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Snakepit: My Life in a Jugular Vein
by Ben Snakepit

SUBJECT CATEGORY: Graphic Novel
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Microcosm is proud to announce the publication of the new Snakepit anthology book, My Life in a Jugular Vein. Well known for his bass playing in the legendary punk band J Church, Ben Snakepit tirelessly documents every day of his life as a three panel autobiographical comic strip. Three months of these daily strips make up each issue of the quarterly Snakepit comic, and Snakepit years 4-6 make up My Life; a hilarious, rowdy, and decidedly honest documentation of one man’s time on the planet.

In its 288 pages, follow the Austin-based artist/musician as he tours with J Church, falls in love all over the place, drinks himself blind, and eats a ton of Mexican food. Ben’s hard-partying love of life has a definite Henry Miller-ish feel to it—a good-hearted, pleasure-loving, relatable, happy decadence.

Ben’s simple black and white line drawings and his everyman narrative pack a deceptive punch. Here, amidst the fun-times, we’re given a slow-building between-the-lines essay on the ways we medicate ourselves, the seemingly randomness of finding love (and losing it), and the patterns and chaos of routine.

Praise for the Snakepit anthology:
“My god, I love this book! –Askew Reviews
“Ben’s shitty comics have created a book that’s impossible to put down, with lessons usually reserved for more pretentious art.” –Vice Magazine
“... Empathic, generous, and all-around good time of a journal-cum-comic-strip-collection.” –Austin Chronicle
“This is one of the most amazing ‘graphic novels’ I’ve ever shamefully sped through in a half-hour”. –Sleaze Grinder

MARKETING NOTES:
- 10,000 brochures distributed to stores and individuals with book featured on them.
- A quarterly Snakepit comic is published by Young American Comics
- His previous book The Snakepit Book was published by Gorsky Press and sold several thousand copies

COMPARATIVE TITLES:
- Goodbye, Chunky Rice, Craig Thompson, 128 pages, ISBN 1-891830-09-0, $12, Top Shelf Comics, 2003

Sales Handles:
- Voted best Minicomic by Wizard Magazine - March 2006!
- Author frequently tours the United States, Japan, Europe, and more.
- Interviews & features in The Onion, Thoughtworn, Razorcake Magazine, No Front Teeth, Sleaze Grindere, Arcade Distro, Alt. Culture, Pulse, Newspages
- Introduction by Lew Houston, previous book’s introduction by Aaron Cometbus
- Author self published a fanzine for the last 7 years that is among the most famous in his genre and subculture.
- Includes a CD of Ben’s favorite bands and daily listening!
- Voted Best local comic by Austin Chronicle - 2004!
- Author is very active in Austin music and comics scene

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Ben Snakepit White is a freelance artist, video store employee and bass player for the popular punk band J-Church. He’s self-published his zine Snake Pit since the summer of 2000.

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