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Sounds of Your Name

by Nate Powell

SOUNDS OF YOUR NAME



NATE POWELL

SUBJECT CATEGORY: Graphic Novel

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FORMAT: paperback, 7" x 10.5", 336 pgs, illustrated

MARKETING NOTES:

- Previous books have sold out of print runs of 5,000 and 2,500 and have been years out of print
- Book is featured on 10,000 brochures distributed to stores and individuals
- Book is advertised regularly in *Punk Planet*, *Maximum RocknRoll*, *Slug and Lettuce*, *Hit Me Back*, and *Reader's Guide to the Underground Press* magazines

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- My Most Secret Desire:* Julie Doucet, 96 pages, *Drawn & Quarterly* 2006, ISBN 1896597955, List: \$19.95
- Ghost World:* Daniel Clowes, 80 pages, *Fantagraphics Books* 2001, ISBN 1560974273, List: \$11.95
- Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth:* Chris Ware, 380 pages, *Pantheon* 2000, ISBN 0375404538, List: \$35
- The R. Crumb Handbook:* Robert Crumb, 440 pages, *M Q Publications* 2005, ISBN1840727160, List: \$25
- Blankets:* Craig Thompson, 592 pages, *Top Shelf Productions* 2003, ISBN 1891830430, List: \$29.95

Microcosm Publishing is pleased to announce the release of underground comic legend Nate Powell's *Sounds Of Your Name*, a collection of fourteen years of Powells' comics.

Poignantly plumbing the existential angst of youth, *Sounds Of Your Name* invokes great coming-of-age novels with only a few dozen words. The book collects his self published zines and comics dating back to 1992, his first two graphic novels (*Tiny Giants* and *It Disappears*), and new work. These stories build vignette by vignette into a rich tableau of lofty dreams and Deep South disappointment, giving us a reminder of the persistence of wonder against all odds.

With intricate, sometimes chaotic drawings, Powell examines the complications that come with passing from childhood into adulthood. It's personal, understated, and impressionistic, with clean stark blacks and whites and a penchant for the dignity of more "traditional" layout as a vehicle for narrative.

"With a wisdom beyond his years, Powell explores, in meticulous black and white, those all-too-gray questions most people choose to ignore."
 -Diana Schutz, senior editor, Dark Horse Comics

"Frame by frame, his work is more varied in every way than that of most other comics artists, yet he unfailingly maintains narrative momentum by carrying over details from one panel to the next, no matter how altered the angle of vision. Brilliant."
 -Booklist

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Nate Powell lives in Bloomington, Indiana and plays in the popular punk band "Soophie Nun Squad". His previous books, "Tiny Giants" and "It Disappears" were published by Soft Skull Press. His newest graphic novel, "Wormwood" is published by Top Shelf Comics.

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