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## **Pedrosa's EQUINOXES: "An impressive feast of a book" –Scott McCloud**

Presented in four separate tableaux, each corresponding to a season, *Equinoxes* is a graphic novel with a grand question: what's the point of our daily routines, indeed our lives? In his first work with NBM, Cyril Pedrosa presents a number of characters' intersecting lives in search of answers.

Pedrosa first studied animation design in Paris, during which time he honed the skills that would help him when working on such Disney animated classics like *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and *Hercules*. His artwork first appeared in graphic novels in 1998 with *Ring Circus*, but it was the 2011 publication of *Portugal* that earned him the title of bestselling author where he narrated very compellingly his own experience going back to his family's roots.

In this latest work, *Equinoxes*, Pedrosa accomplishes the same emotional pull, but on a much grander scale. For rather than focusing on just one character, Pedrosa has created a larger interweaving plot of characters, each with their own personal struggles, but each character influencing one another in ways they can only eventually grasp.

At the heart of this story—and, truthfully, at the heart of each character—is the longing to understand the *why* of it all. Why are we here? What is our significance in the overarching story? Or, perhaps the more frightening question, do we even have significance? As the seasons succeed each other, as we float through their lives in every day narrative comics, pause on a character pinned like a butterfly by a photographer for text interludes exploring the wider picture and describing their feelings, as we witness a child evolve through a primordial ancient day and leave an indelible trace, as we go through this seasonal cycle, a sketch of an answer emerges.

It is, in the end, an amazingly simple answer, centered on one word.

Pedrosa will be coming over from France the week of September 12 to help launch this book. After a few appearances in New York, he will be the guest of the Small Press Expo Saturday, September 17 and then guest of the Brooklyn Book Fair Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>. He is available for interviews, either by e-mail now or in person during his visit. For more information, contact our publicist Stefan Blitz ([publicity@nbmpub.com](mailto:publicity@nbmpub.com)).

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