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John Dermot Woods creates poem comics. His iconic images have secret meanings! A girl smiles with her foot in a bear trap. A boy plays a whistle with a skeleton hand. Woods gives us snapshots of everyday life where everything is just a little bit wrong. Look and look again.

—Lauren Weinstein, *Goddess of War*

**Dear Editors and Publishers and Writers of the Comics World:**

It is with genuine excitement that I send you *Activities*, the first graphic short story collection by **John Dermot Woods**. John is also the author of *The Complete Collection of People, Places and Things* (BlazeVox 2009) and the illustrator of *No One Told Me I Was Going to Disappear* (Jaded Ibis 2012). He lives in Brooklyn where he teaches comics and literature on Long Island.

**Benn Ray**, who runs Atomic Books, said of the collection, “John Dermot Woods has a remarkably agile illustration style that well serves this collection of comics stories – each reading and feeling as sharp and poignant as any prose short story.” **Blaise Larmee** calls them “beautiful comics you can drink with your eyes.”

**Publishing Genius Press** is primarily a poetry and experimental fiction publisher, founded in Baltimore in 2006. *Activities* is our first foray into full length comics. **Please find out more about us and *Activities* at [www.publishingenius.com](http://www.publishingenius.com).**

At Publishing Genius, we believe that graphic short stories are an important development for the literary arts. The way that the images interact with text creates complex and sympathetic meaning, similar to the way poetry works, but perhaps in a more accessible way. As a publisher and reader, I am optimistic about the genre. More to the point, I think Woods is one of the best and most knowledgeable artists working in this field, so putting out his book is doubly exciting.

Thanks,

Adam Robinson  
Founding Editor  
Publishing Genius Press