



“this trilogy of short stories confirms Brown as a provocative and profound allegorist finding her mature voice and in total control of her precise compositions, colouring and narrative.”

Paul Gravett, Editor
1001 Comics to Read Before You Die

FISH + CHOCOLATE

Award-winning graphic novelist Kate Brown presents three original stories that capture the fears, dilemmas and grief of modern motherhood.

The joy of birth, the comfort of the family and the security of the home are turned inside out to reveal disturbing themes of loss, rejection and vulnerability.

Dark and unsettling, her uncanny domestic fables subvert accepted ideas of maternal love, childish innocence and happy families.

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Kate Brown
Author, *Fish + Chocolate*

“ One of my main motivations was to create something I'd like to read. I was 25 when I started work on *Fish + Chocolate* and I'd grown out of a lot of comics aimed at teen girls which had previously been my main staple. It was hard to find comics that really resonated with me at that time.

I was interested in portraying characters who weren't perfect. People aren't perfect. I'm very conscious of that when creating characters for my stories.

Fish + Chocolate is not directly autobiographical – I'm not a mother, for instance – but the themes of loss, rejection and struggling with one's deepest fears is something that many are touched by in their lives. ”

NOTES FOR EDITORS:



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• **SelfMadeHero** is an award-winning, independent, graphic novel publishing house, which was established by Emma Hayley in London in 2007

• **Kate Brown** is an independent illustrator living and working in Oxford. She graduated from Swindon College of Art and Design with distinction in Sequential Art

• Kate counts **Hans Christian Andersen, J.M. Barrie** and **Hermann Hesse** among her artistic influences

• In 2010, Brown was awarded the **Arts Foundation Graphic**

Novel Prize, given to artists of exceptional talent

• **Interviews & Call Ins:** Kate is available for emailed, recorded, live interviews around publication. Online, PDF and physical review copies of *Fish + Chocolate* can be arranged along with interview requests via Doug Wallace at SelfMadeHero, doug@selfmadehero.com

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Praise for Kate Brown's graphic novels – *The Spider Moon* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*:

“ This is bold ambitious storytelling, that leaves you wanting more. ”

Daniel Hahn –
Editor, *The Ultimate Book Guide*

“ often very touching, the reader gets a sense of their youth, vulnerability and awkwardness... a very distinctive visual voice. ”

Dr Mel Gibson –
Leading Comics scholar

