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# Deep Dark Fears



## Synopsis

A devilishly funny collection of comics that explores our most gruesome, hilarious, and bizarre fears - and the dangers lurking around every corner. We all have strange, irrational fears - from seeing ghosts in the bedroom mirror to being sucked into a mall escalator or finding yourself miles below the ocean's surface on the deck of a sunken ship. In *Deep Dark Fears*, animator, illustrator, and cartoonist Fran Krause brings these fears to life in 101 vividly illustrated comics inspired by his wildly popular web comic and based on real fears submitted by online readers. *Deep Dark Fears* reveals a primal part of our humanity and highlighting both our idiosyncrasies and our similarities.

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## Customer Reviews

It has been a month since I received this book. I read them all in one day and put the book at place where I can see and hold everyday. I am Fran Krause's number one fan from China. I have been reading Fran Krause's comics for quite a long time. Checking his website to see if the comics updated has become a daily routine. There are dark fears deep in people's heart, but sometimes those fears are difficult to describe. Fran Krause is able to combine pictures and texts in a great way to tell the stories. I love his art, and I love those fears people submitted. The world he created in his comic is fantastic and intriguing. Thumbs up!

7/10 *Deep Dark Fears* is an imaginary not so imaginary catalogue of human fears, worries and nightmares, and another Tumblr's web comic strip site turned into book. Krause started drawing his

own fears and then readers began contributing theirs. Krause is good enough to acknowledge all the contributors at the end of the book. The result is a catalogue of "deviations" of the human psyche. Adult's fears. Children's fears. Ghost fears. Doppelganger fears. Aliens fears. Death fears. Toilet fears. Cute fears. Gory fears. Religious fears. Church fears. If you have any sort of irrational worry or fear it might be here. I love Krause's mastery at creating a story in four or six vignettes, his wonderful sense of colour and mood, his chiroscuro and BW, his watercolours, his landscapes, everything. The book is aesthetically pleasing, but each fear is a mini-story treated individually regarding style and hues. There is a great sense of humour in the book. I also love the winks to the reader as some pages have, in the bottom corner tiny-winy characters or objects related to the story put there, so it is engaging visually. The strips in this book (half of them), and many more, are available for free in Krause's website of the same name. When this is the case, I always feel ripped off because I read most of my graphic books in digital format. I would say that this book is great to have in paper. It would make a great coffee table book, as well.

Fran Krause's web comic immediately captures the essence of our, often unique and macabre, childhood fears. His book, a collection of never before seen comics as well as a few of the most popular ones displayed online, is an excellent coffee table book and conversation starter. One would be hard pressed to find a friend or relative who doesn't relate to at least one of Krause's scenarios, which range in tone from light hearted and ridiculous to downright bone-chilling. An absolute must-have for anyone wanting to be amused and unsettled in the same, glorious moment.

Fran Krause sees peril all around him, real, potential, or purely fantastical. Based on some of his own fears, as well as some solicited from readers of his blog, he has created a collection of comics encouraging just a little bit more fear. Deep Dark Fears will ring true with many readers. Reactions will range from, "I am scared of the same thing!" to "That's ridiculous!" to "I never thought of that--but now I will!" I don't worry so much about ghosts or a parallel world in the mirror or my loved ones being reincarnated as pets, who then see me going to the bathroom. But I can see how some might! More compelling are the fears that pretty much all of us can relate to, like being caught publicly doing something on social media, like "Facebook stalking" your old girlfriend. And who can't relate to being afraid of becoming "an old person who makes kids afraid of getting old"? Krause's humor is on the dark side, funny and thoughtful. His drawings are the sort that makes you feel like anyone could draw them. I mean that in the best sense--the art conveys a sense of shared experience. Deep Dark Fears reminds me of my friend who always seemed to imagine the worst that could

happen. Maybe you've never been afraid of being cut in half by the elevator. But pick up Deep Dark Fears and you're sure to find some familiar fears--and maybe some new ones, too. Thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for the complimentary electronic review copy!

I found this book in a store and decided to buy a copy online. I like the fears the comics with them are hilarious. I'm hoping to use a few of them as writing prompts for future exercises. Good stuff.

I totally loved this! A collection of comics previously published as a webcomic depicting both the author's and other people's darkest fears. Some are absolutely hilarious in a dark, unsettling way, but I must admit to laughing out loud more than once. I was amazed how many of these I've actually shared at least once, especially the ones taken from childhood fears. Some are quite gruesome while others are plain silly but all get to the various insecurities we all share as human beings and I could relate to where even the strangest fears were coming from. The book made me want to tell the author my own fears and have him draw them for me! Hope there is a second collection on the works!!

I love this masterpiece, I saw Fran Kraust work online and didn't know he did a copulation of the stories people sent to him. The book structure is so classy and beautiful like one of those books that you find in a library just by surprise and it has something totally unexpected, the stories are scary, funny, and shocking that go along with Kraust children art style. Like the title says this is like a Children's book but for Adults!

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