

# MY BRAIN HURTS

LIZ BAILLE

At its best, *My Brain Hurts* serves as a graphic counterpart to some of the best punk fiction, exploring the emotional depth of 'zines like *Cometbus and Burn Collector*.

- BRIAN HEATER, THE DAILY CROSS HATCH



*My Brain Hurts, Vol II* collects issues six through ten of cartoonist Liz Baillie's celebrated zine of the same name. Based around Baillie's vibrant and deceptively intricate hand-drawings, we follow the story of a set of queer teenage punks growing up in rough and tumble New York City. Through hard times and punk rock shows, Baillie's characters bounce between the good and bad, showing what it's like to be young and marginalized and, above all, truly alive in America.

*My Brain Hurts* author/artist **LIZ BAILLE** works and lives in Brooklyn, New York. Now that *My Brain Hurts*

has run its story course with book volume two, Liz is now focusing on her webcomic, *Freewheel*, which is updated every Tuesday and Thursday. Liz graduated from the School of Visual Arts with a major in cartooning. She was nominated for the Friends of Lulu Kim Yale Award for Best New Talent in 2009 and the Maisie Kukoc Award for Comics Inspiration in 2008. She maintains her art and comics website, tours the zine fest circuit regularly, and plays a mean ukelele.

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