

PRESS RELEASE

Dejects, by Jay Stephens

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Black Eye Books is proud to announce the publication of cartoonist and animator **Jay Stephens'** newest project, ***Dejects***.

Best known for his animated television series *Jetcat*, *Tutenstein*, and *The Secret Saturdays*, Jay Stephens has spent the last quarter century telling stories-with-pictures in his own comic books (*SIN*, *The Land of Nod*, *Atomic City Tales*, *Jetcat Clubhouse*), alternative weekly strips (*Oddville!*), monthly kids' magazines (*Chick & Dee*, *Arrowhead*), daily newspaper comics (*Oh, Brother!*), and picture books (*Monsters!*, *Heroes!*, *Robots!*, *Freaky Fun Activities*).

Over the years, many of Jay's comics have been collected in several volumes: *The Land of Nod Treasury*, *The Land of Nod Rockabye Book*, *Go Power!*, *Oddville*, *Jetcat Clubhouse*... but what of those characters and pages and strips that didn't fit in any of those collections? What became of the *Dejects*?

Lovingly coloured for this collection, *Dejects* is *the* definitive resource for those odds and ends, and bits and bobs, from 1991–2019. Collected in 136 pages, spanning over 25 years worth of Jay's unique and diverse comics. Available for the first time since their original appearances in print, and some for the very first time anywhere!

After a successful crowdfunding campaign that also raised \$550 for Mental Health Research Canada, *Dejects* is now available for purchase at select retailers in Canada (The Beguiling in Toronto, Librairie Drawn and Quarterly in Montreal, Strange Adventures in Halifax, and The Dragon in Guelph) and directly from the publisher online.

Jay will be touring to support the book with upcoming dates:

- 09/25–27 Cartoon Crossroads Convention, Columbus, OH
- 09/29 Tri City Supercon, Kitchener, ON
- 10/02 Librairie D&Q, Montreal, QC
- 10/05 Strange Adventures, Halifax, NS

From 1993–1998, Black Eye Books published such notable cartoonists as Nick Craine (*Dance Me Outside*), New Zealand's Dylan Horrocks (*Pickle*, *Hicksville*), Jason Lutes (*Jar of Fools*, *Berlin*), Tom Hart (*The Sands*), Jeremy Eaton (*World of Trouble*), Matt Madden (*Black Candy*), James Kochalka (*Quit Your Job*), Ed Brubaker (*Lowlife*), Brian Biggs (*Dear Julia*) and Jay Stephens (*The Land of Nod*, *Atomic City Tales*). Relaunched in 2019, Black Eye Books continues its mandate of publishing quality stories told in the form of words and pictures.

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