After enjoying over six months on the New York Times Bestseller list and receiving a rave review from the same institution, acclaimed cartoonist Adrian Tomine’s *Killing and Dying* is now available in paperback, with an updated cover and French flaps. With this work, Tomine (*Shortcomings*, *Scenes from an Impending Marriage*) reaffirms his place not only as one of the most significant creators of contemporary comics, but as one of the great voices of modern American literature. His gift for capturing emotion and intellect resonates: the weight of love and its absence, the pride and disappointment of family, the anxiety and hopefulness of being alive in the twenty-first century.

“Amber Sweet” shows the disastrous impact of mistaken identity in a hyper-connected world; “A Brief History of the Art Form Known as Hortisculpture” details the invention and destruction of a vital new art form; “Translated, from the Japanese,” is a lush, full-color display of storytelling through still images; the title story, “Killing and Dying,” centers on parenthood, mortality, and stand-up comedy. In six interconnected, darkly funny stories, Tomine forms a quietly moving portrait of contemporary life.

Adrian Tomine is a master of the small gesture, equally deft at signaling emotion via a subtle change of expression or write large across landscapes illustrated in full color. *Killing and Dying* is a fraught, realist masterpiece.

**PRAISE FOR KILLING AND DYING**

“Pocket epics of romantic, creative and social frustration set in recognizably drab, drably picturesque American landscapes.”—New York Times

“(Tomine) is an emotional x-ray machine. All-seeing, all-knowing.”—Guardian

“Deft and subtle, with a bittersweet understanding of the tension between aspiration and loss.”—Los Angeles Times
Adrian Tomine was born in 1974 in Sacramento, California. He began self-publishing his comic book series Optic Nerve when he was sixteen. His comics have been anthologized in publications such as McSweeney's, Best American Comics, and Best American Nonrequired Reading, and his graphic novel Shortcomings was a New York Times Notable Book of the year. Since 1999, Tomine has been a regular contributor to the New Yorker. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and daughters.
The scene is late seventies Sweden: the four-decade-long reign of the once indestructible socio-democratic party has come to an end. Parties on the far left begin to mobilize, hoping to overcome the prevailing capitalist model on a national scale, but also in the streets, factories, and small towns to the North. This is where we meet Siv: a married mother of three employed by the youth sector of her local socio-democratic chapter. Without warning, Siv falls in love with a young Maoist, Ulrik, who recently arrived from the south of Sweden to militarize—and gain control—of the steelworkers union.

Anneli Furmark’s Red Winter weaves together the story of Siv, Ulrik, and the concentric circles of tension that slowly build around them, threatening to disintegrate her family’s foundation. Her three children look on, noticing a shift in their mother without fully understanding it. Siv and Ulrik drift through the season, musing on their actions, their politics, their love, and its inevitable consequences—while Furmark’s delicate hues of blue and orange heighten the cinematic qualities of northern Sweden’s isolated landscape. Red Winter is a tale of a love that haunts in the darkness of winter.

PRAISE FOR RED WINTER
“A quiet but dramatic portrayal of the remarkable political sects who took over the number of people living in the seventies Sweden.”—Goodreads

“Red Winter remains a sensitive, beautifully written comic strip, simply and warmly rendered, swept with beautiful and effective blue watercolors. A curiosity.”—Bodoii

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I WANT IT TO BE YOU AND ME.

WE'D BE SO LONELY.

WE'D HAVE EACH OTHER.

WHAT WOULD YOUR COMRADES SAY IF YOU WERE TOGETHER WITH AN OLD SOCIAL DEMOCRAT LADY?

ULRIG, WE CAN'T.

YOU'RE NOT AN OLD SOCIAL DEMOCRAT LADY.

ULRIG, I WORK AT UNGA (YOUNG EAGLES), THAT MAKES ME AN OLD SOCIAL DEMOCRAT LADY? WE SHARE THE VALUES OF THE WORKERS' MOVEMENT!

YEAH, LIKE WE DO!

WE?

WE?

IN OUR PARTY.

BUT YOU'RE NOT THE MOVEMENT. YOU AND I... WE WOULDN'T BE VERY POPULAR WHERE I WORK.

THERE ARE OTHER JOBS, SN.

OY, YOU MIGHT BE A SOCIAL DEMOCRAT, BUT YOU'RE NOT AN OLD LADY.

AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT BIT CAN BE CHANGED.

YOU WANT TO CONVERT ME?

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO BE CONVERTED?
Anneli Furmark was born in 1962 in Vallentuna and grew up in Luleå (Sweden). She studied at the Umeå Academy, where she later became a teacher. A painter and comic artist, her first graphic novel *The Mazes and Other Stories* was published in 2002. She has participated in numerous anthologies, including *Drawn & Quarterly Showcase: Book 5*, and has produced seven graphic novels to date. Her work has been awarded twice at the Kemi Festival in Finland, and has been published in Canada, Finland, the Netherlands, and in several Swedish newspapers.
John Porcellino makes his love of home and of nature the anchors in an increasingly turbulent world. He slows down and visits the forests, fields, streams, and overgrown abandoned lots that surround every city. He studies the flora and fauna around us. He looks at the overlooked. Porcellino also digs deep into a quintessential American endeavour—the road trip. Uprooting his comfortable life several times in From Lone Mountain, John drives through the country weaving from small town to small town, experiencing America in slow motion, avoiding the sameness of airports and overwhelming hustle of major cities.

From Lone Mountain collects stories from Porcellino’s influential zine King-Cat—John enters a new phase of his life, as he remarries and decides to leave his beloved second home Colorado for San Francisco. Grand themes of King-Cat are visited and stated more eloquently than ever before: serendipity, memory, and the quest for meaning in the everyday.

Over the past three decades, Porcellino’s beloved King-Cat has offered solace to his readers: his gentle observational stories take the pulse of everyday life and reveal beauty in the struggle to keep going.

PRAISE FOR KING-CAT
“John Porcellino is comics’ reigning master of minimalism.”—AV Club
“The rawness of Porcellino’s work, its unfiltered directness, is the essence of its charm.”—Los Angeles Times
“Intentionally simple drawings, largely autobiographical tales and renderings of dreams...Porcellino is a master at miniature poignance.”—Entertainment Weekly

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FROM LONE MOUNTAIN
JOHN PORCELLINO
A view of America—as seen in small towns, rural roads, and its overlooked in-between places
Great Western Sky

I feel lucky that I

got to experience

that Great Western Sky...

The stillness of Nevada at 3 a.m.

The silence of a thousand stars shining down

The roaring of not

One word

Spoken anywhere
John Porcellino was born in Chicago in 1968, and has been writing, drawing, and publishing minicomics, comics, and graphic novels for over twenty-five years. His celebrated self-published series *King-Cat Comics*, begun in 1980 and still running, has inspired a generation of cartoonists. He lives in Illinois.
Walt Disney is exhausted both physically and mentally. After a break-down where he trashes his office, his wife Lilian brings him to a retreat to recover—the Von Spatz Rehabilitation Center. With a campus that includes studio buildings, a gallery, an art supply store, a hot dog booth, and a penguin pool, the clinic is a paradise for artists in crisis. There Disney meets Tomi Ungerer and Saul Steinberg, and together, they embark on a regimen of relaxation and art therapy.

Haifisch looks at the fervent drive and crippling insecurities of the average artist and places those same issues on the shoulders of three celebrated 20th century artists. Part study of isolation, part tale of a begrudging camaraderie, daily life at the center mixes with reminiscences from the world outside. Wryly written, precisely composed, and glowingly colored, Von Spatz is a hilarious, heartwarming absurdist tale.

PRAISE FOR ANNA HAIFISCH
“Simultaneously satirical yet heartfelt... What’s striking about seeing the series in its entirety is the richness and referential irony of Haifisch’s opening panels.”–AIGA Eye on Design

“Haifisch’s work is very funny [with] a charming, scratchy line and a faintly unsettling colour palette.”–Quietus

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WALT

WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN REMEMBER EVERYTHING...
GIVE IT A SHOT, WALT. LET'S TAKE IT FROM THE TOP.

I was in the screening room
every night, all night

watching scenes over and over.
Some a thousand times.
Frame by frame, super slo-mo.

Images started to change.
Clearly I was hallucinating.
Anna Haifisch was born in 1986 in Leipzig, Germany. Anna co-founded the indie comic festival The Millionaires Club and likes printmaking as well as drawing comics.
Ichiro and Sachiko are young artists, temperamental and discouraged about what life has to offer them. They fall in and out of love, jealous of one another’s interests and unchallenged by their careers. *Red Colored Elegy* charts their heartache, their passions, and their bickering with equal tenderness, creating a revelatory portrait of a stormy love affair.

A cornerstone of the Japanese underground scene of the 1960s, Seiichi Hayashi wrote *Red Colored Elegy* between 1970 and 1971, in the aftermath of a politically turbulent and culturally vibrant decade that promised but failed to deliver new possibilities. Sparse line work and visual codes borrowed from animation and film beautifully capture the quiet lives of a young couple struggling to make ends meet. Ichiro and Sachiko hope for something better, but they’re no revolutionaries; their spare time is spent drinking, smoking, daydreaming and sleeping together—and at times with others.

*Red Colored Elegy* is informed as much by underground Japanese comics of the time as it is by the French Nouvelle Vague. Its influence in Japan was so large that Morio Agata, a prominent Japanese folk musician and singer/songwriter, debuted with a love song written and named after it. This new paperback edition features an essay on *Red Colored Elegy* and Hayashi’s contributions to contemporary Japanese comics from art historian Ryan Holmberg.

**PRAISE FOR RED COLORED ELEGY**

“Red Colored Elegy is a condensed visual poetry that still feels avant-garde nearly forty years later.” — *Believer*

“Traced photographs, blank word balloons and nearly cubist sex scenes...beautifully lament Ichiro and Sachiko’s failed relationship...the story is heartbreakingly universal.” — *Publishers Weekly Starred Review*

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RED COLORED ELEGY

SEIICHI HAYASHI

An influential and experimental work, in an all-new paperback edition
Go ahead and quit already.

That production company pays peanuts!

Are you gonna let yourself be robbed?

Am I drunk?
Seiichi Hayashi was born in Manchuria in 1945. He published his first comics work in Japan's influential underground comics magazine, Garo. A prolific artist, Hayashi is also a film and commercial director, a children's book author, an animator, and an illustrator. He lives and works just outside of Tokyo.
After an unexpected breakup, a young woman named Selma experiences a series of reveries and emotional setbacks. Struggling to relate to her friends and accomplish even the simplest tasks like using a modern laundromat, she sinks deeper into depression. After witnessing another couple break-up and chancing upon the jilted male of the couple, Anders, at his pet store job, Selma realizes that her mysterious neighbor is the woman of that same couple. Her growing despair distances her from her eager and sympathetic friend. One day, as the mysterious glamorous neighbor is leaving for a business trip, Selma discovers the woman has dropped her key card to her apartment. Selma initially resists but eventually she presses the key to her neighbor's lock and enters.

Aisha Franz is a master of portraying feminine loneliness and confusion while keeping her characters tough and real. Her artwork shifts from sparseness to detailed futurist with ease. Her characters fidget and twirl as they zip through a world both foreign and familiar. Basic human desires and functions alternate with dreamlike symbolism to create a tension-filled tale of the nightmare that is modern life.

PRAISE FOR AIsha FRANZ

“[Earthling] focuses on two sisters and their mother, each trying to cope with growing alienation. Ms. Franz’s smudgy, sometimes sludgy pencils are a perfect match for the women’s psyches as fantasy and reality blur.” —New York Times

“A coming-of-age story that shimmers between the alien and the familiar.” —Globe & Mail
FAK! Good that you're home...

Come on!

Hey...

My keycard isn't working for some reason.

What's up?

I changed the code...

Why would you do that?!

I'm breaking up with you... Sorry.

Oh!

I see...

Does that mean I have to move out?

Uh... Right now?

Yeah, sorry. I got a new girlfriend. You know, so it had to happen kind of quick.

Here's your stuff.

SFMN's stuff.
Aisha Franz was born in Fürth, Germany and was named after an elephant from TV. She studied illustration at the School of Art and Design in Kassel and has worked as a freelance illustrator and cartoonist since graduating. Franz has published two graphic novels; her books have been translated into Italian, Spanish, and French. Her work has been exhibited in Germany, Belgium, and Italy, and she currently lives in Berlin, where she’s part of the comics collective The Treasure Fleet.
Kitaro the Vampire Slayer is the fifth volume in Shigeru Mizuki’s bizarre stories about a yokai boy and his entourage of otherworldly friends. One of the most popular Kitaro tales, the title story pits Kitaro and his family against a Beatles-inspired mop-topped, guitar-playing vampire named Erit and his castle of horrors. In an unexpected twist—spoiler alert!—Kitaro meets his demise, but even death is hardly enough to keep our favorite yokai boy down.

Along with the villainous vampire, Kitaro faces a trio of monsters straight from Japanese folklore. Mizuki often pulled from classic Japanese folk tales for inspiration, as shown in these three stories. A certain serpent and temple bell appear in “The Phantom Steam Engine,” then it’s onto a bird-like creature with a big beak in “Ubume,” and Kitaro had better not look behind him when the Ushiro Gami comes to town.

The four stories in this volume are collected from the late ‘60s golden age of Gegege no Kitaro. Appearing in English for the first time, this kid-friendly edition is translated by Mizuki-scholar Zack Davisson and includes bonus features like “Yokai Files,” which introduce Japan’s folklore monsters, and the fifth installment of the “History of Kitaro” essay by Davisson. For fans of quirky horror, Kitaro the Vampire Slayer is a must-read!

PRAISE FOR KITARO
“These humorous and spooky entries introduce readers to one of the most famous characters in Japan.”—School Library Journal

“Family-friendly horror done well is hard to find, making this series valuable as both an introduction to a classic manga character and purely enjoyable reading.”—Booklist

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This book is presented in the traditional Japanese manner. For the purposes of this excerpt, the story begins on this page and continues in order, but each individual page is intended to be read from right to left.

**We're here! The minister is waiting.**

**Kitaro, if you don't mind, let's keep our voices down.**

**A little cake while we're chatting?**

**Yes...**

**Oh yeah? A vampire?**

**I've got a vampire problem.**

**Yes...**

**When I was attacked...**

**It's a little out of my field of expertise, so I don't know if this is usual, but...**

**Lucky you got away.**

**He was singing and playing a guitar.**

**Minister! I've brought Professor Kitaro.**

**Excellent! Thanks for coming!**
Shigeru Mizuki (1922–2015) was one of Japan’s most respected artists ever. An artistic prodigy, he lost an arm in World War II. After the war, Mizuki became one of the founders of Japan’s latest craze—manga. He invented the yokai genre with GeGeGe no Kitaro, his most famous one-eyed character who has been adapted for the screen several times, as anime, live action, and video games. A new anime series has been made every decade since 1968 and has captured the imagination of generations of Japanese children. A real-life ghost hunter, Mizuki travelled to over sixty countries to engage in fieldwork based on spirit folklore. In his hometown of Sakaiminato, one can find Shigeru Mizuki Road, a street decorated with bronze statues of his Kitaro characters.
As the Moomins prepare to hibernate through what is going to be the worst winter yet, several unwelcomed guests take advantage of the Moomins’ generosity and keep the family awake throughout the long winter.

Their quirky but needy guests prevent the Moomins from hibernating and the chaos only increases with the arrival of a little nibling determined to find out everyone’s secrets. One by one, the nibling sees what the Moomins and each of their houseguests do when no one else is looking. But everyone is ashamed of what the nibling has seen and is determined to keep their secret activities, well, a secret!

PRAISE FOR TOVE JANSSON
"Tove Jansson is one of the most imaginative and influential storytellers in modern history—an artist and writer of singular creative vision and a genius for rendering visible and comprehensible life’s subtlest nuances.”—Brainpickings

"In Jansson’s narratives, whether tilted to children or adults, a debate can be felt rustling under the surface: it’s between voices that speak for the open hand of compromise and diplomacy and those that see the truth as naked or nothing, wills that would rather do whatever the hell they like.”—New Yorker
Tove Jansson (1914–2001) was a legendary Finnish children’s book author, artist, and creator of the Moomins, who came to life in children’s books, comic strips, theater, opera, film, radio, theme parks, and TV.