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Stuck Rubber Baby (New Edition)



Synopsis

The groundbreaking, award-winning semi-autobiographical graphic novel returns in a new edition featuring an introduction by Alison Bechdel, award-winning author of *Fun Home*. In the 1960s American South, a young gas-station attendant named Toland Polk is rejected from the Army draft for admitting "homosexual tendencies" and falls in with a close-knit group of young locals yearning to break from the conformity of their hometown through civil rights activism, folk music and upstart communality of race-mixing, gay-friendly nightclubs. Toland's story is both deeply personal and epic in scope, as his search for identity plays out against the brutal fight over segregation, an unplanned pregnancy and small-town bigotry, aided by an unforgettable supporting cast. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

A truly eye-opening comic. The story is set in the South in the early '60s and deals with homophobia, racism and the gay subculture of that period. The art is absolutely beautiful; Cruse is a master of the cross-hatching technique, which gives a certain "texture" to his art work and brings his pages to life. *Stuck Rubber Baby* is easily the most important comic book since Art Spiegelman's *Maus*. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"A strange and wonderful graphic coming-of-age novel. (The Village Voice)" --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Howard Cruse was far ahead of his time when he wove this graphic novel from the life and times of a generation coming of age between Birmingham and Woodstock. Any young person exhausted and conflicted by the stress of "identity politics" today will marvel at this tale of an age when all kinds of people gathered in the night shadows to dance and sing & love together because love was dangerous but it mattered.

I have never been a fan of graphic novels but was more than pleasantly surprised with this book. Not only was the story compelling in itself, this fresh look at the convergence of civil rights, both racial and sexual, in the Southern US during the age of Aquarius is an important addition to the literature of that era. Reading the dialog in air bubbles was not the problem I thought it might be and the uniform excellence of the drawing brought the narrative alive in what you come to believe is the only way it could have been done. I am a believer and recommend this work to anyone who is interested in the continuing development of uniquely American artistic expression.

This is honestly one of the best graphic novels out there. Same level as Fun Home by Alison Bechdel, but with an insane level of detail. The story is fantastically written and drawn, and why are you still reading this buy it buy it buy it.

This item was described in new condition and came really used with a huge bend in the corner.

purchased for our daughter who is completing her 2nd. Bachelor's Degree. She wants very much to help young people learn the wonders of not only English, but of the educational advantages of being involved in performing arts while in school. It helps young people in all walks of life. It helps then learning to interact in this world of technology. Most importantly reading books, and getting involved with the arts is something all young people should be exposed too.

Purchased this book for class. It was perfectly fine. Not that interesting or great.

Probably one of the best things ever put on paper. Breathtaking to the last page.

An amazing and honest journey through the past that should interest anyone interested in facing prejudice and surviving in a small community where there's danger in being a racial or sexual

minority. One of the best reality-based graphic novels ever written.

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