

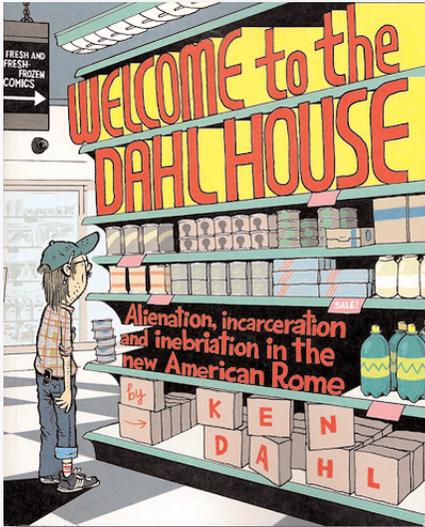


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# Welcome to the Dahl House

## Alienation, Incarceration and Inebriation in the New American Rome

by Ken Dahl



The new *Welcome to the Dahl House* book collects 10 years of comic artist Ken Dahl's best work. Dahl, winner of the Ignatz Award for best mini-comic for his STD nightmare *Monsters #1*, gives the goods in equally hilarious and harrowing doses. His comics show a dirty, beaten down, drunk-as-hell America where the underdog always rules—even if he never wins. Dahl's work is normal ol' painful life with all the warts and scars and stretch-marks fully visible and well-lit. It's heavy stuff, and decidedly not for the faint of heart, but Dahl's caustic sense of humor, courage under fire, and strong undercurrent of hope balance out the dark with light and give his comics a well-rounded, triumphant epicness. Like a graphic novel mash up of *Gummo*, *Jesus' Son*, and *Married with Children*, *Welcome to the Dahl House* tells it like it is, the existential American experience in 128 pages.

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**MARKETING NOTES:**

- Author winner of Ignatz Award for best mini-comic
- Book is featured on 25,000 postcards distributed to stores and individuals
- Book is advertised regularly in *Maximum RocknRoll*, *Razorcake*, *Give Me Back*, *Slug & Lettuce*, and *Reader's Guide to the Underground Press*

**COMPARATIVE TITLES:**

- Berlin: City of Stones*, Jason Lutes, 209 pages, Drawn and Quarterly, June 1 2000, ISBN 1-896597-29-7, \$19.95
- Blankets*, Craig Thompson, 529 pages, Top Shelf Productions, August 6 2003, 1-891830-43-0, \$29.95
- David Boring*, Daniel Clowes, 136 pages, Pantheon, September 24 2002, 0-375-71452-9, \$21.95
- Heartbreak Soup*, Gilbert Hernandez, 288 pages, Fantagraphics, March 7 2007, 978-1560977834, \$14.95



**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

Born in Honolulu, raised on the roads of the continental US, Ken Dahl comes at comix-makin' with a wealth of world-weariness and wisdom under his belt. *Welcome to the Dahl House* collects 10 years of the celebrated work of this 2006 Ignatz winner and 2007 Center for Cartoon Studies resident.

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