

BURN COLLECTOR #14

AL BURIAN

In an age where so much emphasis is placed on the happenings of celebrities, politicians, and other marketable characters, it is refreshing to take a step back and enjoy a straightforward, honest approach to the insanity of modern times.

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Finally, the elusive hermit Al Burian returns to grace us with more of his crazy half-baked opinions. This is the comics issue, and it's chock full of drawings, short subway sketches, an essay extolling the virtues of the post-Fort Thunder school of comics, and an extended Jack Chick religious tract parody, culminating in a climactic Marvel style battle between the author and God. The writing spans the last several years in Chicago, and is some kind of attempt at wrestling a meaning, moral and/or hopefully happy ending from that bitterly temperatured town.

Like peers Aaron Cometbus and *Doris* zine publisher Cindy Crabb, **AL BURIAN** is a veritable independent art powerhouse. In between touring and recording in such beloved punk bands as Milemarker, Hellbender, and Challenger, Burian has released a library of books and zines, most notably the *Natural Disasters* zine and book and the long-running *Burn Collector* zine and its book anthologies. *Burn Collector #14* is his second release for Microcosm, the first of which, a graphic novel, *Things are Meaningless*, was released in 2003. Burian, regularly on the road, lives in Berlin. His latest band, Challenger, recently toured Europe after a long dormant period.

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