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The Hospital Suite Drawn and Quarterly

A mini-comics master's poetic musings on illness & the art of getting by *The Hospital Suite* is a landmark work by the celebrated cartoonist and small-press legend John Porcellino—an autobiographical collection detailing his struggles with illness in the 1990s and early 2000s. In 1997, John began to have severe stomach pain. He soon found out he needed emergency surgery to remove a benign tumor from his small intestine. In the wake of the surgery, he had numerous health complications that led to a flare-up of his preexisting tendencies toward anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorder. *The Hospital Suite* is Porcellino's response to these experiences—simply told stories drawn in the honest, heart-wrenching style of his much-loved *King-Cat* mini-comics. His gift for

spare yet eloquent candor makes *The Hospital Suite* an intimate portrayal of one person's experiences that is also intensely relatable. Porcellino's work is lauded for its universality and quiet, clear-eyed contemplation of everyday life. *The Hospital Suite* is a testimony to this subtle strength, making his struggles with the medical system and its consequences for his mental health accessible and engaging.

Tongues #3 St. Martin's Press

A long-out-of-print classic by a master of underground comics In the late 1980s, the idiosyncratic Chester Brown (author of the much-lauded *Paying For It* and *Louis Riel*) began writing the cult classic comic book series *Yummy Fur*. Within its pages, he serialized the groundbreaking *Ed the Happy Clown*, revealing a macabre universe of parallel dimensions. Thanks to its wholly original yet disturbing story lines, *Ed* set the stage for Chester Brown to become a world-renowned cartoonist. *Ed the Happy Clown* is a hallucinatory tale that functions simultaneously as a dark roller-coaster ride of criminal activity and a scathing condemnation of religious and political charlatanism. As the world around him devolves into madness, the eponymous *Ed*

escapes variously from a jealous boyfriend, sewer monsters, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and a janitor with a Jesus complex. Brown leaves us wondering, with every twist of the plot, just how Ed will get out of this scrape. The intimate, tangled world of Ed the Happy Clown is definitively presented here, repackaged with a new foreword by the author and an extensive notes section, and, as with every Brown book, astonishingly perceptive about the zeitgeist of its time.

Tidepool Drawn and Quarterly

An experimental collection of art, humor and philosophy. Monologues for Calculating the Density of Black Holes takes up where the artist's first volume, Monologues for the Coming Plague, left off. Like the Coming Plague, the Density of Black Holes is a creatively experimental laboratory, comprising a collection of free flowing stream-of-consciousness gags, strips, and drawings that slowly coalesce into an unexpectedly compelling and complex narrative. The hints of story that came together in Coming Plague are extrapolated and expanded upon and grow to incorporate some of Nilsen's other outre strips from the anthology MOME, two of which are reprinted here in expanded form. The book is an audacious investigation into the rhythms of storytelling, the blurring of media, and an exercise in reconciling contrasts. p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 13.9px Arial; color: #424242}

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Tongues #4 Pantheon

A STORY OF LOVE AND LOSS INSCRIBED IN PHOTOGRAPHS, POSTCARDS, LETTERS, AND BEDSIDE SKETCHES In this collection of letters, drawings, and photos, Anders Nilsen chronicles a six-year relationship and the illness that brought it to an end. Don't Go Where I Can't Follow is an eloquent appreciation of the time the author shared with his fiancée, Cheryl Weaver. The story is told using artifacts of the couple's life together, including early love notes, simple and poetic postcards, tales of their travels in written and comics form, journal entries, and drawings done in the hospital in her final days. It concludes with a beautifully rendered account of Weaver's memorial that Glen David

Gold, writing in the Los Angeles Times, called "16 panels of beauty and grace." Don't Go Where I Can't Follow is a deeply personal romance, and a universal reminder of our mortality and the significance of the relationships we build. Originally published as a limited edition in 2006, this collection includes a new afterword written by Nilsen.

Tongues Drawn and Quarterly

A collection of literary comics exploring joy, anguish, fear, and loneliness.

Big Questions Drawn and Quarterly Presents an anthology of contemporary comics by such cartoonists as Richard McGuire, Mark Newgarden, Lynda Barry, and Jaime and Gilbert Hernandez, along with a few vintage comics.

Rosalie Lightning Fantagraphics Books

'Show me something I've never seen before and will never be able to forget - if you can do that, you can do anything.' It's 1957, long before computers have replaced the trained eye and skilful hand. Our narrator at State University is determined to major in Art, and after several risible false starts, he accidentally ends up in a new class: 'Introduction to Graphic Design'. His teacher is the enigmatic Winter Sorbeck, equal parts genius, seducer and sadist. Sorbeck is a bitter yet fascinating man whose assignments hurl his charges through a gauntlet of humiliation and heartache,

shame and triumph, ego-bashing and enlightenment. Along the way, friendships are made and undone, jealousies simmer, and the sexual tango weaves and dips. By the end of their 'Introduction to Graphic Design', Sorbeck's students will never see the world in the same way again. And, with Chip Kidd's insights into the secrets of graphic design, neither will you.

Don't Go Where I Can't Follow Simon and Schuster

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God Is Dead Penguin

"Five years after Mr. Edward Hyde's bloody reign of terror, the streets of London run red once again when a series of prostitutes are murdered with surgical precision. Convinced that the killer is using the same serum that birthed Hyde, Inspector Thomas Adye of Scotland Yard seeks assistance from its creator, the imprisoned Dr. Henry Jekyll. But even as Jekyll convinces Adye that he can best aid in the hunt if freed from prison, evidence mounts that he is not completely

cured of Hyde. With the two monsters set to collide, can Adye—or his soul—survive intact?"--Provided by publisher. *Oksi Fantagraphics Books* *Big Questions* Drawn and Quarterly *Ant Colony* *Big Questions* "Wilson's plot hits all the right beats... Devotees of cosmic horror will enjoy this woman-centered take on familiar tropes."

-Publisher's Weekly If ye give not willingly, the Lords will rise... In 1913, Henry Hamilton disappears while on a business trip, and his sister, Sorrow, won't rest until she finds him. Defying her father's orders to remain at home, she travels to Tidepool, the last place Henry visited. Residents of the small, shabby oceanside town can't quite meet Sorrow's eyes when she questions them about Henry. When corpses wash up on shore looking as if they've been torn apart by something not quite human, Sorrow is ready to return to Baltimore and let her father send in the professional detectives. Then, she meets Mrs. Ada Oliver, a widow whose black silk dresses and elegant manners set her apart from other Tidepool residents. After a terrifying encounter

involving Mrs. Oliver, Sorrow discovers Tidepool's dark, deadly secret, and the town's denizens—human and otherwise—are hell bent on making sure she never leaves. Atmospheric, riveting, and frightening, Tidepool is a must read Lovecraftian dark fantasy for those who pursue the truth no matter the personal cost. hr "Richly dark and enthralling!" --Verified Reviewer "The creeping dread of Lovecraftian horror by way of American Horror Story - Tidepool will ensure you never look at the ocean the same way again!" --Peter McLean, author of War for the Rose Throne Series "Part Thomas Ligotti, part Penny Dreadful, Tidepool, is a novel about the gravitational forces of fate, pulling characters in against their will, with readers only able to sit and watch the catastrophe unfold. This is the compelling force of all great horror, to hope for rescue even when we know it will not come, to want to escape even as we turn the next page. Willson wields a deft hand of darkness and humanity in this compelling debut." -- Jaye Viner, author of Jane of Battery Park

Big Questions McSweeneys Books

Set in modern central Asia, the first chapter of Tongues

introduces a captive deity and the eagle who is his jailor, a young man lost in a wilderness and a girl on a journey to carry out a murder.

Reading Comics Drawn & Quarterly

New and formally inventive work from a New York Times notable author In Poetry is Useless, Anders Nilsen redefines the sketchbook format, intermingling elegant, densely detailed renderings of mythical animals, short comics drawn in ink, meditations on religion, and abstract shapes and patterns. Page after page gives way under Nilsen's deft hatching and perfectly placed pen strokes, revealing his intellectual curiosity and wry outlook on life's many surprises. Stick people debate the dubious merits of economics. Immaculately stippled circles become looser and looser, as craters appear on their surface. A series of portraits capture the backs of friends' heads. For ten or twenty pages at a time, Poetry is Useless becomes a travel diary, in which Nilsen shares anecdotes about his voyages in Europe and North America. A trip to Colombia for a comics festival is recounted in carefully drawn city streets and sketches made in cafés.

Poetry is Useless reveals seven years of Nilsen's life and musings: beginning in 2007, it covers a substantial period of his comics career to date, and includes visual reference to his works, such as *Dogs & Water*, *Rage of Poseidon*, and the New York Times Notable Book *Big Questions*. This expansive sketchbook-as-graphic-novel is exquisitely packaged with appendices and a foreword from Anders Nilsen himself.

Macmillan

Absurd, award-winning pencil drawings of animals in a blind collaboration by two European comic artists. In this enigmatic series of pencil drawings, flamingoes attack taxi drivers, bears eat boiled eggs and bishops contend with an angry mob of seals. A patchwork narrative of metaphoric truths about humans and nature, this is a seamless work with deep, unsettling imagery.

Big Questions The Parliament House

Assembled from work done in Anders Nilsen's sketchbooks over the course of the year following the death of his fiancée in 2005, *The End* is a collection of short strips about loss, paralysis, waiting, and transformation. It is a concept album in different styles, a meditation on paying attention, an abstracted autobiography and a travelogue, reflecting the

progress of his struggle to reconcile the great upheaval of a death, and finding a new life on the other side. The book blends Nilsen's disparate styles, from the iconic simplicity and collaged drawings of his *Monologues* for the *Coming Plague* to the finely rendered *Dogs and Water* and *Big Questions*. Originally released in magazine form in 2007, *The End* has been updated and expanded to more than twice its original length, including a 16-page full-color section.

In Your Next Life You Will Be Together with All of Your Friends

Drawn and Quarterly
In Pale Fire Nabokov offers a cornucopia of deceptive pleasures: a 999-line poem by the reclusive genius John Shade; an adoring foreword and commentary by Shade's self-styled Boswell, Dr. Charles Kinbote; a darkly comic novel of suspense, literary idolatry and one-upmanship, and political intrigue.

Ed the Happy Clown Drawn and Quarterly

From one of the great comic innovators, the long-awaited fulfillment of a pioneering comic vision. Richard McGuire's *Here* is the story of a corner of a room and of the events that have occurred in that space over the course of hundreds of thousands of years. (With full-color

illustrations throughout.)

Rage of Poseidon Drawn & Quarterly
Follows the strange exploits of a handful of black ants in a colony at war with a nearby colony of red ants.

Rage of Poseidon Drawn and Quarterly

A wise and funny collection of modern-day parables about the ties between humans and their gods. Imagine you are Poseidon at the dawn of the twenty-first century. The oceans are dying and sailors have long since stopped paying tribute. They just don't need you anymore. What do you do? Perhaps, seeking answers, you go exploring. Maybe you end up in Wisconsin and discover the pleasures of the iced latte. And then, perhaps, everything goes wrong. Anders Nilsen, the author of *Big Questions* and *Don't Go Where I Can't Follow*, explores questions like these in his newest work, a darkly funny meditation on religion and faith with a modern twist. *Rage of Poseidon* brings all the philosophical depth of Nilsen's earlier work to bear on contemporary society, asking how a twenty-first-century child might respond to being sacrificed on a mountaintop, and probing the role gods like Venus and Bacchus might have in the world of today. Nilsen works in a unique style for these short stories, distilling individual moments in black silhouette on a spare white background. Above all, though, he immerses us seamlessly in a

world where gods and humans are more alike than not, forcing us to recognize the humor in our (and their) desperation. *Rage of Poseidon* is devastating, insightful, and beautifully hewn; it's a wry triumph in an all-new style from a masterful artist.