

Second Wednesday Comic Book Club



[A graphic novel discussion group suitable for high school, university, exchange and university students aged 15 and up]

Yes, there's a lot of talk about graphic novels these days, and every second day a new movie adaptation of a comic book seems to come out, but have you ever wanted to have a really good discussion about comic books, and meet other people who read 'em and think about 'em? You have? Great! Me too! This club is for us!

Each fortnight we will focus on a specific book, and we'll discuss what the book is about (plot, characters) but we will also look at the way in which the artist (or artists) manages to tell their story (technique, style). We'll analyse content and form, and probably laugh quite a bit. This is a group for comics fans and for people interested in making comics themselves.

Discussion leader is Bernard Caleo, a writer, drawer, publisher, teacher and preacher of comics. He is the editor of 'The Tango Collection' (Allen and Unwin, 2009), the writer and performer of the 'What It Is?' comics evenings at Readings bookshop in Carlton this year, and a broadcaster and writer about comics.

The books for each week are as follows:

- Secret of the Unicorn (Tintin) by Hergé (1943) (Spielberg movie coming Christmas 2011)
- Scott Pilgrim Book 1 by Bryan Lee O'Malley (2004) (movie made in 2010)
- Maus Book 1 by Art Spiegelman (1986)
- The Arrival by Shaun Tan (2006)
- Akira by Katsuhiro Otomo Book 1 (2000 in English translation)
- Fun Home by Alison Bechdel (2006)

If you don't have any of them, you can borrow them from City Library – check whether the book is available to be borrowed before you come in – www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/MelbourneLibraryService – or many local libraries stock these books. Minotaur Books in the city or Readings bookshop in Carlton are good sources if you want to buy any of them.

If you can't find a particular book, or if you can't find the time to read it before the discussion time, don't worry: come along and you'll still be able to contribute to the discussion. When there are specific panels or pages to discuss, they will be available as photocopies or projected on the wall.

And yes – there will be some drawing to do in each class – if you don't draw very much, again don't worry – rough doodles will be fine!

Finally, it'd be great to see you at all of the sessions if possible, but **each session will be a stand-alone and is open for anyone to attend**. If you can just make it to one or a few, that's fine. We'd love to see you at the Second Wednesday Comic Book Club.

- Wednesday 3 August 2011, 6.00 – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 17 August 2011, 6.00 – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 31 August 2011, 6.00 – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 14 September 2011, 6.00 – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 28 September 2011, 6.00 – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 12 October 2011, 6.00 – 7.30pm

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The library is located in the CAE building on the corner of Degraeves Street and Flinders Lane, between Swanston and Elizabeth Streets. (Melway reference: Map 1B, M9)

Interested to attend?

Email your name, email address, institution to gary.lee@melbourne.vic.gov.au