

# BLUE

PAT GRANT



'BLUE' REKINDLES MY EARLIEST ENTHUSIASMS FOR THE COMICS MEDIUM. PAT GRANT IS THE AUSTRALIAN MARK TWAIN, TRADING HUCK'S RAFT FOR A WAVED-UP SURFBOARD AND AN INKED-UP SABLE BRUSH. VAST THEMES OF RACISM AND IMMIGRATION UNRAVEL IN ONE DAY IN THE SINGLE LIFE OF SOME RECKLESS TEENS IN THIS SEA-POLISHED, PERFECT NUGGET OF A BOOK.

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