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Shag: A-Z: A BLAB! Storybook



Synopsis

26 original alphabet paintings by the icon of Tiki culture. Shag: A to Z presents, quite simply, 26 original paintings corresponding to the letters of the alphabet. Each painting is accompanied by a short verse extolling the pleasures of a hedonistic lifestyle and the virtues of overindulgence. Shag: A to Z is the creation of Josh Agle, a painter and designer from Southern California who is probably better known by the name he signs on his paintings, "Shag." Shag has spent the last decade creating a body of work based on his idiomatic aesthetic preferences, a world of mid 20th century modern architecture and design, populated by hedonists, supplicants, and indifferent women. The paintings themselves celebrate consumerism and consumption on vividly colored, sharply rendered panels; the characters drink, smoke and eat in lavish, stylish surroundings. Since 1996 his work has been displayed in galleries and museums in the U.S., Europe, Japan, and Australia. Shag: A to Z is the latest Blab! Storybook, a series showcasing sequential artists from Monte Beauchamp's annual BLAB! anthology. Each volume is presented in a faux-children's book format, though aimed squarely at adults and young adults. Full-color illustrations throughout

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Customer Reviews

I got this book because a) I am a huge fan of Shag's work and b) I have a 3 month old son that I enjoy reading snarky children's books to (i.e. the Baby Be Of Use series). This book certainly won't be read to him past any stage of comprehension... the content is definitely not for children, but for now we enjoy looking at the fantastic artwork, and dad gets a chuckle out of the writing. A great addition to any Shag fan's collection.

While this book is really cute and I love SHAG illustrations, it's a pretty small book. I guess I should have checked the page count. Not complaining, was pretty inexpensive. A nice coffee table book but will look for one with more illustrations (pages) next time.

I bought the book to find out more about Shag and it didn't disappoint me. The book is stylish and the drawings are charming and well done. If you like retro, vector style you will like this book. Also the format (square) and the good quality of the sheets is appealing.

This was a Christmas gift for my sister, who collects SHAG artwork. She loved it! We sat and read through the book several times. He is such an amazing artist.

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