2016

Ages 9 to 13

Trade Paperback , 128 pages

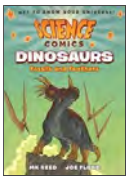
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Carton Quantity: 50

ISBN: 9781626721456

\$9.99 / \$10.50 Can.

Also available



Science Comics: Dinosaurs

9781626721432

\$9.99/\$10.50 Can.

Dive into coral reefs with Maris Wicks (*Human Body Theater*) in this volume of Science Comics, an action-packed nonfiction graphic novel series for middle grade readers!

Every volume of Science Comics offers a complete introduction to a particular topic--dinosaurs, coral reefs, the solar system, volcanoes, bats, flying machines, and more. These gorgeously illustrated graphic novels offer wildly entertaining views of their subjects. Whether you're a fourth grader doing a natural science unit at school or a thirty-year-old with a secret passion for airplanes, these books are for you!

This volume: in *Coral Reefs*, we learn all about these tiny, adorable sea animals! This absorbing look at ocean science covers the biology of coral reefs as well as their ecological importance. Nonfiction comics genius Maris Wicks brings to bear her signature combination of hardcore cuteness and in-depth science.

Maris Wicks lives in sunny Somerville, Massachusetts. She is the author behind *Human Body Theater*, as well as the illustrator of *New York Times*-bestselling *Primates*, with Jim Ottaviani. When she's not making comics, Wicks works as a program educator at the New England Aquarium. She is quite fond of being in the water, whether it's swimming in ponds or scuba diving in the Atlantic Ocean.
dotsforeyes.blogspot.com

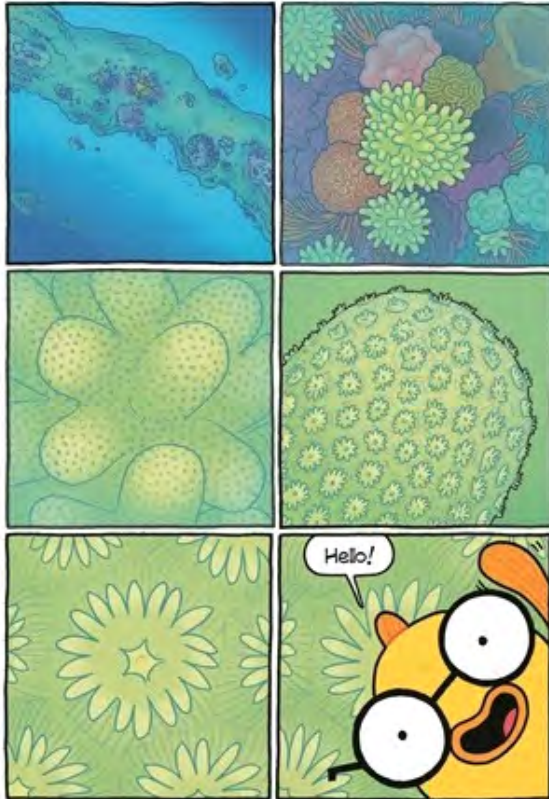
Praise For...

Human Body Theater:

"Brilliant adjunct reading for biology students and the terminally curious." -*Publisher's Weekly*

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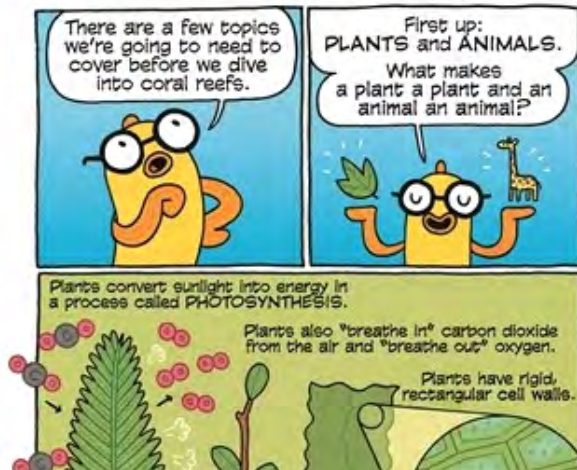
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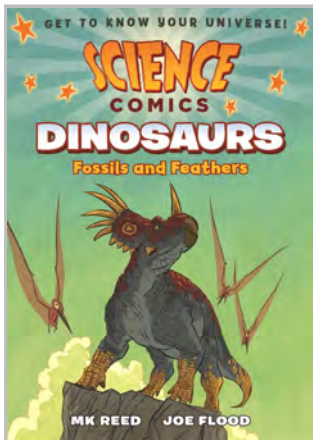
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WRITTEN BY MK REED; ILLUSTRATED BY JOE FLOOD

Science Comics: Dinosaurs

Fossils and Feathers



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Juvenile Nonfiction / Comics & Graphic Novels

On Sale 5/3/2016

Ages 9 to 13

Trade Paperback , 128 pages

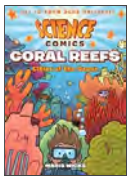
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Carton Quantity: 50

ISBN: 9781626721432

\$9.99 / \$10.50 Can.

Also available



Science Comics: Coral Reefs

9781626721456

\$9.99/\$10.50 Can.

Face off with dinosaurs in this earth-shaking volume of Science Comics, an action-packed nonfiction graphic novel series for middle grade readers!

Every volume of Science Comics offers a complete introduction to a particular topic--dinosaurs, coral reefs, the solar system, volcanoes, bats, flying machines, and more. These gorgeously illustrated graphic novels offer wildly entertaining views of their subjects. Whether you're a fourth grader doing a natural science unit at school or a thirty-year-old with a secret passion for airplanes, these books are for you!

This volume: in *Dinosaurs*, learn all about the history of paleontology! This fascinating look at dinosaur science covers the last 150 years of dinosaur hunting, and illuminates how our ideas about dinosaurs have changed--
-
and continue to change.

MK Reed is the writer of *Americus*, *The Cute Girl Network*, and *Palefire*. She draws a web-comic adaptation of Irish mythology, *About a Bull*. MK lives with her very tall husband. mkreed.com

Joe Flood is a cartoonist and illustrator whose work includes *Orcs: Forged for War* and *The Cute Girl Network*. He lives in New York's Hudson Valley with his family. joefloodcomics.blogspot.com

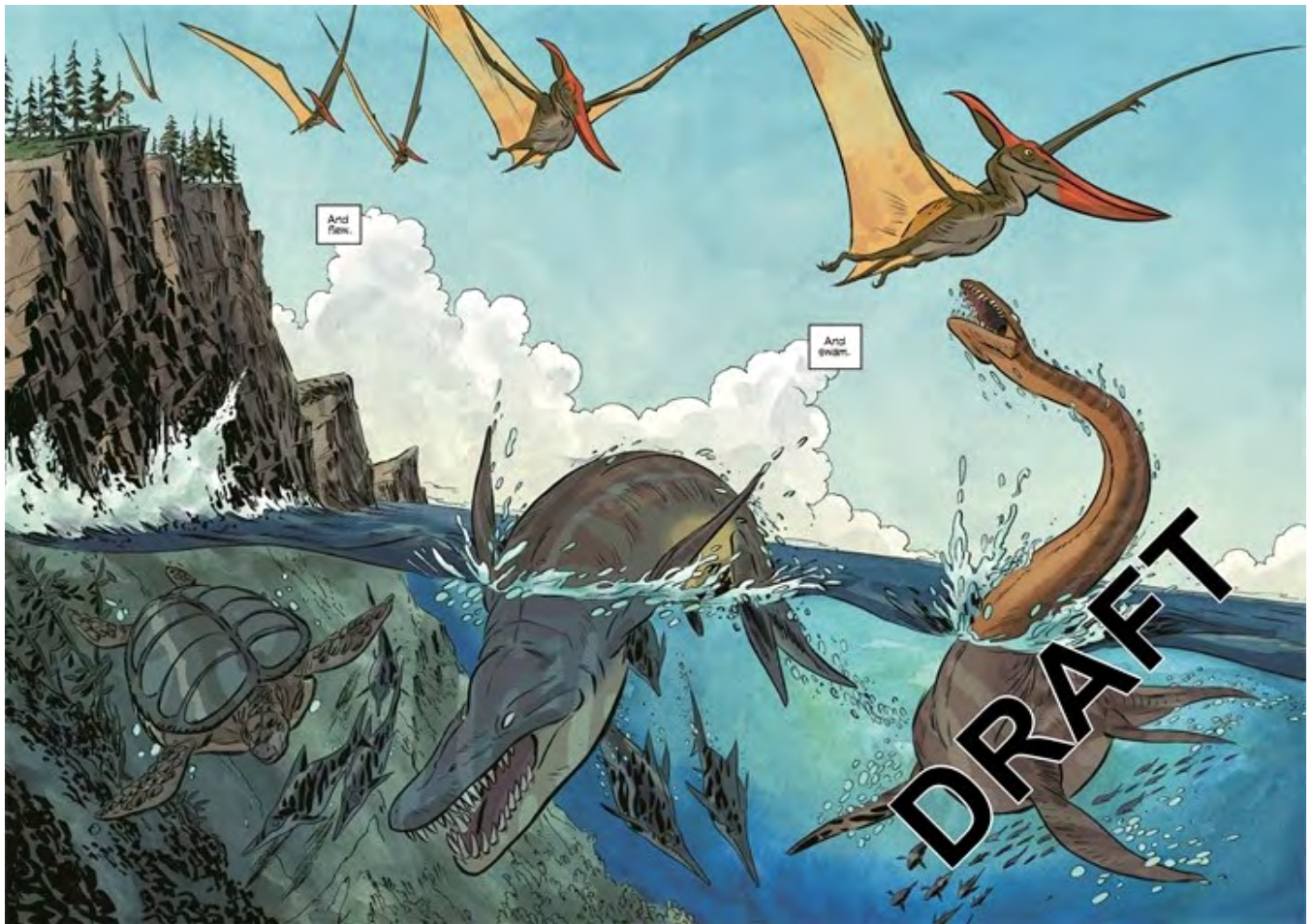
Praise For...

Americus:

"This clever mix of fantasy and realistic fiction, thoughtful pacing, authentic dialogue, and expressive art perfectly captures the angst of a nerdy teen who is at first ostracized but then finds his niche as he finds his voice."
-*Booklist*

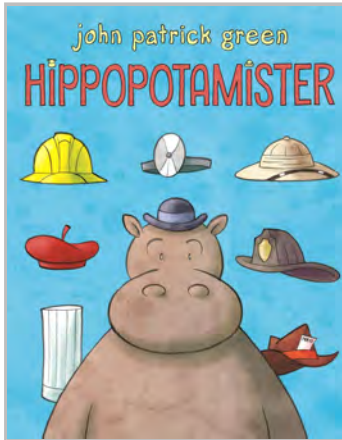
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- Major School & Library Marketing Campaign



JOHN PATRICK GREEN

Hippopotamister



MAY

First Second

Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels

On Sale 5/10/2016

Ages 5 to 8

Hardcover , 96 pages

7 in W | 9 in H

Carton Quantity: 24

ISBN: 9781626722002

\$17.99 / \$20.50 Can.

When Hippo left the zoo, he was ready for adventure! But is he ready for his first job?

The zoo isn't what it used to be. It's run-down and falling apart. Hippo hardly ever gets any visitors. So he decides to set off for the outside with his friend Red Panda. To make it in the human world, Hippo will have to become a Hippopotamister: he'll have to act like a human, get a job, and wear a hat as a disguise. He's a good employee, whether he's a construction worker, a hair stylist, or a sous chef. But what he really needs is a job where he can be himself.

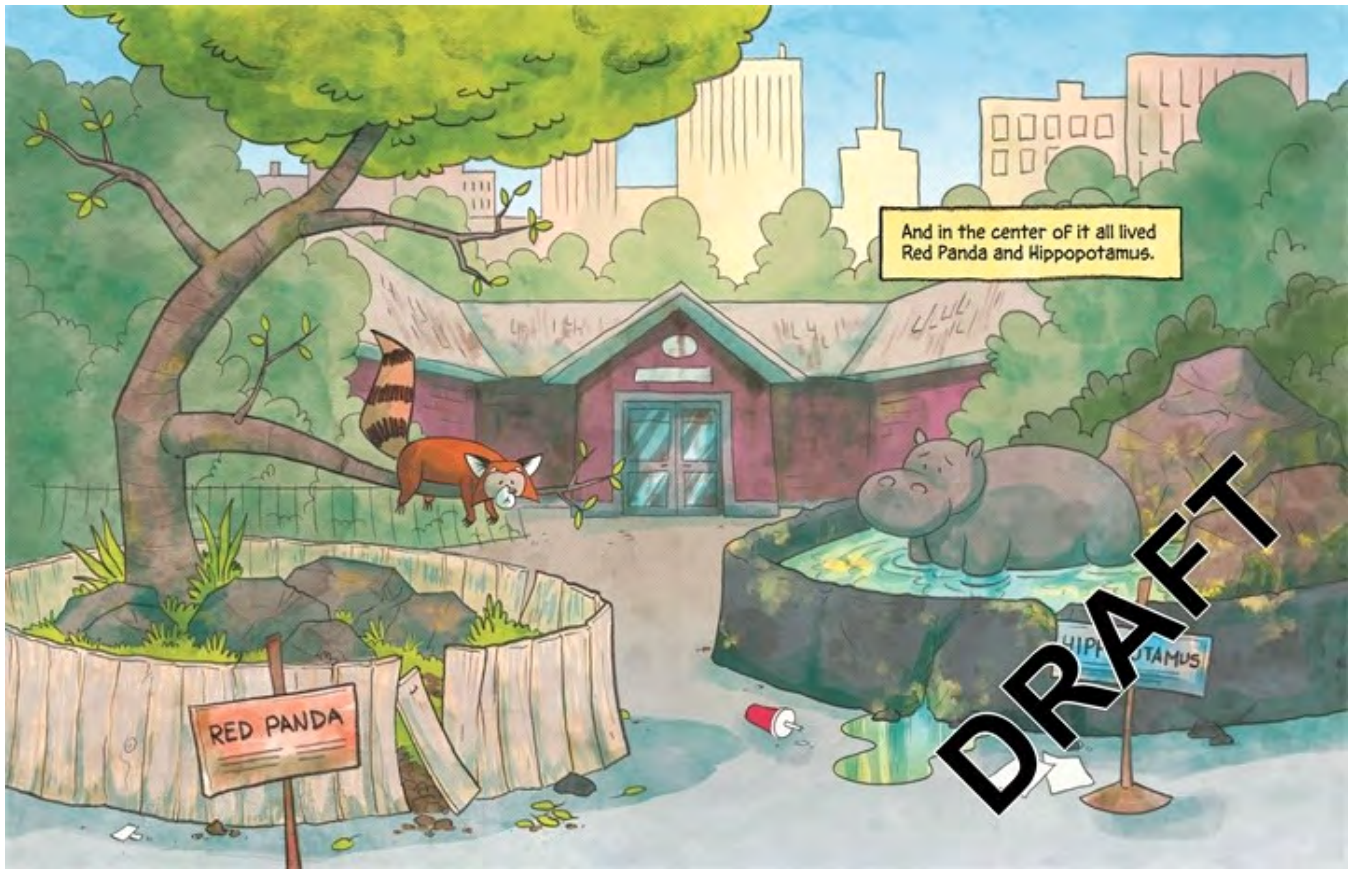
John Patrick Green grew up on Long Island in New York and went to the School of Visual Arts for graphic design. He is the illustrator of the graphic novels *Jax Epoch* and *the Quicken Forbidden* and *Teen Boat!*, both with writer Dave Roman. He's also worked on comics for Disney, Nickelodeon, DreamWorks, Scholastic, and DC Comics. John lives in Brooklyn with zero cats and way too many LEGOs. johnngreenart.com

Praise For...

Hippopotamister:

"Clever and fun!" -Raina Telgemeier, author of *Smile*

"The perfect roadway for those kids looking for a path from picture books to graphic novels." -Nick Bruel, creator of the Bad Kitty series



BASTIEN VIVÈS, MICHAËL SANLAVILLE, BALAK

The Order



JULY

First Second

Comics & Graphic Novels

On Sale 7/19/2016

Trade Paperback , 208 pages

6 in W | 8.5 in H

Carton Quantity: 36

ISBN: 9781626720503

\$9.99 / \$11.50 Can.

Also available



The Chase

9781626720480

\$9.99/\$11.50 Can.

The Royal Cup

9781626720473

\$9.99/\$11.50 Can.

The Stranger

9781626720466

\$9.99/\$11.50 Can.

Last Man is back with its penultimate volume! The series' high-octane combination of fantasy and martial arts will keep readers hooked.

Marianne and Adrian have distinguished themselves as a fighting duo in Paxtown, a shimmering metropolis a universe away from the Valley of the Kings. Team Velba, Richard, and Cristo Canyon all duke it out in the ring against friend and foe alike.

Meanwhile, desperation is on the rise in the Valley of Kings as its monarch frantically searches for the Velbas and Richard, who is now marked as a trophy thief and a kidnapper. The two worlds become linked, however, when members of a mysterious organization, wielding supernatural powers, arrive in Paxtown.

Bastien Vivès was born in 1984 in Paris. He spent his childhood drawing with his brother. His studies focused on illustration and animation at the École des Gobelins. His first title came out in 2007.

Michaël Sanlaville graduated from the Emile Cohl school, and later the Gobelins, after which he followed twin careers in animation (at the Xilam studio) and in comics with Casterman Publishers.

Balak (aka Yves Bigerel) graduated from the Gobelins School of Animation in 2006. Balak works as a storyboard artist, 2-D animator, and TV show director in France. He works with Marvel Comics on the new digital Infinite Comics brand as a storyboard artist.

Praise For...

The Last Man series:

"Last Man is irresistible. This series is a winner." -Paul Pope, author of *Battling Boy*



ERIC ORCHARD

Bera the One-Headed Troll**AUGUST**

First Second

Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels

On Sale 8/2/2016

Ages 7 to 10

Hardcover, 128 pages

7 in W | 9 in H

Carton Quantity: 32

ISBN: 9781626721067

\$17.99 / \$20.50 Can.

Welcome to the land of the trolls. No babies allowed.

Bera doesn't ask for much in life. She's a solitary, humble troll, tending her island pumpkin patch in cheerful isolation. She isn't looking for any trouble.

But when trouble comes to find her, it comes in spades. A human baby has arrived in the realm of the trolls, and nobody knows where it came from, but Bera seems to be the only person who doesn't want it dead. There's nothing to it but to return the adorable little thing to its parents.

Like it or not, Bera's gone and found herself a quest.

From noted picture book illustrator and graphic novelist (*Maddy Kettle*) Eric Orchard comes a delightful new fantasy adventure with all the sweetness, spookiness, and satisfaction of your favorite childhood bedtime story.

Eric Orchard is the author and illustrator of the *Maddy Kettle* books and a number of picture books. He has won a Spectrum Award for his illustrations and has been included in the Society of Illustrators annual exhibition. On his own time, Eric has studied folklore as well as comic books. *Bera the One-Headed Troll* is inspired by Norse fairy tales and illustrations by Arthur Rackham and Maurice Sendak. Eric currently lives in Toronto with his wife, two young sons, and studio companion: Albert Pineapple the parrot.

MARKETING

- Select Author Appearances
- Festival Appearances
- Major National Children's Literature/Comics/Fantasy Media Campaign
- Digital Marketing & Social Media Campaign



GREG COOK

Friends Is Friends



AUGUST

First Second

Comics & Graphic Novels

On Sale 8/16/2016

Hardcover , 192 pages
6 in W | 8.5 in H | 1 lb Wt
Carton Quantity: 20
ISBN: 9781596431058
\$19.99 / \$22.99 Can.

Friendship can be complicated, especially when your best friend is a hobo elephant!

Friends Is Friends tells the story of complicated friendships through a series of funny, bittersweet vignettes. Greg Cook's deceptively sweet storybook world is imbued with grown-up humor that is both dark and whimsical. The result is a fable for adults, where the only clear moral is this: friendship isn't easy, whether you're a hobo or a snowman or a ghost.

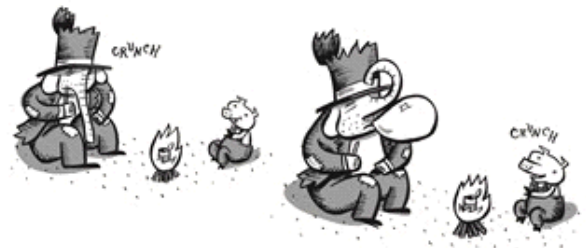
Friends Is Friends is indie-favorite Greg Cook's first major work in over a decade. This long-awaited tragicomedy is a great stand-alone work for both new and established graphic novel readers.

Greg Cook was part of the new wave of underground cartoonists who emerged in the mid-nineties and pushed the boundaries of contemporary comic books. His work has been featured in *Nickelodeon Magazine*, *The Believer*, *Arthur*, *Non*, and numerous other publications. His darkly funny graphic novel *Catch As Catch Can* was published by Highwater Books in 2001 and helped him win the Promising New Talent award at the Small Press Expo in Bethesda, Maryland the following year.

Praise For...

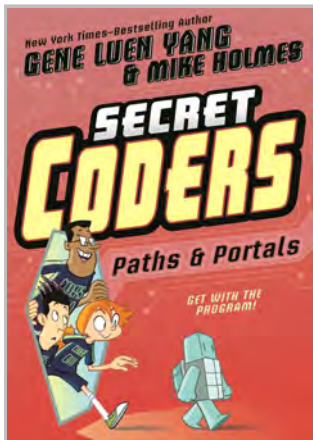
Catch As Catch Can:

"While the book evokes many pleasures of youth (Richard Scarry's picture books and the tale of Pinocchio, among them), Cook creates a grown-up fantasy world where every pleasure has its price, and just beyond sweetness lies vice." -*Publishers Weekly*



WRITTEN BY GENE LUEN YANG; ILLUSTRATED BY MIKE HOLMES

Paths & Portals



AUGUST

First Second

Juvenile Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels

On Sale 8/30/2016

Ages 8 to 12

Trade Paperback, 96 pages

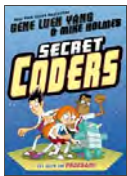
6 in W | 8.5 in H

Carton Quantity: 48

ISBN: 9781626720763

\$10.99 / \$12.99 Can.

Also available



Secret Coders

9781626720756

\$9.99/\$11.50 Can.

Boxers & Saints Boxed Set

9781596439245

\$34.99/\$39.99 Can.

American Born Chinese

9780312384487

\$9.99/\$10.99 Can.

Hopper and Eni are back in the second volume of the exciting new computer-programming series by *New York Times*-bestselling author Gene Luen Yang.

Stately Academy is just crawling with mysteries to be solved! In the last volume, Hopper and Eni discovered a robot in the supply closet and programmed him to do mischief. Now they're trapped in an underground lair, and they must use their new programming skills to escape.

Hot on the heels of the highly anticipated first volume, *Paths & Portals* offers more of the same high-stakes adventure and real-world coding instruction. The Secret Coders series is an exciting new direction for Gene Luen Yang, one of the most popular creators in children's comics.

Gene Luen Yang has written and drawn many comics, including the hit *Avatar: The Last Airbender* series. *American Born Chinese* was a National Book Award finalist, as well as the winner of the Printz Award and an Eisner Award. He also won the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for *Boxers & Saints*. Yang lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. geneyang.com

Mike Holmes has drawn for the comics series *Bravest Warriors*, *Adventure Time*, and the viral art project *Mikenesses*. His books include the *True Story* collection (2011), *This American Drive* (2009), and *Shenanigans*. He lives with a cat named Ella, who is his best buddy.

Praise For...

Secret Coders:

"By the end of *Secret Coders*, readers will learn the three major ways that code is organized, right alongside Hopper and Eni, not as something dry or rote, but something transformative." -Wired.com

MARKETING

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