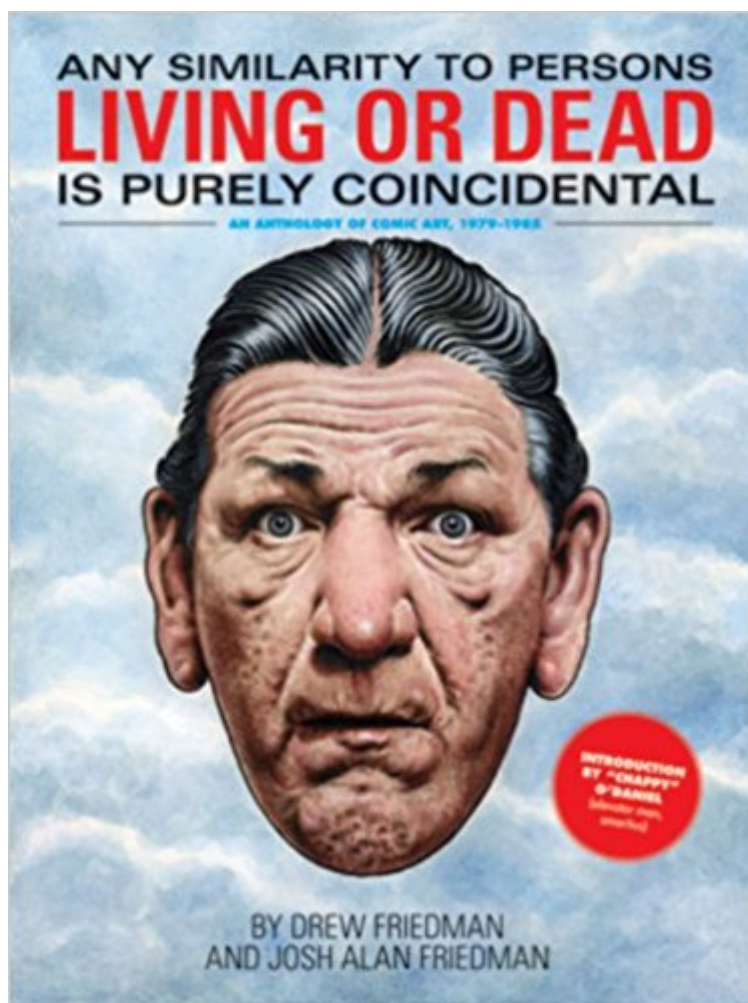


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Synopsis

A reprint of Drew Friedman's first book of comics from the pages of Raw magazine and elsewhere. Finally back in print, *Any Similarity...* is a collection of Drew Friedman's earliest comic strips and illustrations, featuring his most obsessively stippled black-and-white panels and his most hilarious wise-guy takes on the stars and demi-stars and never-quite-stars of that swamp we like to call showbiz. In these strips, many of them written by his brother Josh Alan Friedman (both are sons of the legendary Bruce Jay Friedman: humor genes will tell!), the artist works out his obsession with such celebrities as Jim Nabors, Frank Sinatra Jr., Joe Franklin, Bob Hope, Andy Griffith... and Ed Wood, Jr. film star Tor Johnson, whom Friedman actually catapulted back into some sort of semi-fame when these strips were first published in the 1980s. Friedman is the kind of pop-culture aficionado whose Three Stooges worship is focused not on Moe, Larry or Curly but on Shemp (whose unmistakable mug graces the new cover of this edition), and whose teasing adoration can often be mistaken for mockery or contempt. But who but a worshipful fan would lavish quite so many dots on the loving delineation of these greats' every pimple and wrinkle? Black & white illustrations throughout

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This is an interesting book. Humorous, strange and not a little disturbing. Since nearly all of the celebrity subjects are people you'd have to be at least 45 years old to have heard of, that would be my recommended audience. It might even help to be fifty plus. You old hipsters and hippies... dust

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Outstanding! Arcane Hollywood greats drawn in great detail under unusual circumstances. If you're reading this you probably already know how highly regarded Drew Friedman's talent is considered. It's funny and breathtaking at the same time. Reminds me of my times many years ago reading underground comix.

Nothing else has ever been the same. Nothing else will ever be like it in the future. An amazing book by an amazing artist.

Drew Friedman is a genius! His artwork is so incredibly I don't know how to put it... surreal, funny, detailed, scary, beautiful - all at the same time! Buy the book and have a good laugh!

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