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The Thrilling Adventure Hour



Synopsis

Based on the popular Hollywood stage show and Nerdist Industry podcast, The Thrilling Adventure Hour is a rip-roaring adventure anthology in the tradition of old-time radio serials, brought to you by a carnival of Hollywood and comic's finest! In a timeless collection of original genre tales that harken back to the heyday of old-time radio entertainment, The Thrilling Adventure Hour brings to life the wild and wonderful worlds and characters serialized on stage by co-creators Ben Acker and Ben Blacker, and performed regularly by fan-favorite actors and comedians such as Paul F. Tompkins, Paget Brewster, Busy Philipps, Nathan Fillion, Linda Cardellini, Patton Oswalt, Neil Patrick Harris, and many, many more. And now those serialized characters will come to life on the pages of this hardcover anthology featuring all-new stories from the worlds of the TAH universe by top artists from the comics community! Each stand-alone tale celebrates and reinvigorates a new genre from the radio comedies of yesteryear, including science fiction, fantasy, westerns, superheroes, horror, war dramas, and many more. A unique, timey-wimey blend of silver age pulp and post-modern pop, this one-of-a-kind anthology promises something for everyone as this cult phenomenon jumps off the proscenium stage and onto the page for the first time in over eight years and 100+ consecutive shows around the globe!

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Customer Reviews

"The Thrilling Adventure Hour has become a comedy destination in Hollywood for thrill seekers, adventure lovers, and hour fans. Join the hippest hee-hee-hedonists by getting to know TAH!" - Jane Espenson (writer on such shows as Once Upon a Time, Torchwood, and Buffy the Vampire Slayer) "Acker and Blacker are comic geniuses and The Thrilling Adventure Hour is one of my

favorite things in the world." - Ed Brubaker, award-winning writer of *Fatale*, *Criminal*, *Gotham Central*, and *Captain America* "Have you ever wished you could gather up the gorgeous geniuses who write and perform *The Thrilling Adventure Hour* and just shove them in your backpack and take them home and make them perform your favorite sketches over and over and over and over, Misery-style? Well, here's the next best thing. **YOU'RE WELCOME.**" - Patton Oswalt (actor in *The King of Queens*, *Ratatouille*, and *Young Adult*; author of *Zombie Spaceship Wasteland*)

BEN ACKER & BEN BLACKER are the creators of *The Thrilling Adventure Hour*. TAH has provided Acker & Blacker with exciting opportunities in entertainment. They sold several sketches to Fox late night television, developed the segment "Sparks Nevada, Marshal on Mars" as an animated cartoon for Nickelodeon, and a pilot for a primetime animated comedy with 20th Century Fox Studios. In 2010, they wrote two pilots for the USA network - an hour and a half-hour as well as a half-hour comedy for Spike. They have written episodes of Nickelodeon's *Supah Ninjas* and CW's *Supernatural* (where they were on the writing staff).

This is a hardcover comic that complements the *Thrilling Adventure Hour* podcast. I'm a little disappointed that Cactoid Jim didn't make the cover, though. I thought his segment was one of the funniest in the show. The book includes fictional ads appropriate for the old time radio era. The stories are more like snippets of the podcast. The book itself feels like a single show illustrated from beginning to end.

This an excellent gift for any fan of the podcast - not only are there stories from all the segments, the book is filled with extras - "Workjuice" ads, comments from celebrity fans, and insider jokes. The stories are great, and the artwork is beautiful. One of the most pleasant surprises for me, though, was the high quality of the books itself - it is a hardcover, and the paper stock is very heavy, and the printing is top notch. I bought this for myself, but I think it would make a great gift, too. It gives every fan of the podcast a chance to enjoy it "offline". If you have not listened to the podcast, do yourself a favor and download it - it takes a while to get into the spirit of things, but soon enough it will become your favorite weekly podcast. In the meantime, order the book!

I fell in love with TAH via the podcast. It kills me that I never got the chance to see the live show at Largo or M Bar in the early days, but I absolutely loved the podcast. By far it was my favorite

podcast ever. The acting was brilliant, as was the writing. If you haven't had a chance, go find the Thrilling Adventure Hour podcast, start at Episode 1 and listen to them all. The graphic novel came about from a kickstarter originally and now is available for everyone. It's very well done. The comics capture the heart and soul of the stage show, the writing is just as good and the drawing is perfect. It actually matches very closely to what I imagined in my mind when enjoying the adventures of Sparks Nevada, Frank and Sadie, Amelia Earhardt and the rest of the Workjuice and Patriot Brand characters. This is a great way to either continue enjoying the TAH universe, without suffering from K's idea of whimsy (which are actually some of my favorite episodes of the podcast).

I'm new to the TAH fandom, but after a few episodes of the podcast, I found about this book and I HAD TO HAVE IT....and now I am under onus to the artists for creating such a wonderful graphic novel about such fun shows! It's so fun to see what they think the characters look like. The art is brilliant, and the fun little retro ads throughout the novel give it a bit of a period feel. I would recommend this to any fans of the Thrilling Adventure Hour!

Very nice to see a graphic novel of all of my favorites from TAH: Sparks Nevada, Colonel Tick-Tock, Captain Laserbeam, Cactoid Jim, Beyond Belief and more all in one place. This book is very nicely produced inside and out, and all of the various stories are drawn and written well. I think this is a very nice collectors item for anyone who is a fan of The Thrilling Adventure Hour, and is worth the purchase.

It captured the feel of the podcast from the shows down to the advertisements. Each of the episodes has its own visual style. My favorites are Sparks Nevada and Captain Laserbeam. Fans of the podcast will find much to enjoy here. I ordered it because I have enjoyed the podcast so much and so it is difficult for me to say how readers new to the Thrilling Adventure Hour will enjoy it. If you are thinking about ordering this check out the (free) podcast if you haven't done so yet.

This is a wonderful comic for any fan of Thrilling Adventure Hour. You can hear the voices of the actors come through as you read these stories. There is not one wasted word or space as it is packed full of great jokes.

I love this book, the art is amazingly well done and the comics have a funky fun vibe that complements the podcast perfectly. I really enjoyed reading it and it was fun to see how the artists

pictured the characters. It's well worth getting if you're a fan of "The Thrilling Adventure Hour" podcast.

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