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The New Ghost (Nobrow 17x23)



Synopsis

A beautifully rendered, literally haunting tale of the afterlife, Robert Hunter's *The New Ghost* follows a spectral entity on his first day at work: dark, gentle, poetic, and heart-warming all at once, it is an atmospheric tale to dash the conventions of comics and leave you thirsty for more from this young storyteller. Part of the Nobrow 17x23 series.

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Customer Reviews

For what this is, it's gorgeous. The art drew me in from the initial purchase, and it carried me through the 24 pages the story inhabits. (Nobrow Press should be extremely happy with the quality of work, and product, they're producing.) Really, though, if the art doesn't get you, then I don't think this will be for you. The story works well enough in carrying us through a mini-arc in these few pages, but it didn't resonate with me as others have. Honestly, though, that's not a bad thing. For me, half of a comic is simply being drawn in and absorbed by the way the graphic story is told, and the artwork and page design / layout in *THE NEW GHOST* is nothing short of fantastic. I love the colors and parallelism and the tone they create. In short, if you think the cover is gorgeous, you should probably spend the dollars to buy the whole book.

A ghost on his first day as a ghost gets separated from the other ghosts floating across the sky. On Earth, he befriends an astronomer before witnessing what looks like an abduction by the other

ghosts - and now they're after him and his astronomer friend! Robert Hunter's sweetly surreal comic is an inventive, fable-like story that continuously usurps the readers' expectations on where it's headed, managing to keep the reader engaged the whole way through. The book also makes ghosts seem more interesting as a result - rather than wandering aimlessly through castles or manor houses forever, Hunter gives them a far better purpose and a more exciting afterlife. Though brief at 24 pages - and really more of a single issue comic than a trade paperback/graphic novel - it's a satisfying read with Hunter displaying a strong understanding of how to tell a story as a comic. Using different sized panels, the story flows very naturally with the text and pictures complementing each other nicely. I'm not sure I would say the story leaves much of an impression, especially due to its brevity, but if nothing else The New Ghost shows the potential of this writer/artist who could well go on to create something more substantial and powerful in the future. For now though, The New Ghost is a promising beginning and a decent comic.

This is a very small comic, only 24 pages, but I think it's totally worth it. It is a rather simple story to understand (depending on perspective), but it is so well made, and relies more on the images rather than the words. It's meant to be appreciated for what you see, rather than what you read. I don't think people will get lost while reading this, and it doesn't treat you like a child. Truly beautiful.

Lovely story, beautiful art work and another excellent publication from NoBrow Press. The minimal use of color enhanced the storytelling.

Beautiful. I re read it every once in a while, and it always makes me happy. Looking forward to reading more of his stuff!

Well done, a pleasure to read as the story unfolds. Look forward to re-reading :)

Such a beautiful and interesting little book! A work of art!

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