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*Approaches to
Teaching Bechdel's Fun
Home* Watson-Guptill
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analyzes the
perception of
authenticity in "Fun
Home". Alison
Bechdel's "Fun Home"
from 2007 is a graphic
memoir that tries to
create a sense of
truthfulness to the
reality of the author's

memories by
employing various
means. This paper
examines the
techniques Bechdel
uses for the creation of
what may look for the
reader like
authenticity. By using
for example Philippe
Lejeune's
autobiographical pact
the text closely
analyzes the
presentation of text
and image concerning
the protagonist Alison
and the narrating voice
as well as the role of
photographs in the
text. By investigating
the protagonists self-
portrayal through text
and images this paper
tries to point out the
successfulness of
appearing truth of the
story as well as
distinguish in which
instance a disruption of
before identified
means in form of

fictionalization can be found in the text and how this influences the perception of its authenticity. The second part of the paper then focuses on photography as another means to invoke a perception of truthfulness in the text with special attention to photography as means of memory and truth, based on theories by Roland Barthes and Marianne Hirsch as well as its possible fictionalization through the confines of the graphic novel genre and its significance in relation to the text's authenticity.

Rookie Yearbook One
Routledge
A Publishers Weekly
Top Ten Best Book of
the Year An
Amazon.com Top Ten
Best Book of 2009 A

Washington Post Book
World's Ten Best Book
of the Year A California
Literary Review Best
Book of 2009 An L.A.
Times Top 25 Non-
Fiction Book of 2009
An NPR Best Book of
the Year, Best Memoir
With this stunning
graphic memoir, David
Small takes readers on
an unforgettable
journey into the dark
heart of his tumultuous
childhood in 1950s
Detroit, in a coming-of-
age tale like no other.
At the age of fourteen,
David awoke from a
supposedly harmless
operation to discover
his throat had been
slashed and one of his
vocal chords removed,
leaving him a virtual
mute. No one had told
him that he had cancer
and was expected to
die. The resulting
silence was in keeping
with the atmosphere of

secrecy and repressed frustration that pervaded the Small household and revealed itself in the slamming of cupboard doors, the thumping of a punching bag, the beating of a drum. Believing that they were doing their best, David's parents did just the reverse. David's mother held the family emotionally hostage with her furious withdrawals, even as she kept her emotions hidden — including from herself. His father, rarely present, was a radiologist, and although David grew up looking at X-rays and drawing on X-ray paper, it would be years before he discovered the shocking consequences of his father's faith in science. A work of

great bravery and humanity, *Stitches* is a gripping and ultimately redemptive story of a man's struggle to understand the past and reclaim his voice.

Cancer Vixen

Macmillan

Alison Bechdel's *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic* has quickly joined the ranks of celebrated literary graphic novels. Set in part at a family-run funeral home, the book explores Alison's complicated relationship with her father, a closeted gay man. Amid the tensions of her home life, Alison discovers her own lesbian sexuality and her talent for drawing. The coming-of-age story and graphic format appeal to students. However, the book's nonlinear structure;

intertextuality with modernist novels, Greek myths, and other works; and frank representations of sexuality and death present challenges in the classroom. This volume offers strategies for teaching Fun Home in a variety of courses, including literature, women's and gender studies, art, and education. Part 1, "Materials," outlines the text's literary, historical, and theoretical allusions. The essays of part 2, "Approaches," emphasize the work's genres, including autobiography and graphic narrative, as well as its psychological dimensions, including trauma, disability, and queer identity. The essays give options for reading Fun Home

along with Bechdel's letters and drafts; her long-running comic strip, Dykes to Watch Out For; the Broadway musical adaptation of the book; and other stories of LGBTQ lives. [A Partial Remembrance of a Puerto Rican Childhood](#) Vintage After discovering that who she thought was her father was indeed not, Portland-based "zinester" Nicole Georges embarks upon a journey of identity. [Stories](#) Random House Offers pedagogical techniques for teaching the nonfiction graphic novel Fun Home by Alison Bechdel in college courses in literature, women's and gender studies, and art, including considerations of autobiography theory, queer theory, psychoanalysis, literary

and historical allusions, and the work's musical adaptation. Gives syllabus suggestions for undergraduate and graduate courses.

Bastard Out of Carolina

First Second

Teaches comic book artists about artistic perspective, covering one, two, and three-point perspective, using circles, drawing the human figure, and explaining the horizon and vanishing point

How I Made It to Eighteen

Vintage Books Canada

Fun Home A Family

Tragicomic Houghton

Mifflin Harcourt

How the World Was

Houghton Mifflin

Harcourt

'Show me something I've never seen before and will never be able to forget - if you can do that, you can do anything.' It's 1957,

long before computers have replaced the trained eye and skilful hand. Our narrator at State University is determined to major in Art, and after several risible false starts, he accidentally ends up in a new class:

'Introduction to Graphic Design'. His teacher is the enigmatic Winter Sorbeck, equal parts genius, seducer and sadist. Sorbeck is a bitter yet fascinating man whose assignments hurl his charges through a gauntlet of humiliation and heartache, shame and triumph, ego-bashing and enlightenment. Along the way, friendships are made and undone, jealousies simmer, and the sexual tango weaves and dips. By the end of their 'Introduction to Graphic

Design', Sorbeck's students will never see the world in the same way again. And, with Chip Kidd's insights into the secrets of graphic design, neither will you.

Dark Tales: The Snow Queen Modern

Language Association
Grin, giggle, and guffaw your way through this celebrated cartoonist's graphic commentary of contemporary lesbian life.

A True Story

HarperCollins
In this groundbreaking, bestselling graphic memoir, Alison Bechdel charts her fraught relationship with her late father. In her hands, personal history becomes a work of amazing subtlety and power, written with controlled force and enlivened with humor,

rich literary allusion, and heartbreaking detail. Distant and exacting, Bruce Bechdel was an English teacher and director of the town funeral home, which Alison and her family referred to as the "Fun Home." It was not until college that Alison, who had recently come out as a lesbian, discovered that her father was also gay. A few weeks after this revelation, he was dead, leaving a legacy of mystery for his daughter to resolve.

A California Childhood

Roaring Brook
DISCOVER the BESTSELLING GRAPHIC MEMOIR behind the 2019 Olivier Award nominated musical. 'A sapphic graphic treat' The Times A moving and darkly humorous family tale, pitch-

perfectly illustrated with Alison Bechdel's gothic drawings. If you liked Marjane Satrapi's *Persepolis* you'll love this. Meet Alison's father, a historic preservation expert and obsessive restorer of the family's Victorian home, a third-generation funeral home director, a high-school English teacher, an icily distant parent, and a closeted homosexual who, as it turns out, is involved with his male students and the family babysitter. When Alison comes out as homosexual herself in late adolescence, the denouement is swift, graphic, and redemptive. Interweaving between childhood memories, college life and present day, and through narrative that is

equally heartbreaking and fiercely funny, Alison looks back on her complex relationship with her father and finds they had more in common than she ever knew. 'A groundbreaking masterpiece' *The Independent* 'A finely woven blend of yearning and euphoric fantasy' *Evening Standard* ****ONE OF THE GUARDIAN'S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 21st CENTURY****

Happy Death Arte

Publico Press

When Sharon learns that her husband Al is having an affair with one of his students, her life is sent into turmoil, and the couple decides to split. But when Sharon is diagnosed with cancer, she and Al are brought together once again. Meanwhile, in an interwoven

thread, we meet Nelly, a young, beautiful 19th century woman with ties to the theatre. Magnetized toward the incomparable Charles Dickens, Nelly becomes his secret mistress. But soon, she will learn the cost of her captivity and the limits she has placed on her own life.

The Essential Dykes to Watch Out for

University of Michigan Press

After putting her fist through a window, Stacy Black checks herself into a mental hospital, finally realizing she has to face the reasons for her depression in order to stop from self-destructing, in a frank portrait of struggles with self-esteem, body image issues, drug addiction and anxiety.

Perspective! for

Comic Book Artists

Dramatic Publishing

In the 1960s American South a young gas station attendant named Toland Polk is rejected from the army draft for admitting 'homosexual tendencies' and falls in with a close-knit group of young locals yearning to break free from conformity through civil rights activism, folk music and attending gay-friendly nightclubs.

A Blind Man Can See How Much I Love You

Titan Publishing Company

Brings together a new collection of cartoons recounting the lives and loves of a diverse group of lesbian friends.

New Vocabularies in Film Semiotics

Random House

A 2015 Caldecott

Honor Book A 2015
 Michael L. Printz Honor
 Book Every summer,
 Rose goes with her
 mom and dad to a lake
 house in Awago Beach.
 It's their getaway, their
 refuge. Rosie's friend
 Windy is always there,
 too, like the little sister
 she never had. But this
 summer is different.
 Rose's mom and dad
 won't stop fighting, and
 when Rose and Windy
 seek a distraction from
 the drama, they find
 themselves with a
 whole new set of
 problems. One of the
 local teens - just a
 couple of years older
 than Rose and Windy -
 is caught up in
 something bad...
 Something life
 threatening. It's a
 summer of secrets, and
 sorrow, and growing
 up, and it's a good
 thing Rose and Windy
 have each other. This

One Summer is a
 tremendously exciting
 new teen graphic novel
 from two creators with
 true literary clout.
 Cousins Mariko and
 Jillian Tamaki, the team
 behind *Skim*, have
 collaborated on this
 gorgeous,
 heartbreaking, and
 ultimately hopeful
 story about a girl on
 the cusp of childhood -
 a story of renewal and
 revelation. This title
 has Common Core
 connections.
Fun Home Houghton
 Mifflin Harcourt
 First UK publication for
 this modern classic
 'Moving, tender,
 beautifully drawn,
 painfully honest and
 probably the most
 important graphic
 novel since Jimmy
 Corrigan.' NEIL GAIMAN
 'Blankets is a classic in
 every genre it
 touches.' STEPHEN

CHBOSKY, author of
The Perks of Being a
Wallflower 'One of the
greatest love stories
ever written and surely
the best ever drawn.'

JOSS WHEDON

Wrapped in the
snowfall of a blustery
Midwestern winter,
Blankets is the tale of
two brothers growing
up in rural isolation,
and of the budding
romance between two
young lovers. A tale of
security and discovery,
of playfulness and
tragedy, of a fall from
grace and the origins
of faith, Blankets is a
profound and utterly
beautiful work.

The PLAIN Janes

McClelland & Stewart
Young Draper Doyle
Ryan grows up in St.
John's, Newfoundland,
a Montreal Canadiens
fan who hates choir,
boxing practice and
the obligatory visits to

the Ryan family funeral
parlour. With the help
of his Uncle Reginald's
hilarious talk therapy-
-"oralysis"--Draper
Doyle tries to come to
terms with the death of
his beloved father as
he struggles, in
touching, comic
fashion with budding
adolescence and the
strange demands of his
proudly eccentric
family.

Fun Home Houghton
Mifflin Harcourt

In his first novel, *A
Happy Death*, written
when he was in his
early twenties and
retrieved from his
private papers
following his death in
1960, Albert Camus laid
the foundation for *The
Stranger*, focusing in
both works on an
Algerian clerk who kills
a man in cold blood.
But he also revealed
himself to an extent

that he never would in his later fiction. For if *A Happy Death* is the study of a rule-bound being shattering the fetters of his existence, it is also a remarkably candid portrait of its author as a young man. As the novel follows the protagonist, Patrice Mersault, to his victim's house -- and then, fleeing, in a journey that takes him through stages of exile, hedonism, privation, and death -it gives us a glimpse into the imagination of one of the great writers of the twentieth century. For here is the young

Camus himself, in love with the sea and sun, enraptured by women yet disdainful of romantic love, and already formulating the philosophy of action and moral responsibility that would make him central to the thought of our time. Translated from the French by Richard Howard
A Happy Death Open Road Media
 Author's theatrical exploration of issues of health and illness both in the individual and in a community, by using her mother as an example.