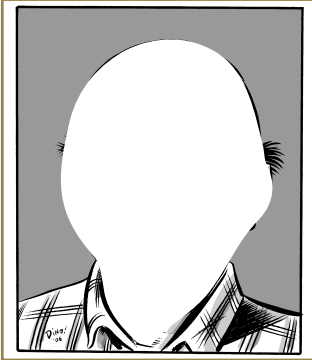


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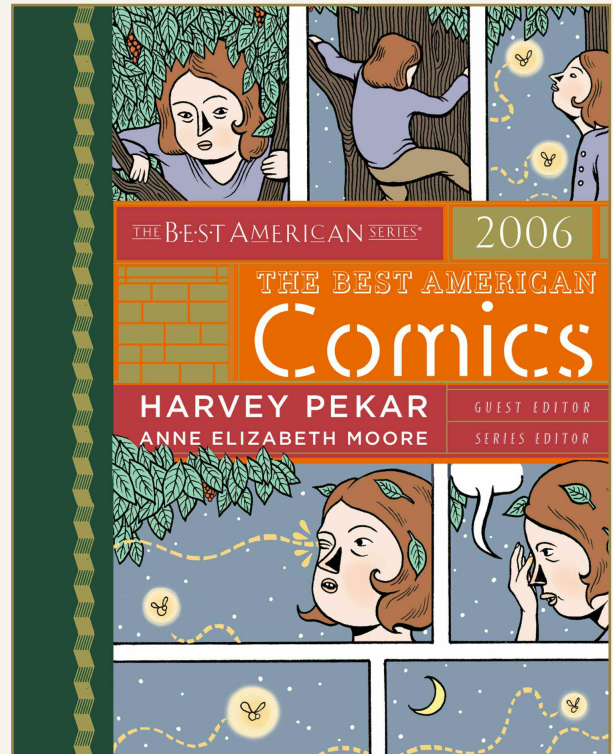
THE BEST AMERICAN COMIC DRAWING CONTEST



**Draw Harvey Pekar, comics legend,
for a brand-new annual collection,
*The Best American Comics 2006***

Booksellers (of all stripes: managers, owners, frontline folks), submit your entry by email: christina_smith@hmco.com or snail mail: Christina Smith, Houghton Mifflin Company, 222 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116. Both black & white and colored comics accepted. We'll pick five winners on January 5, 2007. Artistic skills count, but less than good comedy. So don't be discouraged — just draw, people, draw!

All entries will be judged by Harvey Pekar, author of the award-winning series *American Splendor* and series editor, Anne Elizabeth Moore. Winning comics will be exhibited online at houghtonmifflinbooks.com and booksense.com; displayed at the **ABA's Winter Institute in Portland, Oregon.**



Prizes

One Grand Prize:

- 11x14 poster of *The Best American Comics 2006* jacket signed by Harvey Pekar
- A signed copy of *The Best American Comics 2006*
- A complete set of *The Best American Series* titles including: *The Best American Nonrequired Reading 2006*, edited by Dave Eggers with an Introduction by Matt Groening; and Short Stories, Essays, Travel, Sports, Mysteries, and more

Four winners

- Will receive a copy of *The Best American Comics 2006*

Rules

Each contestant must be a bookseller to enter. Participants must be at least 18 years old and live in the USA. No submissions of a previously published comic will be accepted. Just one entry per person allowed. The deadline is December 31, 2006. All winners will be notified by email and posted on houghtonmifflinbooks.com and booksense.com. Due to the volume of responses we won't be able to return your comics, so please save a copy of your work!

The Best American Comics is an annual series. *The Best American Comics 2006* will come out in Fall 2007 and consider work that originally appeared in print (short work in anthologies, pamphlet comics, mini-comics, magazines, newspapers, etc., or excerpts from graphic novels) or on the Web from August 2005 to August 2006. Please send complete original publications for review to:

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