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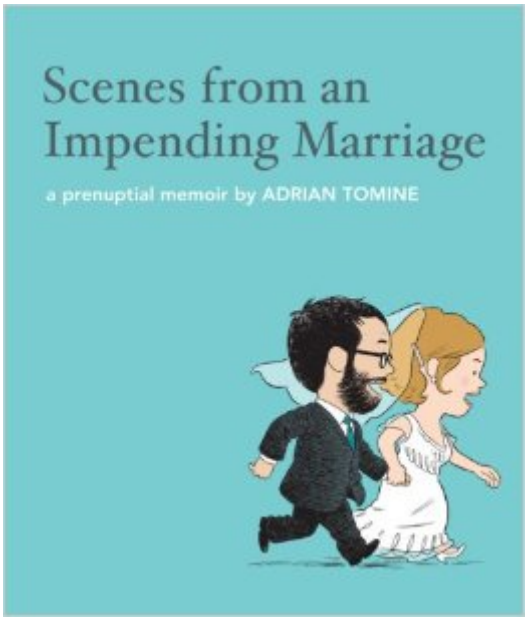

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Synopsis

MAKING LIGHT OF NUPTIAL NARCISSMAt the behest of his soon-to-be wife, Adrian Tomine set out to create a wedding favor for their guests that would be funnier and more personal than the typical chocolate bars and picture frames. What started out as a simple illustrated card soon grew into a full-fledged comic book: a collection of short strips chronicling the often absurd process of getting married. A loose, cartoony departure from Tomine's previous work, Scenes from an Impending Marriage is a sweet-natured, laugh out-loud skewering of the modern marriage process, including hiring a DJ, location scouting, trips to the salon, suit fittings, dance lessons, registering for gifts, and managing familial demands. The most personal and autobiographical work of Tomine's career, Scenes from an Impending Marriage is a charming, delightful token of love.

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Customer Reviews

As a long time fan of Adrian Tomine since his early Optic Nerve days Scenes is a welcome departure from the all too heavy/ human tales he crafted of loss, woe and self-doubt. Scenes is also much more personal chronicling the days before the author's marriage . . . hence the title. Tomine has also taken a less realistic/ more cartoony style that usual and it is used to great effect. I like this lighter Tomine. After all that dreary realness it's nice to see there are smiles and happiness buried within.

A short little comic on the trials of organizing a wedding. Might make a good gift to toss in with a

wedding present. I guess I was hoping for a little more depth. Joe Matt, it ain’t.

I have read ALL of Adrian Tomine’s graphic novels. I borrowed this one to add to my collection yet I had NO IDEA that it would be so personal. And I LOVED IT.Adrian is funny, sincere, sweet, and honest. You can see not only the turmoil that planning a wedding puts a couple through but also his response and his fiancee’s response. I was literally LAUGHING OUT LOUT through half of it. That was GREAT bc most of Adrian’s stuff is serious, or only slightly funny in a dark sort of way, like "for better or for worse". This was such a nice change!It is short so I can say I’m looking forward to MORE Adrian Tomine stuff.

Technically this could be Tomine’s most personal work as it as a straight-up autobiographical chronicle of the travails he and his soon to be bride go through as they prepare for their upcoming wedding. Because this book was originally written as a wedding gift for those in attendance, fans of Tomine’s oeuvre may find the lighthearted froth and ’Family Circus’ style artwork too light for their liking but nonetheless light Tomine is better than no Tomine at all and fans will still find much to enjoy.

This short comic book is made up of brief comic strips Adrian Tomine wrote/drew about his upcoming marriage to his wife Sarah. They take in things like planning for a wedding DJ, sorting out the wedding invites, worrying about what to wear, etc. In short the banal details of planning for such an event.I love Tomine’s work usually but this book (originally done as a party favour for the wedding guests) isn’t as interesting as he and his nearest and dearest would like you to think. It’s the usual stuff people who are planning a wedding go through and nothing more.The book is also a really small hardback with about 48 pages. Cute and dinky, it’s a great little gift if you were going to Tomine’s wedding but as a comic book it’s ordinary and unimpressive compared to his usual work.

This is my first time reading any of Adrian’s work and while it isn’t earth shattering or something that will drastically change the graphic novel world, it was an enjoyable book. Adrian originally created this as a wedding favor for the guests at his wedding and it provides an insightful look into what one couple goes through in planning their wedding. Adrian is often blunt in what he thinks and wants out of his wedding (so his wife to) and together they provide some laughs as they plan their wedding. All in all an enjoyable quick read.I give this book only three stars for two factors:One the price. It’s a 50 page book and it’s $10....so we’re paying .20 cents a page? I just think they could have priced this a

bit better.Two the size of the book. I don’t know if this was the original size or not, but it feels like the images got shrunk and everything is a bit cramped on the page. I would have liked to see it be just a little bit larger so it didn’t feel quite as compact.

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