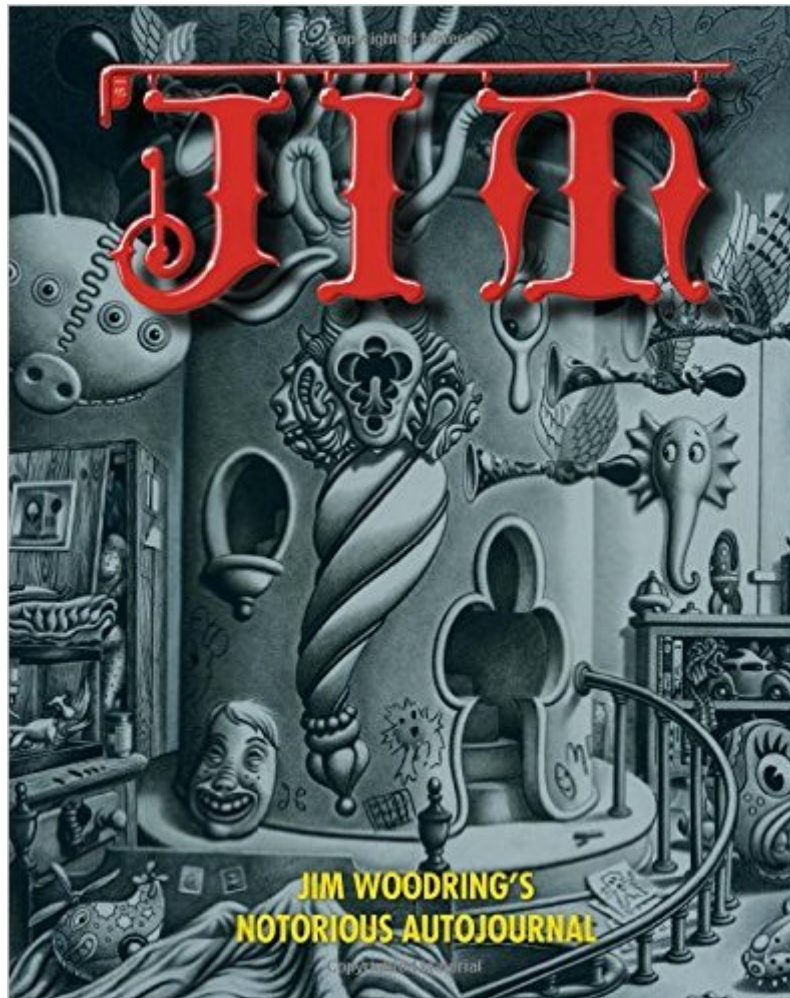


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Simply put, Jim Woodring is one of the most original cartoonists currently working... he has his own visual vocabulary and imagery combined with direct, simple storytelling, often without words or captions. He draws in a classic bigfoot style, but puts this style in service of illustrating the stuff of his dreams. His comics are as close to an acid trip you'll find this side of Ditko's Dr Strange. He's been doing comics since the early 80s, primarily published by Fantagraphics. He has had two ongoing comics, both named "Jim". He is definitely one cartoonist who has used the medium to its fullest potential in his own unique way. He is indeed a treasure for comics lovers everywhere!!!What

Jim is best known for is "Frank", his animal character that has been his go-to protagonist in much of his work, including a series of graphic novels (Weathercraft: A Frank Comic, Congress of the Animals, Fran) he has been recently working on. However, he has a wealth of material that does not star Frank which seems to get short shrift when compared to his cat-like character. These stories appeared in his self-published mini comics and both incarnations of "Jim". Best described as dream comics, they star Woodring himself in many bizarre settings and situations. Many of these stories were collected in the early 90s as The Book of Jim, but unfortunately, this book has fallen out of print. All of Woodring's "Frank" work has been reprinted in handsome hardback books, why not the "Jim" stuff? Lo and behold, Fantagraphics has come to the rescue with this tome... an abundance of non-Frank stuff from both incarnations of "Jim"! The entire first issue of Woodring's first mini comic is represented, along with most of the "Book of Jim" material.

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