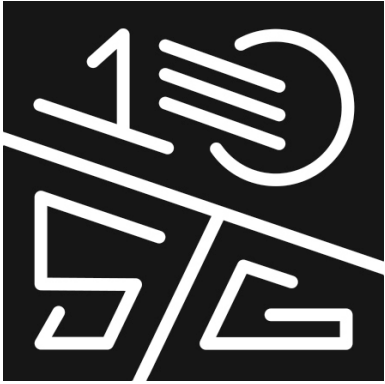




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TEN SPEED GRAPHIC





CHAMPION

A Graphic Novel

by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

A Ten Speed Graphic HC/TR

On sale February 4th, 2025

Comics & Graphic Novels – Coming of Age

Editor: Kaitlin Ketchum

Rights: World

Status: Materials June 2024

Title Specs:

Trim: 144 x 206 mm (7 x 10 in)

Pages: 128

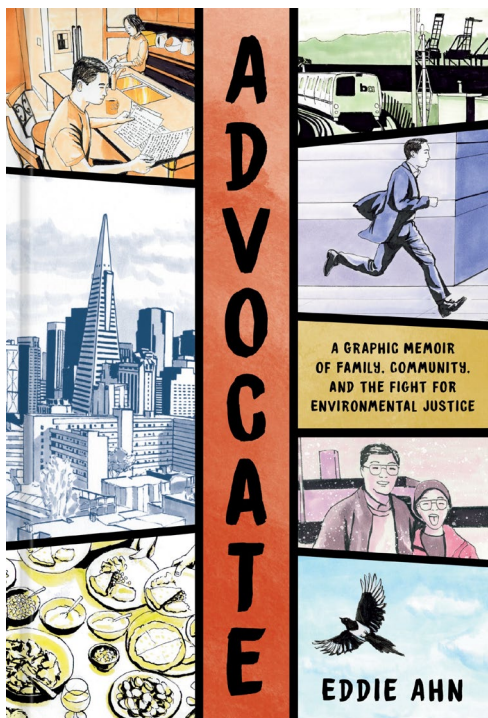
Illustrations: Fully illustrated

Price: \$26.99 (HC) / \$19.99 (TR)

Monk Travers is the star basketball player on his high school team. Confident about his future as an NBA player, he doesn't see the point in caring much about school, let alone his community. But his world is about to change—big time! After getting caught graffitiing his team's rival school, Monk comes to the awful realization that his actions have put his place on the team—and his future—in jeopardy. Fearing the worst, he's taken by surprise when his coach offers him an unorthodox way to atone: by completing a report on the life of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is one of the greatest basketball players of all time, as well as a committed social justice activist and award-winning writer. He is the *New York Times* best-selling author of 17 books, an award-winning documentary producer, and a twice Emmy-nominated narrator.

Raymond Obstfeld is an American novelist, screenwriter and non-fiction writer. He teaches creative writing at Orange Coast College.



ADVOCATE

A Graphic Memoir of Family, Community, and the Fight for Environmental Justice

by Eddie Ahn

A Ten Speed Graphic Hardcover

On sale April 16th, 2024

Comics & Graphic Novels – Nonfiction

Editor: Vedika Khanna

Rights: World

Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

Trim: 152 x 229 mm (6 x 9 in)

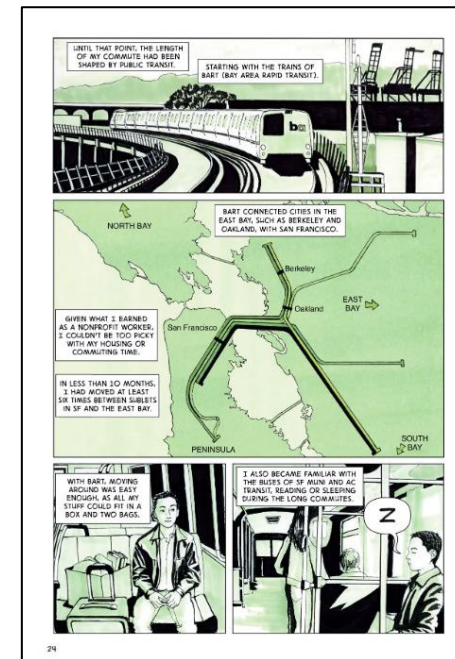
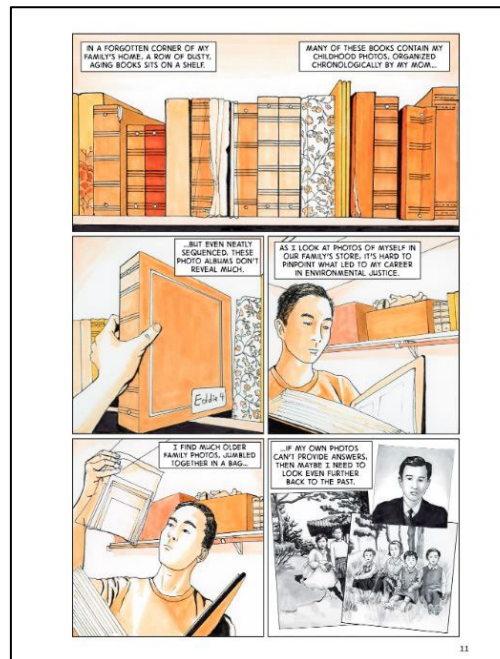
Pages: 208

Illustrations: Fully illustrated

Price: \$24.99

A moving graphic memoir following Eddie Ahn, an environmental justice lawyer and activist, as he strives to unify his San Francisco community amidst environmental catastrophes, health scares, an accelerating tide of racial and economic injustice, and his own self-doubt. Fully written and drawn by Eddie himself, this powerful, deeply contemplative full-color graphic novel explores the relationship between immigration and activism, opportunity and obligation, and being a good son and a good person. Weaving together humorous anecdotes with moments of victory and hope, **ADVOCATE** reveals how to live not just a successful life, but a meaningful one.

Eddie Ahn is a nonprofit attorney and executive director of Brightline Defense, a San Francisco-based environmental justice nonprofit. He is the president of the SF Commission on the Environment and in 2021 was inducted into the State of California's Clean Energy Hall of Fame for his work in equity and clean energy.





LEGENDS & LATTES: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

by Travis Baldree

A Ten Speed Graphic HC/TR

On sale September 16th, 2025

Comics & Graphic Novels

Editor: Vedika Khanna

Rights: World

Status: Materials April 2024

Title Specs:

Trim: 178 x 241 mm (7 x 9 in)

Pages: 208

Illustrations: Fully illustrated

Price: \$28.00 (HC) / \$19.99 (TR)

After a lifetime of bounties and bloodshed, Viv is hanging up her sword for the last time. The battle-weary orc aims to start fresh, opening the first-ever coffee shop in the city of Thune. But old and new rivals stand in the way of success—not to mention the fact that no one has the faintest idea what coffee actually is. If Viv wants to put the blade behind her and make her plans a reality, she won't be able to go it alone. After all, true rewards of the uncharted path are the travelers you meet along the way. And whether drawn together by ancient magic, flaky pastry, or a freshly brewed cup, they may become partners, family, and something deeper than she ever could have dreamed. This full color graphic novel adaptation brings the high fantasy and low stakes of this beloved story to vibrant life as it's never been seen before.

Travis Baldree is a full-time audiobook narrator who has lent his voice to hundreds of stories. Before that, he spent decades designing and building video games like Torchlight, Rebel Galaxy, and Fate. Apparently, he now also writes books. He lives in the Pacific Northwest with his very patient family and their small, nervous dog.



NOTHING SPECIAL, VOLUME TWO

Concerning Wings (A Graphic Novel)

by Katie Cook

A Ten Speed Graphic HC/TR

On sale October 8th, 2024

Comics & Graphic Novels – Fantasy

Editor: Vedika Khanna

Rights: World English

Translation: The Gernert Company / Seth Fishman

Status: Materials April 2024

Title Specs:

Trim: 178 x 241 mm (7 x 9 in)

Pages: 384

Illustrations: Fully illustrated

Price: \$29.99 (HC) / \$22.99 (TR)

After defeating her neurotic wood nymph mother, all Callie wants to do is help her dad with his magical antique shop, tease Lasser about his newfound romance novel addiction, and—most important—spend time with her boyfriend, Declan. But when Declan’s injured fairy wing starts shooting sparks and causes him to collapse in pain, Callie decides to take matters into her own hands and find a way to heal him. The second installment of Katie Cook’s *Nothing Special* collects the first 25 chapters of Season 2 of the webcomic and features exclusive behind-the-scenes content.

Katie Cook is the creator of the *Nothing Special* webcomic on Webtoon and the oldie-but-goodie webcomic *Gronk: A Monster’s Story* (which was one of the first webcomics archived by the library of congress!). She has also written and drawn comics for Marvel, Disney Publishing and many other publishers.



Praise for *Nothing Special*, Volume One

“Inventive, funny, adventurous, action-packed, and romantic? It’s not fair that *Nothing Special* somehow does it all. Katie Cook is making the rest of us look bad.” —**Ryan North, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Danger and Other Unknown Risks***

“A delightful tale of self-discovery, magic, and the complexities of young hearts, making it a must-read for adventure-seeking readers!” —**Kelly Sue DeConnick, Eisner Award-winning author**



LET'S MAKE BREAD!

by Ken Forkish and Sarah Becan
 A Ten Speed Graphic Trade Paperback
 On sale May 14th, 2024
 Cooking - Courses & Dishes

Title Specs:

Trim: 178 x 254 mm (7 x 10 in)
 Pages: 160
 Illustrations: Fully Illustrated
 Price: \$22.00

Editor: Kimmy Tejasindhu

Rights: World

Status: Materials available

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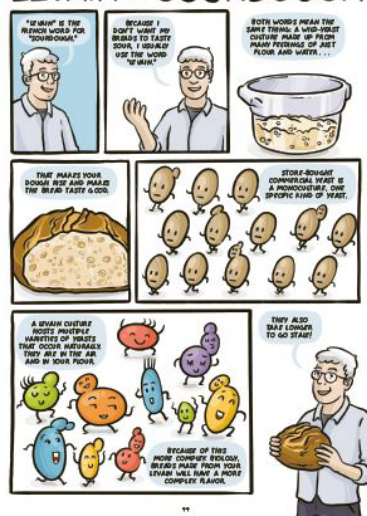
"We all have bread-making cookbooks, but this is something completely unique: a whimsical cartoon journey into great baking. Sarah Becan has captured Ken's very approachable teaching methodology via her skillfully precise, easy-to-follow, and well-designed drawings."—Jonathan Waxman, James Beard Award-winning chef and owner of Barbuto

New York Times bestselling and award-winning author Ken Forkish adapts his expert bread baking tips and recipes from EVOLUTIONS IN BREAD and FLOUR WATER SALT YEAST for the fun, beginner-friendly comic book cookbook format. With comics artist Sarah Becan's lively and colorful illustrations, **LET'S MAKE BREAD!** invites readers to embark on the journey of making bread with this new visual twist. Pairing foolproof techniques and recipes with an exciting and inviting comic format, **LET'S MAKE BREAD!** is an enjoyable guide to making your own perfect loaf at home.

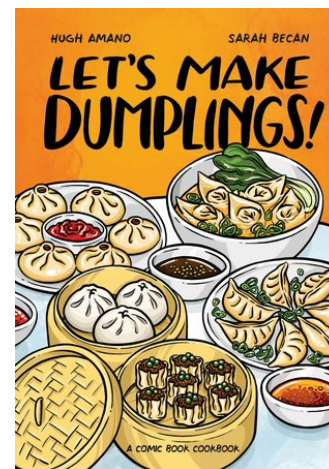
Ken Forkish is the founder of Ken's Artisan Pizza and Ken's Artisan Bakery. He is the bestselling author of THE ELEMENTS OF PIZZA, EVOLUTIONS IN BREAD, and FLOUR WATER SALT YEAST, which won both a James Beard and IACP award.

Sarah Becan is a comics artist, author, illustrator, and designer based in Chicago, as well as the creator of *I Think You're Sauceome*, a food-centric autobiographical webcomic. She is co-author of LET'S MAKE RAMEN! and LET'S MAKE DUMPLINGS!

LEVAIN = SOURDOUGH



MORE TEMPERATURE NOTES





LION OF JUDAH: A GRAPHIC NOVEL

by M. Menelik Makhar

A Ten Speed Graphic HC/TR

On sale September 30th, 2025

Comics & Graphic Novels

Editor: Kimmy Tejasindhu

Rights: World

Status: Materials estimated May 2024

Title Specs:

Trim: 178 x 254 mm (7 x 10 in)

Pages: 416

Illustrations: Fully illustrated

Price: \$39.99 (HC) / \$24.99 (TR)

Lion of Judah is the graphic novel story of Bob Marley's early life and origins as an artist and musical prophet. The book juxtaposes Marley's personal history with stories of H.I.M. Haile Selassie I, the former emperor of Ethiopia and Marley's self-proclaimed "Spiritual Father," and Kwame Nkrumah, the first president of an independent Ghana, the country of Marley's family ancestry. **LION OF JUDAH**--named for the prominent symbol of the Rastafari movement--weaves together the seminal moments of these three timelines through an anthology-style artistic collaboration of an international all-star team of comic artists including Damien Hill, Massimiliano Veltri, Will Rosado, N. Steven Harris, Christopher "ChrisCross" Williams, and Eric Battle among others.

M. Menelik Makhar is an acclaimed activist, songwriter/ghostwriter, and musician.



UNTITLED D&D GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK 1

by Liz Marsham

A Ten Speed Graphic Hardcover

On sale September 16th, 2025

Comics & Graphic Novels – Fantasy

Editor: Vedika Khanna

Rights: World

Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

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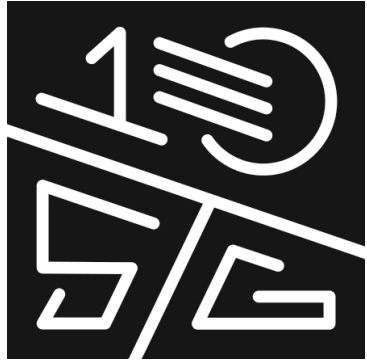
Pages: 224

Illustrations: Fully illustrated

Price: \$16.99

Books of all kinds are kept in the esteemed Candlekeep Library, fiercely guarded by the Avowed--or librarians--who live there. For Roon and Elegy, Candlekeep is the only real home they've known, and they've been happy studying and protecting the books inside its walls. When Roon is assigned to look after Kip, one of many visitors to the library, they expect to give Kip a tour and be on their way. Instead, Roon, Elegy, and Kip find themselves at the scene of the crime when someone tries to use a transportation spell to steal a book.

Liz Marsham began her storytelling career as an editor for DC Comics and Disney Publishing. She loves fantasy, sci-fi, knitting, games (video, tabletop, and otherwise), weird stories about true things, and people working to make the world better. Also tea. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, her son, a cat who thinks she is a princess, and a cat who thinks he is a dog.



CASTLE SWIMMER: VOLUME 1

by Wendy Martin

A Ten Speed Graphic HC/TR

On sale October 22nd, 2024

Comics & Graphic Novels – Fantasy

Editor: Vedika Khanna

Rights: World

Status: Materials March 2024

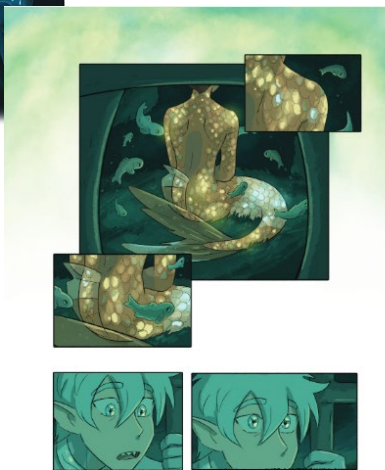
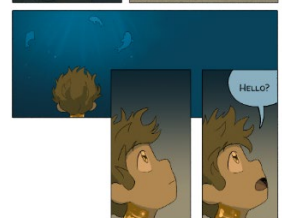
Title Specs:

Trim: 178 x 241 mm (7 x 9 in)

Pages: 256

Illustrations: Fully illustrated

Price: HC: \$24.99 / TR: \$19.99



From the moment Kappa tumbles into existence on the ocean floor, his life's purpose is already decided for him: He is the Beacon, a light to all sea creatures, and destined to fulfill their many prophecies. In high demand and under immense pressure, Kappa quickly realizes that fame and glory are small compensation for a life of predetermined self-sacrifice. Unable to resist the call of destiny due to a magical yellow cord that appears from his chest and pulls him inexorably to any sea creatures he swims by—Kappa ultimately finds himself drawn to the Shark kingdom, where he is immediately imprisoned. The Sharks' prophecy states that the curse maiming their people will only be lifted once their prince, Siren, kills the Beacon. But when Prince Siren decides to defy fate and help Kappa escape, Kappa realizes that there might be more to life than fulfilling endless prophecies. The first half of Webtoon's *Castle Swimmer* Season 1 (291.8M views, 2.8M followers) is collected in this stunning graphic novel, which also includes a never-before-seen bonus chapter featuring Kappa and Siren.

Wendy Martin is the creator of Webtoon's *Castle Swimmer*. She currently resides in Seattle, Washington.



MRBALLEN PRESENTS: STRANGE, DARK, & MYSTERIOUS

The Graphic Stories

by MrBallen

A Ten Speed Graphic HC/TR

On sale October 15th, 2024

Comics & Graphic Novels – Horror

Editor: Matt Inman

Rights: World English

Translation: UTA / Byrd Leavell

Status: Materials March 2024

Title Specs:

Trim: 178 x 241 mm (7 x 9 in)

Pages: 208

Illustrations: Fully illustrated

Price: HC: \$24.99 / TR: \$19.99



John Allen, known popularly as “MrBallen,” has been enthraling audiences with his unique brand of storytelling ever since he burst onto the scene in 2020, covering strange and mysterious phenomenal. Deeply researched and seriously compelling, the podcast rapidly gained a devoted fanbase for the raconteur himself and for the rarely-before-covered occurrences that have taken place throughout the world. A collaboration with *New York Times* graphic novelist Robert Venditti and appropriately acclaimed comic book artist Andrea Mutti, *MrBallen Presents: Strange, Dark, & Mysterious* is a haunting collection filled with twists and surprises that will leave the reader thoroughly spooked.

John B. Allen is a former US Navy Seal, the founder of the multi-platform content company Ballen Studios, and the creator and host of the popular true crime podcast *MrBallen Podcast: Strange, Dark, & Mysterious Stories*.

Robert Venditti is a *New York Times* bestselling author of more than three hundred comic books and graphic novels. Some of his works include the monthly comic book series *Justice League* and *Superman*, his own graphic novel *Six Days*, and he adapted Rick Riordan's *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* and more.



SUITOR ARMOR, VOLUME 1

by Purpah

A Ten Speed Graphic HC/TR

On sale September 24th, 2024

Comics & Graphic Novels – Fantasy

Editor: Kimmy Tejasindhu

Rights: World

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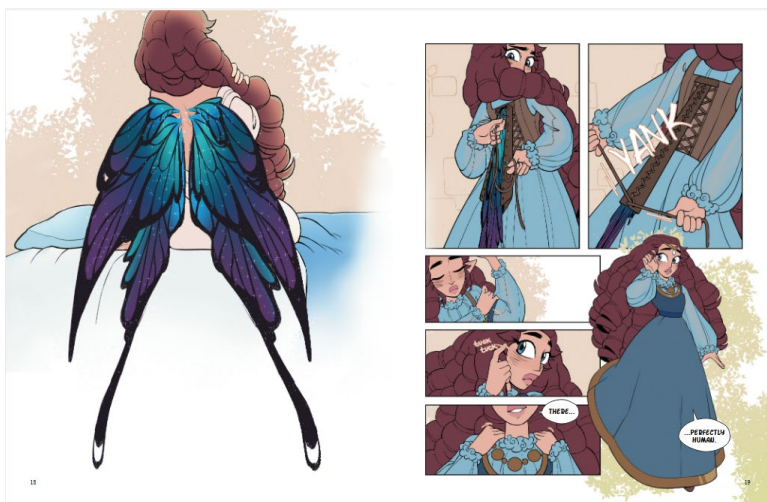
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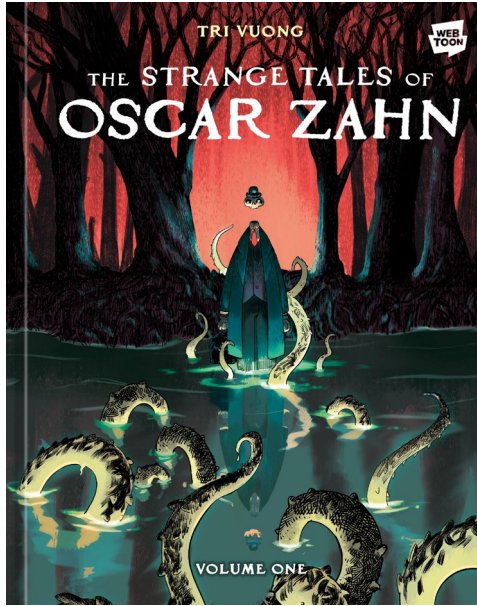
Price: HC: \$24.99 / TR: \$16.99



Set in a fantasy realm where humans and fairies are at war, Lady Kirsi and her longtime lady-in-waiting Lucia prepare for Kirsi's upcoming wedding to King Reimund. The two attend a royal tournament that calls together all of the kingdom's brave knights for a competition of strength and wit, and it is here that Lucia's time at court takes a dazzling turn. A magically animated suit of armor, brought to life by Norrix the court mage's complicated enchantment spell, enters the ring and challenges the winning knight. Lucia takes interest in the character and names him Mobeus--the two develop an unlikely yet thrilling connection, bonded by their status as outcasts within the kingdom.

Complete with content exclusive to the book, this first volume of the greatly successful *Suitor Armor* series (114M views on Webtoon and 1.5M followers) sets the stage for a multitude of adventures in magic, mystery, fantasy creatures, friendship, self-discovery, romance, and more!

Purpah is an artist and writer based in California. They earned a BFA in illustration and have since gone on to create *Suitor Armor* on Webtoon as well as writing for other projects.



THE STRANGE TALES OF OSCAR ZAHN, VOLUME 1

by Tri Vuong
A Ten Speed Graphic HC/TR
On sale September 10th, 2024
Comics & Graphic Novels – Horror

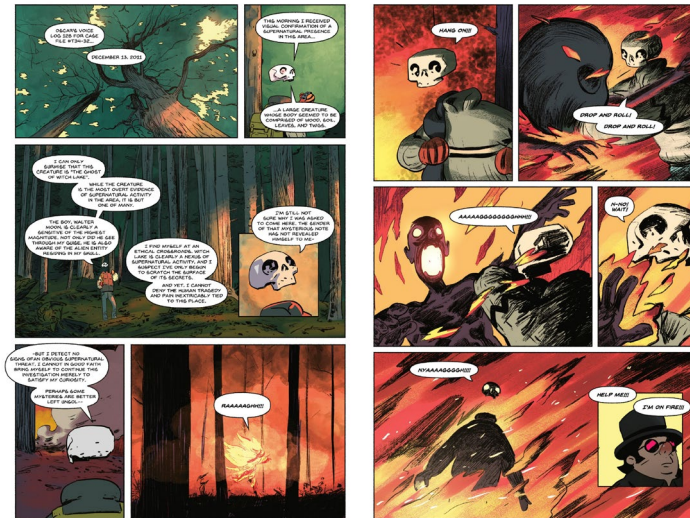
Editor: Vedika Khanna
Rights: World
Status: Materials February 2024

Title Specs:
Trim: 178 x 241 mm (7 x 9 in)
Pages: 272
Illustrations: Fully illustrated
Price: \$29.99 (HC) / \$22.99 (TR)



Oscar Zahn is just like any other paranormal investigator—he’s working hard to make the world a better place, one exorcism at a time. So what if he’s just a floating skull wearing a trench coat? He’s still got a heart of gold! In this first installment of the online webcomic sensation **THE STRANGE TALES OF OSCAR ZAHN**, join Oscar and his mysterious assistant Agnes as they embark on a terrifying yet heartwarming journey across Europe, rescuing lost souls and solving spooky mysteries. Their travels take them across great distances and even through time, as Oscar sleuths out why the spirits he contends with are restless and malcontent. Yet the more mysteries he solves, the clearer it becomes that there's a greater game afoot, one that involves Oscar's own forgotten origin story.

Tri Vuong is a comic artist and writer based out of Toronto, Canada. He is the creator of the popular webcomic *The Strange Tales of Oscar Zahn* and the co-creator of the critically acclaimed graphic novel *EVERYDAY HERO MACHINE BOY* (Image Comics, 2022). He is a veteran of the video game and animation industry whose list of clients includes LEGO, Skybound Entertainment, Image Comics, Ubisoft, Corus Entertainment, C.O.R.E Digital Pictures, Koei, and Capybara Games. His work on *Bubble Guppies* and *Clash of Heroes* has won multiple awards.





BIG JIM AND THE WHITE BOY

A Graphic Novel Retelling of an American Classic

by David F. Walker

A Ten Speed Graphic HC/TR

On sale October 15th, 2024

Comics & Graphic Novels – Adaptations

Editor: Kaitlin Ketchum

Rights: World

Status: Materials March 2024

Title Specs:

Trim: 178 x 254 mm (7 x 10 in)

Pages: 304

Illustrations: Fully illustrated

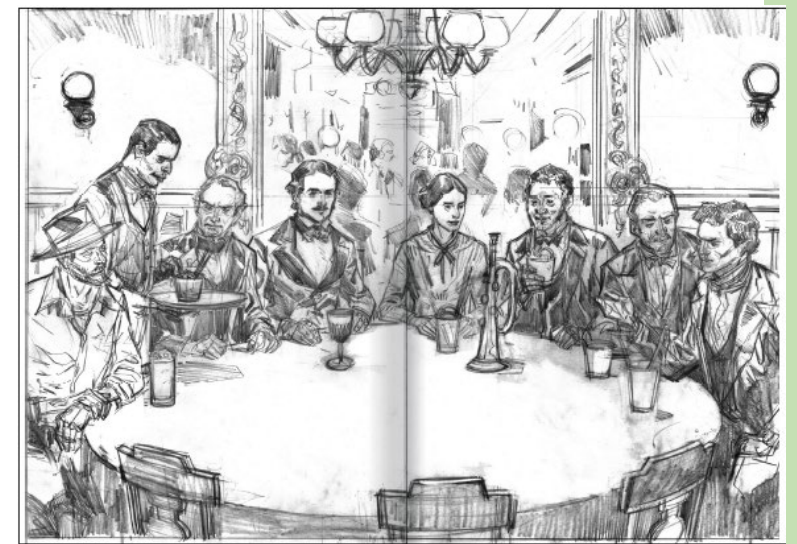
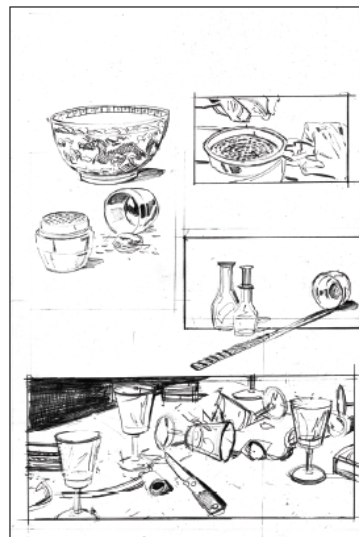
Price: \$35.00 (HC) / \$24.99 (TR)



Commonly regarded as one of the great American novels, *THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN* has captured the hearts and imaginations of readers of readers since 1885. But since its publication, readers and critics have rightfully condemned Mark Twain's troubling portrayal of Black Americans as stereotypes and caricatures. ***Big Jim and the White Boy*** is a reimagining of this American classic, centering the experiences of Jim, an enslaved Black man in search of his kidnapped wife and children, and his cheeky sidekick, Huckleberry Finn. Heartfelt and deeply moving, the story takes readers on a journey through Jim and Huck's past, present, and future, delving into their incredible friendship and years of adventures—a bond that transcends the gruesome racism of the Antebellum South.

David F. Walker is an award-winning comic book writer, author, filmmaker, journalist, and educator. His work in comic books includes *Shaft*, winner of the Glyph Award for Story of the Year. He is also the creator of the critically-acclaimed YA series *The Adventures of Darius Logan* and the author of the Eisner-winning *THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY* and *BITTER ROOT*.

Marcus Kwame Anderson is an illustrator and fine artist. Anderson is the Eisner-winning co-creator of *THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY*.



Preliminary art – final art will be in color



THE COMIC BOOK HISTORY OF THE COCKTAIL

Five Centuries of Mixing Drinks and Carrying On

by David Wondrich

A Ten Speed Graphic Hardcover

On sale April 1st, 2025

Cooking - Beverages - Bartending & Cocktails

Editor: Julie Bennett

Rights: World

Status: Materials March 2024

Title Specs:

Trim: 178 x 254 mm (7 x 10 in)

Pages: 176

Illustrations: Fully illustrated

Price: \$28.99

There's no better writer to tell the colorful history of cocktails than David Wondrich, widely considered to be one of the world's foremost authorities on cocktails and a driving force behind the early-twenty-first-century revival in the classic American art of mixing drinks. In *The Comic Book Story of the Cocktail*, Wondrich teams up with comics artist Dean Kotz to trace the evolution of the cocktail. Beginning with the ancient days of wassail and hypocras (mixed drinks based on wine and beer), they narrate a tumultuous and vibrant history.

Historian and senior drinks columnist for the *Daily Beast*, **David Wondrich** is one of the driving forces behind the recent revival in the classic American art of mixing drinks. A former English professor with a PhD in comparative literature, he is the award-winning author of *IMBIBE*, *PUNCH*, and the *OXFORD COMPANION TO SPIRITS AND COCKTAILS* and was the resident drinks expert and columnist at *Esquire* for nearly two decades.

Originally from Northeastern Pennsylvania, **Dean Kotz** studied painting at West Chester University and has been working professionally in comics since 2009.