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**“What a knockout. An incredibly rich and new voice or American literature... China Boy grabs the reader’s heart and won’t let go... A**

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**wonder of a story.”—Amy Tan, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club* Kai Ting is the only American-born son of a Shanghai family that fled China during Mao’s revolution. Growing up in a San Francisco multicultural,**

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**low-income neighborhood, Kai is caught between two worlds—embracing neither the Chinese nor the American way to life. After his mother's death, Kai is suddenly plunged into American culture by his stepmother, who tries**

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**to erase every vestige of China from the household. Warm, funny and deeply moving, China Boy is an account of how a brave friend on the street and a former pro boxing coach equip Kai to navigate through broken family relationships and the**

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**perils of growing up in America to find the triumph and richness of developing a new and complex American identity.**

**Alison Bechdel's Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic has quickly joined the ranks of celebrated**

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**literary graphic novels. Set in part at a family-run funeral home, the book explores Alison's complicated relationship with her father, a closeted gay man. Amid the tensions of her home life, Alison discovers her own lesbian sexuality and her**

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**talent for drawing. The coming-of-age story and graphic format appeal to students. However, the book's nonlinear structure; intertextuality with modernist novels, Greek myths, and other works; and frank representations of sexuality and**

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**death present challenges in the classroom. This volume offers strategies for teaching Fun Home in a variety of courses, including literature, women's and gender studies, art, and education. Part 1, "Materials," outlines the text's**



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**literary, historical, and theoretical allusions. The essays of part 2, “Approaches,” emphasize the work’s genres, including autobiography and graphic narrative, as well as its psychological dimensions, including trauma,**

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**disability, and queer identity. The essays give options for reading Fun Home along with Bechdel's letters and drafts; her long-running comic strip, Dykes to Watch Out For; the Broadway musical adaptation of the book; and other stories of LGBTQ**

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**lives.**

**(Vocal Selections). Inspired by the Academy Award -winning film of the same name, Finding Neverland has been brought to life on stage with music and lyrics by Gary Barlow and Eliot Kennedy and a**

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**book by James Graham. This  
songbook presents 20 selections from  
the show arranged for voice and  
piano with chord symbols: All of  
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Circus of Your Mind \* If the World  
Turned Upside Down \* Live by the**

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the Night \* We're All Made of Stars  
\* When Your Feet Don't Touch the  
Ground \* and more. This folio also  
includes pages of full-color scenes**

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**from the original Broadway  
production.**

**Seminar paper from the year 2018 in  
the subject Literature - Modern  
Literature, grade: 3,0, University of  
Erfurt, course: Literature in images:  
Graphic Novels, language: English,**

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**abstract: A lot of graphic novels work with Intertextuality, because as a visual medium they can represent or quote another text even better than a normal novel. Alison Bechdel's Fun Home is a prime example of those graphic novels that**

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**use intertextuality. Her memoir is full of pop culture and book references. My thesis is that the literary works and stories she has woven into her story mirror her own story and exist to further illustrate her struggles coming of age.**



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**A Graphic Memoir. The Perception  
of Authenticity in Alison Bechdel's  
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Edition**

**Split-level Dykes to Watch Out for**

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A black teenage lesbian finds herself stranded in a dangerous and unfamiliar place: an all-white Christian youth backpacking camp.

Extends the feminist analysis of representation

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to the realm of performance  
Research Paper  
(undergraduate) from the  
year 2018 in the subject  
American Studies -  
Literature, grade: 1,0,  
University of Erfurt  
(Philosophische Fakultät),

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course: Literature in  
Images: Graphic Novels,  
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the wreckage of a once prosperous plantation on Agate Hill in North Carolina contains the remnants of an extraordinary life: diaries, letters, poems, songs, newspaper clippings, court records, marbles, rocks,

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dolls, and bones. It's through these treasured mementos that we meet Molly Petree. Raised in those ruins and orphaned by the Civil War, Molly is a refugee who has no interest in self-pity. When a

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mysterious benefactor appears out her father's past to rescue her, she never looks back. Spanning half a century, On Agate Hill follows Molly's passionate, picaresque journey through love,

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betrayal, motherhood, a murder trial—and back home to Agate Hill under circumstances she never could have imagined.

Earthly Paradise

The Comics of Alison Bechdel

The Influencing Machine:

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Brooke Gladstone on the  
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The Best American Comics  
2011

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Everyone

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Home, a profoundly affecting graphic memoir of Bechdel's lifelong love affair with exercise, set against a hilarious chronicle of fitness fads in our times Comics and cultural superstar Alison



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Bechdel delivers a deeply layered story of her fascination, from childhood to adulthood, with every fitness craze to come down the pike: from Jack LaLanne in the 60s ("Outlandish

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jumpsuit! Cantaloupe-sized guns!") to the existential oddness of present-day spin class. Readers will see their athletic or semi-active pasts flash before their eyes through an ever-evolving

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panoply of running shoes, bicycles, skis, and sundry other gear. But the more Bechdel tries to improve herself, the more her self appears to be the thing in her way. She turns for

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enlightenment to Eastern philosophers and literary figures, including Beat writer Jack Kerouac, whose search for self-transcendence in the great outdoors appears in moving conversation with

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the author's own. This gifted artist and not-getting-any-younger exerciser comes to a soulful conclusion. The secret to superhuman strength lies not in six-pack abs, but in something much

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less clearly defined: facing  
her own non-transcendent  
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Big changes are set in  
motion when many of Alison  
Bechdel's best-loved lesbian  
gals find themselves on the  
move in this eighth cartoon

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collection. Illustrations.  
In the wake of the thefts of  
three priceless art treasures  
from Rome, Paris, and  
London, art detective Gabriel  
Coffin and art historian  
Genevieve Delacloche team



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up to investigate a series of false leads, forgeries, and bizarre clues. A first novel. Reprint.

The Secret to Superhuman  
Strength  
Stories

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Became Pan

A Novel

Drawing Words and Writing  
Pictures

*This thesis will examine how Alison  
Bechdel's 2006 graphic memoir "Fun*

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*Home: A Family Tragicomic" uses references to William Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde and their works to explore Bechdel's and her father's sexual identities and gender identities. First, I will argue that Bechdel's use of dramatic intertextuality is often ignored in favour of her use of modernist canonical fiction. Then I will*

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*proceed to explain why dramatic intertextuality is important for the graphic narrative and for Fun Home in particular. Afterwards, I will specifically focus on the dramatic intertextual references to Shakespeare and Wilde. I will argue that Bechdel explores her own gender identity by indirectly referencing Shakespeares use*

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*of theatrical transvestitism. Then I will argue that she explores her fathers sexuality by comparing him to Oscar Wilde and the homosexual archetypes he used in his plays. I will conclude my thesis with a discussion on how Bechdel employs indirect and direct dramatic intertextual references and what these references*

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*convey about her gender identity and her fathers sexual identity.*

*"Based on the graphic novel by Alison Bechdel."*

*A memoir done in the form of a graphic novel by a cult favorite comic artist offers a darkly funny family portrait that details her relationship with her father--a funeral*

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*home director, high school English teacher, and closeted homosexual.*

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AUTHOR – NOMINATED FOR THE 2019  
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NEBULA AND ARTHUR C. CLARKE***

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*AWARDS. When Captain Kel Chervis of the hexarchate is disgraced for her unconventional tactics, Kel Command gives her a chance to redeem herself, by retaking the Fortress of Scattered Needles from the heretics. Chervis's career isn't the only thing at stake: if the fortress falls, the hexarchate itself might be next.*



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*Cheris's best hope is to ally with the undead tactician Shuos Jedao. The good news is that Jedao has never lost a battle, and he may be the only one who can figure out how to successfully besiege the fortress. The bad news is that Jedao went mad in his first life and massacred two armies, one of them his own. As the siege*

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*wears on, Cheris must decide how far she can trust Jedao—because she might be his next victim.*

*Are You My Mother?*

*Ninefox Gambit*

*A Family Tragicomic*

*Flying*

*An Autobiography, Drawn from Her*

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*Lifetime Writings by Robert Phelps*

The New York Times–bestselling graphic memoir about Alison Bechdel, author of *Fun Home*, becoming the artist her mother wanted to be. Alison Bechdel's *Fun Home* was a pop culture and

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literary phenomenon. Now, a second thrilling tale of filial sleuthery, this time about her mother: voracious reader, music lover, passionate amateur actor. Also a woman, unhappily married to a closeted gay man,

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whose artistic aspirations simmered under the surface of Bechdel's childhood...and who stopped touching or kissing her daughter good night, forever, when she was seven.

Poignantly, hilariously, Bechdel

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embarks on a quest for answers concerning the mother-daughter gulf. It's a richly layered search that leads readers from the fascinating life and work of the iconic twentieth-century psychoanalyst Donald Winnicott,

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to one explosively illuminating  
Dr. Seuss illustration, to  
Bechdel ' s own (serially  
monogamous) adult love life.  
And, finally, back to Mother—to a  
truce, fragile and real-time, that  
will move and astonish all adult

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children of gifted mothers. A New York Times, USA Today, Time, Slate, and Barnes & Noble Best Book of the Year “As complicated, brainy, inventive and satisfying as the finest prose memoirs.” –New York Times



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Book Review “A work of the most humane kind of genius, bravely going right to the heart of things: why we are who we are. It's also incredibly funny. And visually stunning. And page-turningly addictive. And

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heartbreaking.” –Jonathan Safran Foer “Many of us are living out the unlived lives of our mothers. Alison Bechdel has written a graphic novel about this; sort of like a comic book by Virginia Woolf. You won't believe

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it until you read it—and you must!” –Gloria Steinem

In this rollicking queer western adventure, acclaimed cartoonist Melanie Gillman (Stonewall Award Honor Book *As the Crow Flies*) puts readers in the saddle

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alongside Flor and Grace, a Latinx outlaw and a trans runaway, as they team up to thwart a Confederate plot in the New Mexico Territory. When Flor—also known as the notorious Ghost Hawk—robs the

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stagecoach that Grace has used to escape her Georgia home, the first thing on her mind is ransom. But when the two get to talking about Flor's plan to crash a Confederate gala and steal some crucial documents, Grace

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convinces Flor to let her join the heist.

The introduction, by the acclaimed biographer Linda Lear, tells the story of Carson 's courageous defense of her truths in the face of a ruthless assault

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form the chemical industry following the publication of *Silent Spring* and before her untimely death.

Grin, giggle, and guffaw your way through this celebrated cartoonist's graphic commentary

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of contemporary lesbian life.

Fun Home

The Cheese Monkeys

Happy Death

How to Achieve a Professional

Look in Your Artwork

A Comic Drama



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A course on comics creation offers lessons on lettering, story, structure, panel layout, and much more, providing a solid introduction for people interested in making their own comics. Original.

Literary Nonfiction. Growing up queer

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in the deep South, Genevieve Hudson longed for stories about lives like her own. So she turned to Alison Bechdel's groundbreaking graphic memoir, FUN HOME. In its panels, she found sly references to Bechdel's personal influences. A Little in Love with

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Everyone is Hudson's journey down a rabbit hole of queer heroes like Audre Lorde, Eileen Myles, and Adrienne Rich, who turned their stories into art and empowered future generations to embrace their own truths. This book is part of a new series from Fiction

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Advocate called Afterwords.

Contributions by Michelle Ann Abate,  
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Kelp-Stebbins, Don L. Latham,  
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Utell, and Susan R. Van Dyne Alison  
Bechdel is both a driver and  
beneficiary of the welcoming of comics  
into the mainstream. Indeed, the

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seemingly simple binary of outside/inside seems perpetually troubled throughout the career of this important comics artist, known for Fun Home, Are You My Mother?, and Dykes to Watch Out For. This volume extends the body of scholarship on her

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work from a range of interdisciplinary perspectives. In a definitive collection of original essays, scholars cover the span of Bechdel's career, placing her groundbreaking early work within the context of her more well-known recent projects. The contributors provide new

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insights on major themes in Bechdel's work, such as gender performativity, masculinity, lesbian politics and representation, trauma, life writing, and queer theory. Situating Bechdel among other comics artists, this book charts possible influences on her work, probes



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the experimental traits of her comics in their representations of kinship and trauma, combs archival materials to gain insight into Bechdel's creative process, and analyzes her work in community building and space making through the comics form. Ultimately,

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the volume shows that Bechdel's work consists of performing a series of selves—serializing the self, as it were—each constructed and refracted across and within her chosen artistic modes and genres.

Teaches comic book artists about

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artistic perspective, covering one, two, and three-point perspective, using circles, drawing the human figure, and explaining the horizon and vanishing point

The Feminist Spectator as Critic  
Within A Budding Grove

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2.5 Minute Ride and 101 Humiliating  
Stories

Intertextuality in Alison Bechdel's  
"Fun Home"

Stage Dreams

Features excerpts from  
graphic novels,

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newspapers, webcomics, and other sources and features work by up-and-coming contributors as well as such established artists as Joe Sacco, Jeff Smith, and Dash

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Shaw.

Fun Home A Family  
Tragicomic Houghton  
Mifflin Harcourt

Brings together a new  
collection of cartoons  
recounting the lives and

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loves of a diverse group of lesbian friends.

"The crew's anxieties come to a head when they have a wild party down route in Manhattan. The repercussions of that

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night haunt the journey  
home until they can be  
contained no  
further."--BOOK JACKET.  
Perspective! for Comic  
Book Artists  
Rubyfruit Jungle



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The Art Thief

From the Outside In

The Essential Dykes to

Watch Out for

***Amy Bloom was nominated for  
a National Book Award for  
her first collection, Come***

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*to Me, and her fiction has appeared in The New Yorker, Story, Antaeus, and other magazines, and in The Best American Short Stories and Prize Stories: The O. Henry Awards. In her new collection, she enhances her*

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*reputation as a true artist of the form. Here are characters confronted with tragedy, perplexed by emotions, and challenged to endure whatever modern life may have in store. A loving mother accompanies her*

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*daughter in her journey to become a man, and discovers a new, hopeful love. A stepmother and stepson meet again after fifteen years and a devastating mistake, and rediscover their familial affection for each*

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*other. And in "The Story," a widow bent on seducing another woman's husband constructs and deconstructs her story until she has "made the best and happiest ending" possible "in this world."*

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## *Publisher Description*

*DISCOVER the BESTSELLING GRAPHIC MEMOIR behind the 2019 Olivier Award nominated musical. 'A sapphic graphic treat' The Times A moving and darkly humorous family tale, pitch-perfectly*

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*illustrated with Alison  
Bechdel's gothic drawings.  
If you liked Marjane  
Satrapi's Persepolis you'll  
love this. Meet Alison's  
father, a historic  
preservation expert and  
obsessive restorer of the*

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*family's Victorian home, a third-generation funeral home director, a high-school English teacher, an icily distant parent, and a closeted homosexual who, as it turns out, is involved with his male students and*



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*the family babysitter. When Alison comes out as homosexual herself in late adolescence, the denouement is swift, graphic, and redemptive. Interweaving between childhood memories, college life and present*

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*day, and through narrative that is equally heartbreaking and fiercely funny, Alison looks back on her complex relationship with her father and finds they had more in common than she ever knew. 'A*

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*groundbreaking masterpiece'*  
*The Independent* 'A finely  
*woven blend of yearning and*  
*euphoric fantasy'* *Evening*  
*Standard* \*\*ONE OF THE  
GUARDIAN'S 100 BEST BOOKS OF  
THE 21st CENTURY\*\*  
*Is it possible to die a*

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*happy death? This is the central question of Camus's astonishing early novel, published posthumously and greeted as a major literary event. It tells the story of a young Algerian, Mersault, who defies society's rules*

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*by committing a murder and escaping punishment, then experimenting with different ways of life and finally dying a happy man. In many ways A Happy Death is a fascinating first sketch for The Outsider, but it can*

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*also be seen as a candid self-portrait, drawing on Camus's memories of his youth, travels and early relationships. It is infused with lyrical descriptions of the sun-drenched Algiers of his childhood - the place*

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*where, eventually, Mersault is able to find peace and die 'without anger, without hatred, without regret'.*

*Making Comics: Manga, Graphic Novels, and Beyond  
Alison Bechdel's Use of Canonical Modernist*

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*Literature in 'Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic': The Case of Fitzgerald, Joyce and Woolf*

*Dramatic Intertextuality in Alison Bechdel's "Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic": Exploring Gender and*



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*Sexuality Through  
Shakespeare and Wilde  
On Agate Hill  
China Boy*

The cohost of NPR's On the Media narrates, in cartoon form, two millennia of the influence of the media on the populace, from

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newspapers in Caesar's Rome to the penny press of the American Revolution to today. 30,000 first printing.

This book collects Lisa Kron's two extraordinary solo performance works. Best known for her ongoing work as a member of The Five

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Lesbian Brothers, Kron's solo pieces are very personal examinations of both herself and her family history. This is singularly clear in 2.5 Minute Ride, where her writing deftly maneuvers between the tragic drama of the Holocaust and the

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wry comedy of her family's attempts to pursue pleasure at the local amusement park. This critically acclaimed work played to sold out audience for over six months at New York's Public Theatre. Also included is the riotous 101 Humiliating Stories,

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which first premiered in 1993, and in fact only consists of seventeen tales but each, as the author observes, has several humiliations. It recounts the adventures and misadventures of a self-described Big Lesbian as she tests the boundaries of decorum in social

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and professional situations.

'Show me something I've never seen before and will never be able to forget - if you can do that, you can do anything.' It's 1957, long before computers have replaced the trained eye and skilful hand. Our narrator at State University is

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determined to major in Art, and after several risible false starts, he accidentally ends up in a new class: 'Introduction to Graphic Design'. His teacher is the enigmatic Winter Sorbeck, equal parts genius, seducer and sadist. Sorbeck is a bitter yet fascinating

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man whose assignments hurl his charges through a gauntlet of humiliation and heartache, shame and triumph, ego-bashing and enlightenment. Along the way, friendships are made and undone, jealousies simmer, and the sexual tango weaves and dips. By the end



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of their 'Introduction to Graphic Design', Sorbeck's students will never see the world in the same way again. And, with Chip Kidd's insights into the secrets of graphic design, neither will you.

“ The rare work of fiction that has changed real life . . . If you don ' t

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yet know Molly Bolt—or Rita Mae Brown, who created her—I urge you to read and thank them both. ” —Gloria Steinem Winner of the Lambda Literary Pioneer Award | Winner of the Lee Lynch Classic Book Award A landmark coming-of-age novel that launched

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the career of one of this country ' s most distinctive voices, Rubyfruit Jungle remains a transformative work more than forty years after its original publication. In bawdy, moving prose, Rita Mae Brown tells the story of Molly Bolt, the adoptive daughter of a dirt-poor

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Southern couple who boldly forges her own path in America. With her startling beauty and crackling wit, Molly finds that women are drawn to her wherever she goes—and she refuses to apologize for loving them back. This literary milestone continues to resonate with its

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message about being true to yourself and, against the odds, living happily ever after. Praise for Rubyfruit Jungle

“ Groundbreaking. ” —The New York Times “ Powerful . . . a truly incredible book . . . I found myself laughing hysterically, then sobbing

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uncontrollably just moments later. ” —The Boston Globe “ You can ’ t fully know—or enjoy—how much the world has changed without reading this truly wonderful book. ” —Andrew Tobias, author of *The Best Little Boy in the World* “ A crass and hilarious

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slice of growing up ‘ different, ’ as fun to read today as it was in 1973. ” —The Rumpus “ Molly Bolt is a genuine descendant—genuine female descendant—of Huckleberry Finn. And Rita Mae Brown is, like Mark Twain, a serious writer who gets her messages across through

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laughter.” —Donna E. Shalala “ A trailblazing literary coup at publication . . . It was the right book at the right time.” —Lee Lynch, author of Beggar of Love  
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Finding Neverland Songbook  
A Blind Man Can See How Much I



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Love You

Approaches to Teaching Bechdel ' s  
Fun Home

A Happy Death

In his first novel, A  
Happy Death, written  
when he was in his early

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twenties and retrieved from his private papers following his death in 1960, Albert Camus laid the foundation for *The Stranger*, focusing in both works on an

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