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## SARTRE

### The Next Remarkable Biography in NBM's Growing Line

Jean-Paul Sartre led an amazing life and this book conveys his energy, self-assurance and eventual leadership of the world in thought and fundamental beliefs. From his early years in the elite Ecole Normale Supérieure school, he sought and cultivated challenge from both his friends he surrounded himself with and in his legendary and almost explosive relationship with Simone de Beauvoir. This biography in comics narrates these relationships and they are heady with famous thinkers and authors, from his stormy on and off relationship with Albert Camus to Boris Vian, from Nelson Algren to Andre Malraux. He was a free thinker in all ways, letting no barriers or restrictions come in the way of this thought or his life. This bio makes clear his relationship with de Beauvoir was deeply intellectual but also hotly sexual and yet they never married and vowed from the beginning their relationship would remain open and free. Both experienced relationships with others while still remaining true to each other.

It's right at the end of the war that his thought gets fully formulated on Existentialism and widely published to both scandal and marvel. His explanation of the fundamentals of his philosophy are clearly presented in a public appearance on pages 105 and 106. We would also steer you to the remarkable exchange shown between de Beauvoir and a reader at a signing about how Existentialism extends to women and how they should define themselves on pages 119 and 120. It was amazingly ahead of its time.

All of Sartre is here to see, from his participation in the Resistance during World War II with the ultimate goal of a socialist/communist revolution, to his spectacular refusal of the Nobel prize. From his 'existentialism as humanism' speech to his psychoanalytical study of Jean Genet, so hardnosed and uncompromising it plunged its subject into depression. His life was a search for the truth, maybe at whatever cost.

The result, with this beautifully rendered biography, is a fascinating and mind opening experience and a better understanding of the man.

Depommier and Ramadier are life-long friends involved now not just in comics but also books about varying subjects, even, in the case of Ramadier, about business and the spirit of entrepreneurship in present day Berlin where she lives. Meantime, in a good sign of the open borders of modern day Europe, Depommier has adopted Rome as her abode...

Depommier will be coming in September to tour in support of the launch of this book at Brooklyn Book Fair and Small Press Expo, an indie comics event in Washington, DC and various other cities and venues.

Both express themselves well in English and are available for interviews. Please be in touch with our publicist Stefan Blitz at [publicity@nbmpub.com](mailto:publicity@nbmpub.com). Note advisory for mature readers because of nudity and sexual situations.

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