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The New Ghost (Nobrow 17x23)



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Robert Hunter graduated from the University of Western England, Bristol in 2007 and has been working as a freelance illustrator ever since. Alongside his professional practice, Rob always makes time to pursue personal projects, such as his growing body of narrative work. The New Ghost is his first solo comic with Nobrow.

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.

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.

I decided to purchase because of another short I read called "Fish" that was published by Nobrow's 17x23. The artwork in this is absolutely beautiful but the writing leaves much to be desired. I found it flat and mechanical, it didn't really add that much to the story. I honestly wonder if the artist could have foregone most of the text with more captivating drawings. For example, instead of saying, "I was helped to my feet and invited inside to rest" or "As we walked I searched the sky in the hope of spotting the group again," show the ghost doing just that. At the least, some dialogue would've been desired but I'm sure there were constraints/guidelines that I as the reader am unaware of.

Very elegantly written, dark(ish) comedy, kind of cuddly, goofy vibe though. The illustrations are visually vibrant and the outfits are decidedly along the line of what Wes Anderson would like to dress people like. It ended on a high note for me! Unexpected and fresh.

super cute story. I loved.

The story is short and thoughtful. The art is AMAZING. Proudly displaying this treasure on my bookshelf for a long time.

It's a beautiful book, not only the story but also how it's made. Happy with my purchase. I'm thinking of buying another for a present.

Lovely art, nice story.

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