

# RETAIL NEWSLETTER & CATALOG

Welcome to the second Chromatic Press retail catalog!

Chromatic Press is an independent publishing house majority-owned and run by some of the most experienced women in the translated manga industry. With a specific focus on English-original global manga, light novels, and audio dramas, we publish fem-positive stories for women aged 13 and up, from international creators inspired by comics from around the world. Our series are first serialized in our digital fiction magazine *Sparkler Monthly* ([sparklermonthly.com](http://sparklermonthly.com)).

In addition to releasing our own books, we've also teamed up with other high-quality indie creators whose series appeal to women aged 13+. The books marked "Sparkler Distro" are self-published titles, still owned by their creators, that we distribute on their behalf to help them reach the wider audience that Chromatic aims to serve.

We offer a standard retail discount to brick-and-mortar and online retailers. We also offer a discount to libraries, schools, and book clubs that would like to buy directly from us. Our retail manager has five years of experience building library collections for a variety of public library and educational clients and can answer any questions about content or reading level.

## COMPANY NEWS

### NEW TITLES ON SPARKLER MONTHLY



We're excited to announce the addition of three new comic series to Sparkler Monthly! All have begun serialization online, with print editions to follow:

**KNIGHTS-ERRANT** (comic) - Jennifer Doyle  
**WITCH'S QUARRY** (comic) - Jen Lee Quick  
**LÈTTERA** (comic) - Studio Kôsen

### OFF\*BEAT VOL. 3 GOES TO PRINT



After completing serialization in our digital magazine, we're thrilled to announce that the print version *Off\*Beat* Vol. 3 is now available! Funded in part by our successful Kickstarter for the first two books--originally published by TOKYOPOP--and subsequent pre-orders, *Off\*Beat* Vol. 3 is the finale of the series over ten years in the making!

## RETAILER SPOTLIGHT



### Strange Adventures

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Winner of the Will Eisner Spirit of Comics Retailer Award in 2001, Strange Adventures is one of the best-known comic retailers in North America. From their home on Canada's East Coast, they offer a large collection of graphic novels, merchandise, and all the latest comics.

**Chromatic Press** launched in February 2013 with the rebrand of their online serial, *Tokyo Demons*, and new print editions of Jen Lee Quick's previously out-of-print comic, *Off\*Beat*. New Chromatic Press titles are first serialized in its digital magazine, *Sparkler Monthly* ([sparklermonthly.com](http://sparklermonthly.com))

**Please contact us at [retail@chromaticpress.com](mailto:retail@chromaticpress.com) with any questions, or to request retailer previews or promotional material.**

## Off\*Beat

By Jen Lee Quick

Christopher "Tory" Blake is a little too smart for his own good. When a quiet boy his age, Colin Stephens, moves in across the street from Tory's home in Queens, New York, Tory finds himself drawn to the mysterious circumstances that surround Colin. And when it turns out that Tory's instincts may actually be on to something, he discovers he's got just as much to figure out about himself as he does about his new "friend."

Originally left unfinished as part of TOKYOPOP's OEL line, this cult-favorite series was rescued, reprinted, and finished by Chromatic Press in 2014.

"It might start out a quiet mystery, but when you're not looking, Jen Quick's quirky characters and witty sense of humor will sneak their way into your heart. *Off\*Beat* is perfect in its deceptive simplicity, hilarious in its reliability, and heart-fluttering in all the right places. You won't be able to contain your feels! - Becky Cloonan, *Demeter*, *The Mire*

**Tags:** Romance, Drama, Mystery, LGBT, Rated 13+

OFF\*BEAT, VOLUME ONE : CHAPTER ONE



(Chromatic Press Edition)

### Off\*Beat Vol.01

It's obvious that quiet, unassuming Colin is up to something—but what? Tory can't help but be drawn to his shy classmate, but is it the mystery that's captivated him, or something more?

Retail Cost: \$13.99/US  
Page Count: 176  
Size: 7.5" x 5" x 0.5"  
Format: Paperback, B/W interior  
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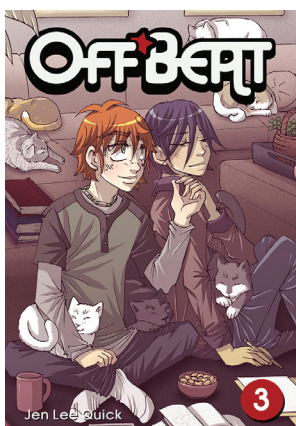


(Chromatic Press Edition)

### Off\*Beat Vol.02

Tory digs deeper into the secrets surrounding Colin and the mysterious Gaia Project, but he may be getting into something even stranger than he first realized.

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### Off\*Beat Vol.03

*Final Volume, never before released*

Just when Tory thinks they've made a breakthrough, Colin disappears. Adrift and perhaps a little heartbroken, Tory has to pull himself together to follow the few remaining clues to find Colin again...

"Jen Lee Quick's *Off\*Beat* is an original and heartfelt story that combines the drama of teenage romance with the fantastical. It is a thoroughly enjoyable read with engaging characters and beautiful art." - HamletMachine, Starfighter

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SFEER THEORY, VOLUME ONE : CHAPTER FOUR

## Sfeer Theory

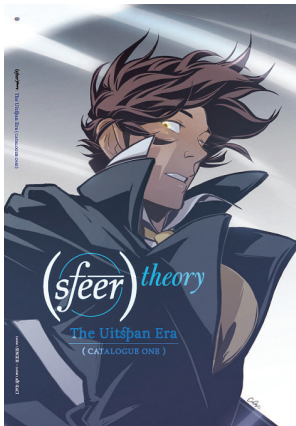
By Little Foolery

(written by Alex Singer, art by Jayd Ait-Kaci)

Luca Valentino is a lowly technician working at the most prestigious university in the world, which specializes in the magic known as 'Sfeer Theory.' The self-taught son of immigrant merchants, Luca never believed he would excel among the highly competitive and highly prejudiced masters of the school—until a chance encounter brings him face to face with one of the greatest geniuses of their generation, and one of the country's best-kept secrets.

Kickstarter darlings Little Foolery published the opening chapters of this sprawling fantasy in two full-color, oversized paperback volumes with foil-highlight covers. The comic is ongoing online.

**Tags:** Fantasy, Historical, Rated 13+



### Sfeer Theory Vol.01

Luca Valentino works in obscurity cleaning up after the noble students of the university, until the visiting professor Balzac notices his unique talents.

Retail Cost: \$20.00/US

Page Count: 64

Size: 12" x 8" x 0.25"

Format: Paperback, Color interior

ISBN: 978-0-9853196-0-1



### Sfeer Theory Vol.02

War is the last thing on Corporal Breis' mind when he finds himself late for a routine guard post. Little does he know those five extra minutes will determine the future of not one, but two countries...

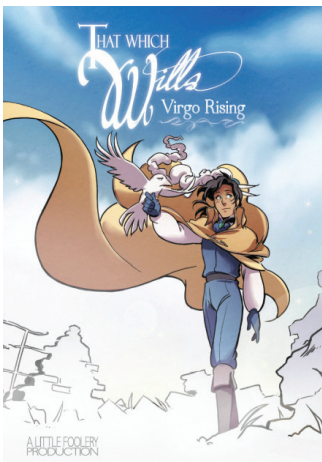
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Size: 12" x 8" x 0.25"

Format: Paperback, Color interior

ISBN: 978-0-9853196-4-9



## That Which Wills: Virgo Rises

For his whole life, Liam Harbinger has been known only as the son of Esmeralda le Déluge, an infamous witch. Gifted with remarkable powers, and possessing a demon as his only companion, Liam has no interest in his mother's dark history — his dream is to be a hero, the greatest Virgilia has ever seen.

This introductory book in Little Foolery's *That Which Wills* series contains three short stories—two comics and one illustrated prose.

**Tags:** Fantasy, Multiple formats, Rated 17+

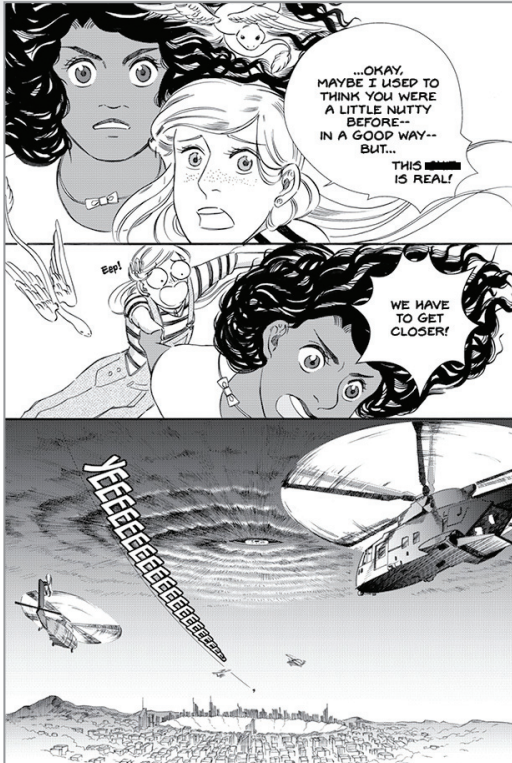
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MAHOU JOSEI CHIMAKA, CHAPTER THREE

## Mahou Josei Chimaka

By KAIJU

Fifteen years ago, magical girl Shimmer Shimmer Sky Patcher Chimaka lost her final battle against her greatest foe, broke up with her “destined” boyfriend, and practically flunked out of school. Now a chemical engineer at Squid Petroleum, Chimaka is older, wiser, and definitely bitter. But her ancient enemy is getting restless again, so it’s up to Chimaka and her best friend Pippa to try to reignite Chimaka’s old magic...and save the world!

For all you readers who wanted to know what happens after your favorite magical girl series left off...KAIJU brings you *Mahou Josei Chimaka*!

“...if you’ve been reading *maho shojo*, *sentai*, or superhero stories all your life and now you’re 30, it’s natural to imagine your heroes growing up and perhaps having sh\*tty jobs and swearing a lot—but it’s rarely been done this well.” -Jason Thompson, *Anime News Network*

Tags: Magical Girl, Parody, LGBT, Rated 16+



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## Mahou Josei Chimaka

*Complete Series!*

Retail Cost: \$13.99/US

Page Count: 144

Size: 7.5" x 5" x .4"

Format: Paperback, B/W interior

ISBN: 978-1-987988-01-7

**AVAILABLE JULY 2015**



BY KAIJU

## The Ring of Saturn

*From the creator of Mahou Josei Chimaka, KAIJU*

Miriam is a student at a British girls' school at the outbreak of World War I. Her passion for studying music is frustrated by her struggles with a particular piece—the piano arrangement of her teacher Gustav Holst's "Saturn." When she meets Rasim Rahal, an odd young man, her perspective on things begins to change...but change isn't always for the better.

“...as beautifully envisioned as the best classic shoujo manga, and similarly well-executed... This is exactly the kind of comic we need more of.” -Melinda Beasi, *mangabookshelf.com*

Retail Cost: \$9.99/US

Page Count: 80

Size: 7.5" x 5" x .3"

Format: Paperback, B/W interior

ISBN: 978-0-9938611-7-8





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## Windrose vol. 01

By Studio Kôsen

It's the 17th Century, and the powers of Europe are struggling violently for dominion over the oceans. Danielle, daughter of a Spanish lady and a French merchant, flees her constrictive upper-class life when she receives a disturbing letter from her father, entrusting her with a strange miniature astrolabe. But on her way from Barcelona to Marseille, her life is threatened, she nearly drowns, and she is befriended by a handsome pair of travelers...but Angeline and Leon are definitely not what they claim to be.

**Tags: Adventure, Romance, Historical Period Drama, Rated 13+**

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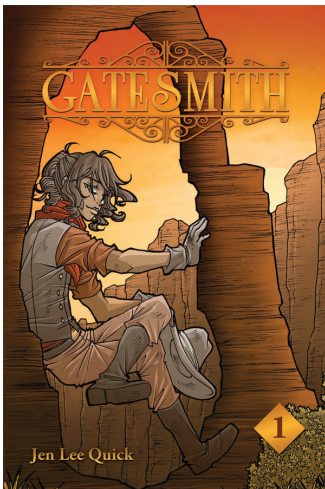
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## Gatesmith vol. 01

By Jen Lee Quick

*From the creator of Off\*Beat!*

Morning in the desert... A million lives, from the smallest insect to the largest creature, all struggle for survival in a harsh but beautiful environment. Enter Morgan, a mysterious woman with an even more mysterious task to perform in this strange new world. Over her travels she will meet friends and foes, and some important allies in her quest to change the land around her for the better. By Jen Lee Quick, creator of *Off\*Beat!*

**Tags: Fantasy Western, Rated 16+**

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ISBN: 978-1-987988-07-9

Page Count: 192

Format: Paperback, B/W interior



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## Orange Junk vol. 01

By Heldrad

When Louise's wealthy family loses everything, she has to pull herself up by her bootstraps and start over in a new high school--where the smartest boy is the meanest, and the hottest boy is the weirdest. But Louise needs tutoring, so the three become a team... It's a riches to rags school story with a whole lot of screaming.

**Tags: High School Romantic Comedy, Parody, Rated 13+**

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ISBN: 978-1-987988-03-1

Page Count: 144

Format: Paperback, B/W interior

# ILLUSTRATED PROSE



TOKYO DEMONS, VOLUME TWO : CHAPTER SEVEN

## Tokyo Demons

By Lianne Sentar | Illustrations by Rem

From the moment she was born, Ayase Watanabe could turn her body into a swarm of insects. Jo Oda grew up in Japan's foster system, picking pockets as he was bounced from home to home. Strangers to each other, they're pulled into a botched drug deal that sets off a chain reaction, dragging them into an underground power struggle between some of the most dangerous--and supernatural--powers in the city. And Ayase's strange ability becomes the weapon that changes everything.

"Even considering all of the superhuman elements and psychic abilities involved in *Tokyo Demons*, what make the series so compelling and engaging are its believably flawed, exceptionally nuanced, and ever-evolving characters and the constantly shifting dynamics of their relationships." Ash Brown, *Experiments in Manga*

Tags: Urban Fantasy, Action-Adventure, Rated 16+



### Tokyo Demons Vol.01

Ayase's ability to turn into insects makes her a powerful force in an underground drug war; Jo, a careful pickpocket, is in way over his head.

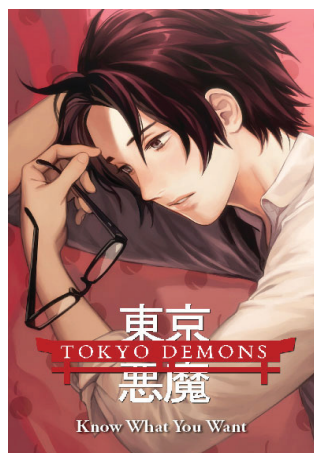
Retail Cost: \$16.99/US  
Page Count: 414  
Size: 8.5" x 5.75" x 1"  
Format: Paperback, B/W interior  
ISBN: 978-0-9880373-0-4



### Tokyo Demons Vol.02

Ayase and Jo's alliance proves to be a stronger force than expected...but can it survive detoxes, sexual complications, and shaky deals with the police?

Retail Cost: \$16.99/US  
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Format: Paperback, B/W interior  
ISBN: 978-0-9938611-0-9



### Tokyo Demons: Know What You Want

In this complete collection of mature side stories to the *Tokyo Demons* series, the curtains are pulled back to reveal secrets in the dark. Also featuring a never-before-seen comic by guest artist Tacto.

The first paperback in the "Cherry Bomb" erotica imprint, recommended for ages 17+

Retail Cost: \$12.99/US  
Page Count: 128  
Size: 8.5" x 5.5" x 0.4"  
Format: Paperback, B/W interior  
ISBN: 978-0-9938611-8-5



# ILLUSTRATED PROSE



## Gauntlet

Written by Ellery Prime | Illustrations by T2A

Clio loves living in the city of her dreams...until one terrible night, when she discovers the dark world at its core. After a few wrong turns and strange detours, she is trapped in a building that leads to a vast labyrinth, and every inhabitant seems to be playing a different game.

"*Gauntlet* is a thrilling read with dark twists and turns, and sizzling romance with alluring characters who may or may not be trusted. If you like mysterious mind games and stories that keep you guessing, this book is exactly what you're looking for!" - Tania del Rio, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*, *Winter Wilder*

**Tags: Romantic Suspense, Survival Horror, Rated 16+**

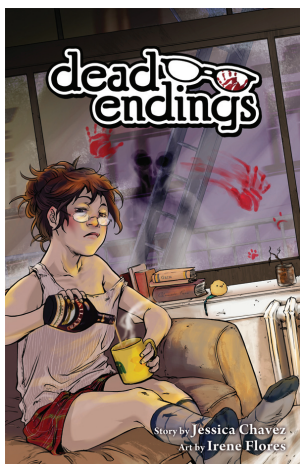
Retail Cost: \$16.99/US

Size: 8.5" x 5.5" x 0.65"

ISBN: 978-0-9938611-2-3

Page Count: 284

Format: Paperback, B/W interior



## Dead Endings

Written by Jessica Chavez | Illustrations by Irene Flores

In the city that never sleeps, spirits are equally restless and vie for the attentions of those who can sense them. Cailen Delaney, NYC grad student and long-suffering ghost magnet, is dragged into the aftermath of a strange series of murders by Everett Jung--a fellow sensitive with an...usual ability. Armed with nothing but coffee and alcohol-fueled cynicism, Cailen reluctantly joins him on a search that seems to end in death at every turn.

**Tags: Urban Ghost Story, Mystery, Dark Comedy, Rated 16+**

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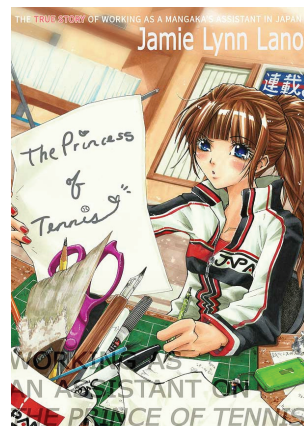
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Page Count: 234

Format: Paperback, B/W interior

## NON-FICTION



## Princess of Tennis

By Jamie Lynn Lano

*The Princess of Tennis* is the true story of Jamie Lynn Lano's time working as a mangaka's assistant in Japan on the wildly successful *Shonen Jump* manga *Prince of Tennis*. First released as a series of essays on her blog, this compelling story offers an insider's look into the studio of one of the best-selling manga in Japan, as well as one American's journey from fan to professional assistant.

**Tags: Non-fiction, Blog, Manga Industry Insider, Rated 13+**

Retail Cost: \$19.99/US

Size: 8.5" x 5.5" x 0.5"

ISBN: 978-1499797527

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Format: Paperback, B/W interior