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Indestructible

by cristy c road



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FORMAT: paperback, 96 pgs, 5.5" x 8.5", illustrated

MARKETING NOTES:

- Artist authors *Greenzine*, one of the best selling and most well known zines ever
- Artist has made artwork for Green Day, filmmaker Esther Bell, *Bitch Magazine*, *Left Turn*, *Spread* and Plan-It-X Records
- Artist has been written about prominently in *Curve*, *Bitch*, *Visual Resistance* and many more
- Book is featured on 5,000 postcards distributed to stores and individuals
- Book is advertised regularly in *Punk Planet*, *MRR*, *Slug and Lettuce*, *Clamor*, *Reader's Guide to the Underground Press*, and *Heartattack* magazines

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- The Diary of a Teenage Girl: An Account in Words and Pictures*, Phoebe Gloeckner, Frog Ltd 2002, 312 pages, ISBN: 1583940634, List: \$22.95
- Choir Boy*, Charlie Anders, Soft Skull Press 2005, 320 pages, ISBN: 1932360816, List: \$16.95
- Catcher In the Rye*, J.D. Salinger, Little, Brown 1991, 224 pages, ISBN: 0316769487, List: \$6.99
- Love Story*, Erich Segal, HarperTorch 2002, 224 pages, ISBN: 0380017601, List: \$7.99

Stemming from ten years of zine writing and five years of eccentric illustration, Cristy C. Road debuts her first illustrated novel, *INDESTRUCTIBLE*, under the subtitle "Fifteen Chapters on being fifteen". *INDESTRUCTIBLE* chronicles the misadventures of wildly eccentric, Latino, queer, punk rock, and angst-ridden teenagers, enveloping concepts of growing up female, sexual curiosity, surviving as working class, teenage embraces of promiscuity, bad reputations, drug abuse, coping with death, and punk rock; all in a swift 96-page illustrated novel!

Within the pages of *INDESTRUCTIBLE*, Road documents her progressing adolescence and tackles individual situations with intricate detail alongside slight romanticizing and gorgeous full-page black and white illustrations. Through the novel, Road trickles through the stigmatized aspects of teenage-girl sexuality, condemns stagnant double standards, and tackles the concepts of gender and cultural socialization, with an eagerness towards fighting what we are "taught".

Consequently, the notion of tackling a million and one -isms may seem unreal or maybe dreadful. But in *INDESTRUCTIBLE*, we come across the contrary. Road's novel is concise, with a tinge of punk rock grit. In the end, every battle seems to make complete sense; when huddled beneath the umbrella of general, yet beautiful, teen rebellion.

"While the combination of handwriting, typewriter, and xerox-style printing may bring to mind a personal diary zine, this is a lot more than that, as Road has created diary entries/short stories/fiction/truth for dozens of characters who are all experiencing change. Related to Jessica Abel's best work, these portraits are expressive, nuanced and enchanting. Highly recommended." -*Rocktober*

"Chances are you've come across Cristy Road's artwork but if you haven't then you need to now! Her words are as inspiring as her illustrations. *Greenzine* is full of inspiration, hope, and fucking awesome critiques on everything that needs to be dissed" -*Last Hours*

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Cristy C. Road has self-published *Greenzine* for the last ten years, and currently resides in Brooklyn, NY. For more information about her projects visit www.croadcore.org.

ABOUT THE PUBLISHER:

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