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The 456-page *Castle Waiting* graphic novel tells the story of an isolated, abandoned castle, and the eccentric inhabitants who bring it back to life. A fable for modern times, *Castle Waiting* is a fairy tale that's not about rescuing the princess, saving the kingdom, or fighting the ultimate war between Good and Evil ? but about being a hero in your own home. The opening story, "The Brambly Hedge," tells the origin of the castle itself, which is abandoned by its princess in a comic twist on "Sleeping Beauty" when she rides off into the sunset with her Prince Charming. The castle becomes a refuge for misfits, outcasts, and others seeking sanctuary, playing host to a lively and colorful cast of characters that inhabits the subsequent stories, including a talking anthropomorphic horse, a mysteriously pregnant Lady on the run, and a bearded nun.

For the first time, Fantagraphics' *Castle Waiting* collects the first volume of the Harvey and Eisner Award-winning* comic book series into one hearty hardcover. Linda Medley lavishly illustrates *Castle Waiting* in a classic visual style reminiscent of Arthur Rackham and William Heath Robinson. Blending elements from a variety of sources? fairy tales, folklore, nursery rhymes? Medley tells the story of the everyday lives of fantastic characters with humor, intelligence, and insight into human nature. *Castle Waiting* can be read on multiple levels and can be enjoyed by readers of all ages.

*Awards:

- 2007 Eisner Award nominee: Best Graphic Album ? Reprint, Best Publication Design (Adam Grano)
- 2007 Harvey Award nominee: Best Graphic Album ? Previously Published
- Official Selection, 2008 Festival International de la Bande Dessinée de Angoulême (French edition)
- "20 Essential Albums for Summer 2008," l'Association des Critiques de Bandes Dessinées (French edition)
- Finalist, Prix de la Critique 2008, l'Association des Critiques de Bandes Dessinées (French edition)

Black-and-white comics throughout

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