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Comic Book Rebels

Alewitz brings to this tradition his own rich sense of irony, humor, and fantasy to illuminate the hidden spaces where connections between the workforce of the U.S.

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and its extended relatives across the planet are to be found."--BOOK JACKET.

Esquire

Interviews with the Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of Maus: A Survivor's Tale

500 Essential Graphic Novels

Carl Barks

Bob and Harv's Comics

Collected interviews with the creator of American Splendor, the longest-running autobiographical comic book series produced in America

Art Spiegelman

Bob Dylan, John Steinbeck, Robert Altman: Americans who defined through their art the struggles of the common man yet one name is missing from this list:

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Cleveland's most famous writer, actor and complainer, the acutely observational Harvey Pekar! Witness Harvey's daily trials and tribulations in this all-new graphic novel, as he struggles with the complexities of modern life including refilling a prescription at the pharmacy, the joy of taxes, avoiding house clutter and those dreaded automobile repairs! Each story captures the struggle of modern man, often with hilarious outcomes! Illustrated by comics' best-known talent including Dean Haspiel, Darwyn Cooke, Warren Pleece and Darick Robertson, American Splendor is a joyous slice of American life.

Inks

Describes changing public attitudes towards comic books

Comic Books as History

The comics within capture in intimate, often awkward, but always relatable detail the tribulations and triumphs of life. In particular, the lives of 18 Jewish women artists who bare all in their work, which appeared in the internationally acclaimed exhibition "Graphic Details: Confessional Comics by Jewish Women." The comics are enhanced by original essays and interviews with the artists that provide further insight into the creation of autobiographical comics that resonate beyond self,

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beyond gender, and beyond ethnicity.

The Quitter

A lifelong Cleveland resident, Harvey Pekar (1939-2010) pioneered autobiographical comics, mining the mundane for magic since 1976 in his ongoing American Splendor series. Harvey Pekar's Cleveland is sadly one of his last, but happily one of his most definitive graphic novels. It combines classic American Splendor autobiographical anecdotes with key moments and characters in the city's history as relayed to us by Our Man and meticulously researched and rendered by artist Joseph Remnant. With an introduction by Alan Moore too boot!

The Beats

Reading Comics

A tour of America's underground literary movement, presented in a graphic tale format, includes coverage of the Benzedrine-fueled antics of Jack Kerouac, Chicago's beatnik bistro, and San Francisco's City Lights bookstore.

Print

Choice

Wolverine is the best there is at what he does - fighting in mutant-mixed-martial-arts tournaments, handing out relationship advice and eating hot dogs! Spider-Man issues the ultimate challenge to one of his deadliest enemies - an invitation to the prom! The Mighty Thor forges a powerful new alliance - with a cleverly disguised farm animal! Fear not, Friends of Old Marvel - you haven't fallen prey to the illusions of Loki. You've simply discovered Strange Tales II! A band of the best and brightest talents in independent, alternative and online comics joins forces with the Earth's Mightiest Heroes for a sequel to the acclaimed Strange Tales anthology, one that critics are calling "better than any of the previous run" (Douglas Wolk, Time.com's Techland). Hilarious, haunting and horrifying (sometimes all at once), it's Marvel gone strange!

Library Journal

Suddenly, comics are everywhere: a newly matured art form, filling bookshelves with brilliant, innovative work and shaping the ideas and images of the rest of

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contemporary culture. In *Reading Comics*, critic Douglas Wolk shows us why and how. Wolk illuminates the most dazzling creators of modern comics—from Alan Moore to Alison Bechdel to Chris Ware—and explains their roots, influences, and where they fit into the pantheon of art. As accessible to the hardcore fan as to the curious newcomer, *Reading Comics* is the first book for people who want to know not just which comics are worth reading, but ways to think and talk and argue about them.

Graphic Novels: A Guide to Comic Books, Manga, and More, 2nd Edition

Harvey Pekar never has "just another day"; follow his battles of everyday life in this latest volume of his autobiographical series.

Fire on the Water

500 Essential Graphic Novels is an all-in-one guide to this exciting form of visual literature. Including more than 350 authors and 400 artists, this lush volume contains an essential mix of some of the finest visually-stunning stories of our time. From politically-charged non-fiction sagas to imaginative fantasy tales, this ultimate guide has something to satisfy everyone's taste. The first of its kind, this

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book focuses on each graphic novel separately, honing in on art technique, style and prose, plus an age rating system so parents will know what is suitable for their children. Chapters are divided by genre, complete with individual plot synopses and star-scaled reviews for each book, providing the reader with a concise and balanced understanding of today's best graphic novels.

Students for a Democratic Society

Yiddish is everywhere. We hear words like nosh, schlep, and schmutz all the time, but how did these words come to pepper American English? In *Yiddishkeit: Jewish Vernacular and the New Land*, Harvey Pekar and Paul Buhle trace the influence of Yiddish from medieval Europe to the tenements of New York's Lower East Side. This comics anthology contains original stories by notable writers and artists such as Barry Deutsch, Peter Kuper, Spain Rodriguez, and Sharon Rudahl. Through illustrations, comics art, and a full-length play, four major themes are explored: culture, performance, assimilation, and the revival of the language. The last fully realized work by Harvey Pekar, this book is a thoughtful compilation that reveals the far-reaching influences of Yiddish. Praise for *Yiddishkeit*: "The book is about what Neal Gabler in his introduction labels 'Jewish sensibility.' It pervades this volume, which he acknowledges is messy; he writes: 'You really can't define Yiddishkeit neatly in words or pictures. You sort of have to feel it by wading into it.' The book does this with gusto." —*New York Times* "Yiddishkeit is as colorful,

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bawdy, and charming as the culture it seeks to represent.” —Print magazine “every bit of it brimming with the charm and flavor of its subject and seamlessly meshing with the text to create a genuinely compelling, scholarly comics experience” —Publishers Weekly “Yiddishkeit is a book that truly informs about Jewish culture and, in the process, challenges readers to pick apart their own vocabulary.” —Chicago Tribune “a postvernacular tour de force” —The Forward “A fascinating and enlightening effort that takes full use of the graphic storytelling medium in an insightful and revelatory way.” —The Miami Herald “With a loving eye Pekar and Buhle extract moments and personalities from Yiddish history.” —Hadassah “gorgeous comix-style portraits of Yiddish writers” —Tablet “Yiddishkeit has managed to survive, if just barely, not because there are individuals dedicated to its survival, though there are, but because Yiddishkeit is an essential part of both the Jewish and the human experience.” —Neal Gabler, author of *An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood*, from his introduction “The hearty hardcover is a scrumptious smorgasbord of comics, essays, and illustrations, edited by Harvey Pekar and Paul Buhle, providing concentrated tastes, with historical context, of Yiddish theater, literature, characters and culture.” —Heeb magazine

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Cartoonists, Works, and Characters in the United States Through 2005

Not the Israel My Parents Promised Me

Harvey Pekar

Created in the form of a graphic novel, an illustrated history of the Students for a Democratic Society organization details the 1962 convention during which the group prepared the Port Huron Statement, drafted by Tom Haden, its role during the tumultuous era of the 1960s, and its final meeting in 1969 during which the SDS was shattered into myriad factions.

Graphic Details

The comic book author delves into his childhood, which he spent among Jewish immigrants in Cleveland, to identify the roots of his fear of failure, an affliction that plagued him until the time of his death.

Overheard in New York

A look at New York brings together an updated collection of quips, remarks, exchanges, and conversations overheard on the sidewalks, in the subways, in the stores, and other locales throughout the city.

Strange Tales II

From off the streets of Cleveland, the amazing and occasionally regrettable true-life adventures of Harvey Pekar, cineaste. Harvey Pekar is from Cleveland. This much you know. But with the release of *American Splendor*, the indie hit film based on his comic of the same name, the world discovered Harvey in earnest. Once Harvey was content merely to flirt with fame. But when fame wanted a commitment, he found himself a household name. Sort of. And, to tell you the truth, it's starting to bug the hell out of him. An original, incisive graphic novel featuring the talents of R. Crumb, Gary Dumm, Mark Zingarelli, and other artists, *Our Movie Year* chronicles a whirlwind twelve months in the life of Harvey Pekar. It recounts his rise from the filing room at the Cleveland VA hospital to the red carpet at Cannes, Sundance, the Oscars, and beyond—where Harvey won awards, accolades, and the promise of a bigger paycheck. A lot of funny things can happen in a year, and many of them happened to Harvey. And now everyone gets to read

about them in Our Movie Year.

Factsheet Five

Dr. Dre. Snoop Dogg. Ice Cube. Some of the biggest stars in hip hop made their careers in Los Angeles. And today there is a new generation of young, mostly black, men busting out rhymes and hoping to one day find themselves “blowin’ up”—getting signed to a record label and becoming famous. Many of these aspiring rappers get their start in Leimart Park, home to the legendary hip hop open-mic workshop Project Blowed. In *Blowin’ Up*, Jooyoung Lee takes us deep inside Project Blowed and the surrounding music industry, offering an unparalleled look at hip hop in the making. While most books on rap are written from the perspective of listeners and the market, *Blowin’ Up* looks specifically at the creative side of rappers. As Lee shows, learning how to rap involves a great deal of discipline, and it takes practice to acquire the necessary skills to put on a good show. Along with Lee—who is himself a pop-locker—we watch as the rappers at Project Blowed learn the basics, from how to hold a microphone to how to control their breath amid all those words. And we meet rappers like E. Crimsin, Nocando, VerBS, and Flawliss as they freestyle and battle with each other. For the men at Project Blowed, hip hop offers a creative alternative to the gang lifestyle, substituting verbal competition for physical violence, and provides an outlet for setting goals and working toward them. Engagingly descriptive and chock-full of

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entertaining personalities and real-life vignettes, *Blowin' Up* not only delivers a behind-the-scenes view of the underground world of hip hop, but also makes a strong case for supporting the creative aspirations of young, urban, black men, who are often growing up in the shadow of gang violence and dead-end jobs.

American Splendor: Our Movie Year

In *Not the Israel My Parents Promised Me*, one of the final graphic memoirs from the man who defined the genre, Harvey Pekar explores what it means to be Jewish and what Israel means to the Jews. Pekar's mother was a Zionist by way of politics, his father by way of faith, and he inevitably grew up a staunch supporter of Israel. But as he became attuned to the wider world, Pekar began to question his parents' most fundamental beliefs. This book is the full account of that questioning. Over the course of a single day in his hometown of Cleveland, Ohio, Pekar and the illustrator JT Waldman wrestle with the mythologies passed down to them, weaving a personal and historical odyssey of uncommon wit and power. With an epilogue written by Joyce Brabner, *Not the Israel My Parents Promised Me* is an essential book for fans of Harvey Pekar and anyone interested in the past and future of the Jewish state.

Best of American Splendor

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Interviews with the Disney artist who created Scrooge McDuck and many well-loved comic books Disney artist Carl Barks (1901-2000) created one of Walt Disney's most famous characters, Scrooge McDuck. Barks also produced more than 500 comic book stories. His work is ranked among the most widely circulated, best-loved, and most influential of all comic book art. Although the images he created are known virtually everywhere, Barks was an isolated storyteller, living in the desert of California and preferring to labor without public fanfare during most of his career. He created work of such exceptional quality that he was accorded the greatest autonomy of any Disney artist. He is the only comic book artist ever to receive a Disney Legends award. The influence of Barks's work on such filmmakers as George Lucas and Steven Spielberg and on such artists as Gottfried Helnwein has extended Barks's significance far beyond the boundaries of comics. After Barks's death at the age of ninety-nine, Roy Disney praised him for his "brilliant artistic vision." Carl Barks: Conversations is the only comprehensive collection of Barks's interviews. It ranges chronologically from the very first one (with Malcolm Willits, the fan who uncovered Barks's identity) to the artist's final conversations with Donald Ault in the summer of 2000. In between are interviews conducted by J. Michael Barrier, Edward Summer, Bruce Hamilton, and others. Several of these interviews are published here for the first time. Ault's friendship with Barks, ranging over a period of thirty years, provides an unusually intimate resource not only for standard q&a interviews but also for casual conversations in informal settings. Carl Barks: Conversations reveals previously unknown information about

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the life, times, and opinions of one of the master storytellers of the twentieth century. Donald Ault, a professor of English at the University of Florida, is the author of *Narrative Unbound: Re-Visioning William Blake's The Four Zoas* and *Visionary Physics: Blake's Response to Newton*. His work has been published in *Studies in Romanticism*, *The Wordsworth Circle*, *Modern Philology*, and *The Comics Journal*.

The Comics Journal

This volume gathers an array of voices to tell the stories of Cleveland's twentieth century Jewish community. Strong and stable after an often turbulent century, the Jews of Cleveland had both deep ties in the region and an evolving and dynamic commitment to Jewish life. The authors present the views and actions of community leaders and everyday Jews who embodied that commitment in their religious participation, educational efforts, philanthropic endeavors, and in their simple desire to live next to each other in the city's eastern suburbs. The twentieth century saw the move of Cleveland's Jews out of the center of the city, a move that only served to increase the density of Jewish life. The essays collected here draw heavily on local archival materials and present the area's Jewish past within the context of American and American Jewish studies.

French Music and Jazz in Conversation

Provides a comprehensive listing of American cartoonists, their works, characters, and titles, that will enable the growing number of comic art scholars to research the field.

Blowin' Up

Insurgent Images

The creator of the comic-book series American Splendor presents a collection of his finest works, including his zany commentaries on the complexities of modern life, all illustrated by some of the leading artists in the field. Adult.

Harvey Pekar's Cleveland

American Bookseller

A novel based on a true tale of heroism and invention in the tunnels beneath Lake

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Erie in 1916 This original graphic novel imagines the lives of blue-collar workers involved in the real-life Lake Erie tunnel disaster of 1916 in Cleveland. Author Scott MacGregor and illustrator Gary Dumm tell the intersecting stories of a brilliant African American inventor, Ben Beltran (based on the real-life Garrett Morgan, Sr.), desperate immigrants tunneling beneath Lake Erie, and corrupt overseers who risk countless lives for profit. As historical fiction, *Fire on the Water* sheds light not only on one of America's earliest man-made ecological disasters but also on racism and the economic disparity between classes in the Midwest at the turn of the century.

Cleveland Jews and the Making of a Midwestern Community

This book explores the historical-cultural interactions between French concert music and American jazz across 1900-65, from both perspectives.

Overheard in the Office

Creators include; Scott McCloud, Larry Marder, Richard Corben, Jack Jackson, Lee Mars, Howard Cruse, Denis Kitchen, Kevin Eastman & Peter Laird, Dave Sim, Harvey Pekar & Joyce Brabner, Alan Moore, Jean "Moebius" Giraud, Addie Campbell, Neil Gaiman, Dave McKean, Frank Miller, Colleen Doran, Rick Veitch, Todd McFarlane, Will Eisner. Also included is McCloud's bill of rights for comic

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creators.

Another Day

Gathered here are the collected works of the titans of adults comics — legendary underground cartoonist R. Crumb and the "high priest of comic-book naturalism" (Newsweek) Harvey Pekar. The comic collision of these underground luminaries is funny, obsessive, ever-so-slightly neurotic, but always biting and honest.

Another Dollar

Covering genres from action/adventure and fantasy to horror, science fiction, and superheroes, this guide maps the vast and expanding terrain of graphic novels, describing and organizing titles as well as providing information that will help librarians to build and balance their graphic novel collections and direct patrons to read-alikes. • Introduces users to approximately 1,000 currently popular graphic novels and manga • Organizes titles by genre, subgenre, and theme to facilitate finding read-alikes • Helps librarians build and balance their graphic novel collections

Harvey Pekar's American Splendor

Cartoon Clouds

Joseph Remnant's first original graphic novel *Cartoon Clouds* follows the recent art school graduate Seth Fallon and his three friends as they try to navigate that anxiety fueled time between finishing school and trying to figure out what the hell they're going to do with the rest of their lives. With a mountain of debt and no clear path to financial or emotional stability, Seth struggles to find a creative direction that won't leave him homeless. In this world of fashion conscious art snobs, talentless social media "gurus," and drug addled, trust fund hipsters, he tries to hold on to the few meaningful relationships he has when the institution that held them together is no longer a part of their lives. Drawn in a naturalistic style while never losing its essential cartoon idiom and written as an ongoing conversation among the characters that uncannily captures the preoccupations, fears, and ambitions of twentysomethings embarking upon their life, the philosophical nature of *Cartoon Clouds* is reminiscent of the films of Erich Rhoemer or Noah Baumbach. Cartoonist Joseph Remnant has been a prominent presence in the cartooning scene over the last decade, self-publishing his own comic book *Blindspot*, illustrating Harvey Pekar's acclaimed *Cleveland*, and appearing in such magazines as *The Believer*.

Yiddishkeit

A comic-book rendering of the life of American G.I. Robert McNeill and the time he spent in Vietnam.

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