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Review

“If it's hard to talk about *Rosalie Lightning* without sounding hyperbolic, it's only because its achievement is so breathtaking: it is the bravest act of writing and bearing witness I expect to see in my lifetime. There aren't words of praise sufficient to this brave, unblinking task. It will comfort the grieving for generations to come; I am profoundly grateful for this book.” – John Darnielle, author of *Wolf in White Van*

“Tom Hart's *Rosalie Lightning* is honest, searching, burning, and beautiful. Every parent will find a piece of themselves in this unforgettable graphic memoir.” ?Scott McCloud, *author of THE SCULPTOR*

“I don't know how Tom Hart was able to make such a stunning, harrowing book out of his devastation and rage; it strikes me as most gracious and humane thing anyone could possibly do. Reading *Rosalie Lightning* is like standing at the edge of an abyss and watching someone construct a gleaming titanium bridge by sheer, overwhelming force of love.” ?Lauren Groff, *New York Times Bestselling author*

“Only a cartoonist of tremendous skill and a father with loads of guts could piece through his heartbreak and come out with such a piece of art. I can't read it without crying.” ?Austin Kleon, *author of Steal Like An Artist*

“Tom Hart's black-and-white "RL,"... recounts the loss of his 2-year-old daughter Rosalie by building a hill of fragile, elegantly drawn memories around it. It's a bleak and devastating work that shows comics' ability to convey emotion as effectively as any short fiction or literature.” ?Denver Post

"This memoir about the death of his young daughter, is EVERYTHING I WANT IN A GRAPHIC MEMOIR. The writing is excellent. The drawing is raw, efficient, direct. It is honest, truthful, heartbreaking. There's no manipulation, just the facts and the emotions felt. I can't say enough good things about it. I think it's one of the best, not just graphic novels, but books, period, that I have read in a long, long time. People who know me know that I only like about 1/10th of 1% of the graphic novels I see...." ?Mimi Pond, *author of Over Easy*

"AMAZING, MOVING, BRILLIANT ... I am truly blown away... Honestly, it has been a very long time since a piece of art slayed me. Thank you." - Jill Ciment, *author of Heroic Measures*

About the Author

Tom Hart is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and critically acclaimed Eisner-nominated cartoonist and the Executive Director of The Sequential Artists Workshop in Gainesville, Florida. He is the creator of *Daddy Lightning*, and the *Hutch Owen* series of graphic novels and books. *The Collected Hutch Owen* was nominated for best graphic novel in 2000. He won a Xeric Grant for self-publishing cartoonists. He teaches sequential art at the University of Florida and taught at NYC's School of Visual Arts for 10 years.

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