

Riddle Me This

Fortune and Glory: A True Hollywood Story

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By Brian Michael Bendis

Oni Press 2000

Probably just like everyone else on the planet, I've often thought that I could write a great movie script (at least better than what Hollywood turns out now!) and sell it to a studio, make a bundle, and thus achieve fame and fortune. I'll bet many of you out there have had much the same dream. Brian Michael Bendis' memoir **Fortune and Glory**, with much sarcasm and his usual keen sense for dialogue, hilariously shows just how such a venture can go. He headed out to Hollywood twice, one trip for each of his acclaimed graphic novels **Goldfish** and **Torso**. If you've ever wondered just whether all those stereotypes about "the biz" are true, well, just read on, my friend.

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Truer than True Romance

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By Jeanne Martinet

Watson-Guptill Publications 2001

Comics have always crossed the genre lines, and in the 50s, 60s, and 70s, one of the hottest lines of comics were romance comics -- pretty much soap operas poured into 20 pages of saccharine, happily ever after goodness. Comedian Jeanne Martinet grew up reading romance comics, and after coming to the conclusion that they had permanently warped her take on relationships, she decided to fight back in her own way. Happily for us, she published the product: she took the images from particular romance comics and then rewrote all of the dialog to create new stories. Hilarity definitely ensues!

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