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The Making Of



Synopsis

AN ANGOUL ME AWARD WINNER RETURNS WITH A PARABLE ABOUT LIFE IN THE ART WORLD
The Making Of is the follow-up to international sensation Brecht Evens's Eisner-nominated debut, *The Wrong Place*. With lush watercolors and his characteristic wit, Evens details the fumbling, amateurish foibles of the participants of a small art festival in the Flemish countryside. Pieterjan is invited to the festival as an honored guest. From the moment he arrives, things start going wrong, and since no one seems ready to step in, Pieterjan takes over the show. He decides to build a giant garden gnome as a symbol of Flemish identity, but the construction process brings buried tensions to the surface as the other artists become jealous of Pieterjan's authority. In *The Making Of*, Evens delves deep into the petty tensions, small misunderstandings, and deadpan humor that pervade modern relationships. With a keen eye for the subtleties of body language, Evens's *The Making Of* builds on the iconic visual style showcased in *The Wrong Place*. Sweeping watercolors jump off the page, surrealist scenery intermingles with crowds of people, and small suburban plot homes have never looked so lovely.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a graphic artist with a shameful tendency of reading great illustrated books very quickly, then relegating them to my shelf, FOREVER: this book is one of verrry few exceptions to that rule.a previous comment mentioned that B.E makes everyday observations with poetic sensitivity-- but even more impressive is that those pages happen frequently in a funny,well paced, slightly absurd plot-line that could possibly be true. the artwork is fresh, colored, stylistically varied, and could easily

hang on a wall in bigger format. The sequencing is artful and stretches the mind in clever ways. Also, the book smells really really good, haha! I don't know if the copies are manual off-set, I suspect they are, and the inks used are beautiful, smelling of high quality pine scented resin. The font-texts are color coded to the characters... whaaat? just a great book, artfully thought out and executed with a printer's attention to detail. RARE. I'm a snob and rarely leave comments, let alone 5*'s. Hats off to an artist who makes me remember what the fine arts are in pursuit of. Thank You Brecht. I'm getting verklempt writing this! spiritual hi-five to you.

Gorgeous semitransparent watercolor illustrations; whimsical tale with a slightly perverse sense of humor, but the author never looks down on or makes fun of his characters. Their flawed humanity makes them recognizable and even lovable, for isn't there a little of us in here? Highly recommended in my short list of enjoyable top-notch graphic novels (Mazzucchelli's Asterios Polyp, Modan's The Property, Tan's The Arrival, Woodring's Fran, and O'Malley's Seconds being a few others).

This book is beautiful full-stop. Every page is like looking at a lovely painting which has benefitted from the influence of Matisse, Futurist artists, outsider and folk art, medieval art and New painting movements. The story is so visual that it is more like looking rather than reading. I never thought of watercolour painterly art as a comics or graphic novel approach but this proves that this is very doable. If you like books like The Property, Jane the Fox and Me and Haunter you will like this.

An amazing observation of human nature depicted via the most original storyline. For the ones who have read a lot, this book will amaze by its sublimity and grandeur. Bravo.

Beautiful illustrations! This comic was recommended to me by a friend and I absolutely loved it. Very interesting story structure and color choices.

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