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# Big Kids



## Synopsis

Teenage misfits and adolescent rabble-rousing take center stage in this dark coming-of-age tale *Big Kids* is simultaneously Michael DeForge's most straightforward narrative and his most complex work to date. It follows a troubled teenage boy through the transformative years of high school as he redefines his friends, his interests, and his life path. When the boy's uncle, a police officer, gets kicked out of the family's basement apartment and transferred to the countryside, April moves in. She's a college student, mysterious and cool, and she quickly takes a shine to the boy. The boy's own interests quickly fade away: he stops engaging in casual sex, taking drugs, and testing the limits of socially acceptable (and legal) behavior. Instead, he hangs out with April and her friends, a bunch of highly evolved big kids who spend their days at the campus swimming pool. And slowly, the boy begins to change, too. Eerie and perfectly paced, DeForge's *Big Kids* muses on the complicated, and often contradictory, feelings people struggle with during adolescence, the choices we make to fit in, and the ways we survive times of change. Like *Ant Colony* and *First Year Healthy*, *Big Kids* is a testimony to the harshness and beauty of being alive.

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## Customer Reviews

A stunning emotionally charged dance for the retinas. Every book by DeForge has been perfect. I've collected all... In fact, his are the only comics I am completist about because I've yet to be disappointed. Each has an interesting psychologically evocative narrative brought to surface through surreal art. Each book has delivered an experience of cognitive overload where I've laughed out loud, sighed deeply, cried, and even exclaimed from the constant surprises. I'm not a

huge graphic novel/comics connoisseur so perhaps my opinion is not adequately informed, but I can't imagine there are any current comic artists I would prefer to fill the gaps between reading books for school.

Probably the strongest work yet from DeForge. He really nails the ending, which he has occasionally had some trouble with in the past. It's a freaky, uncomfortable, body-horror & sci-fi tinted coming of age story. Plus his lines & color just keep getting better.

i enjoy most of michael deforge's books so this was a nice kind of novella

So good!

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