



# Not My Bag GN

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From the artist of *The Lil Depressed Boy*, and Amber Bensons *Among the Ghosts*, comes a haunting retail hell story like youve never encountered before! A young artist takes a job at a department store in order to make ends meet... little does he know that he may meet his end! In this gothic story for fans of *Black Swan*, *Blankets*, and *The Devil Wears Prada*, can the artist withstand competitive pressure, treachery, and high fashion while still keeping his soul? What do you get when you put an artist in a department store selling nice clothes, all the while wondering why being so clearly in retail hell doesnt stop him from having a modicum of ambition to move up the fashion food chain? Grace (*The Lil Depressed Boy*) draws upon his experience in retail to craft a graphic novel that gives us a window into the life of an artist who is forced to take a job he doesnt really want in order to pay the bills. What make the story so moving are both the celebration of fashion Graces character gives us and the introspection of the artist as he looks back on the relationships that have served to define him. While making connections to *The Devil Wears Prada* is natural, the protagonists reliance on his partners understanding and support gets him through the retail ordeal. Graces attention to form and his skill with visual hyperbole (as in, for example, the saleswoman he depicts as a Skrull) are perfectly suited to the narrative. A sophisticated graphic novel that amply displays Graces talent for visual storytelling. (Oct.)

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