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**Discovery of a great new talent:
PRIDE OF THE DECENT MAN
By T.J. Kirsch**

Steeped in upstate New York simple lore, TJ plunges us successfully into a slippery world of self-destruction followed by a will for redemption.

Andrew Peters had a tough childhood. He tries to steer clear of trouble, stay on the right track but his less disciplined best friend pulls him the wrong way with adverse consequences. Once he comes out of jail, he is really committed to making good. His moments with his daughter whom he first meets when she's already grown up are quietly very moving.

And this is the strength of TJ's storytelling. Not much is said but a lot is felt and we are brought in to that tension. It's true, it's real. It's calmly intense. Far from the madding crowd, from 'over the top' emoting and hyper behavior which we increasingly see in storytelling and our everyday lives in the frantic big cities...

TJ Kirsch has already developed a good following online with many works, including this one which already has accumulated remarkable kudos:

"A beautifully honed trip through rich, small town existence that reminds us even if our lives feel everyday, there is a wondrous scale woven deep into each and every one of our narratives."

Says **Steve Orlando**, writer of *Midnighter*, *Supergirl* and *Virgil*.

"Most cartoonists are either a great storyteller or a great artist. It's a rare exception to possess both skills, but I think TJ Kirsch has been gifted with both," writes **Noah Van Sciver** of the *Hypo* and *Fante Bukowski*.

"Thoughtful and emotive. Go. Read." Says **Van Jensen**, writer of *Cryptocracy* and *The Flash*.

TJ, who lives in the Albany area, is available for interviews, and will be appearing at SPX and the Brooklyn Book Festival in September in support of this new book. Please be in touch with our publicist Stefan Blitz at publicity@nbmpub.com.

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