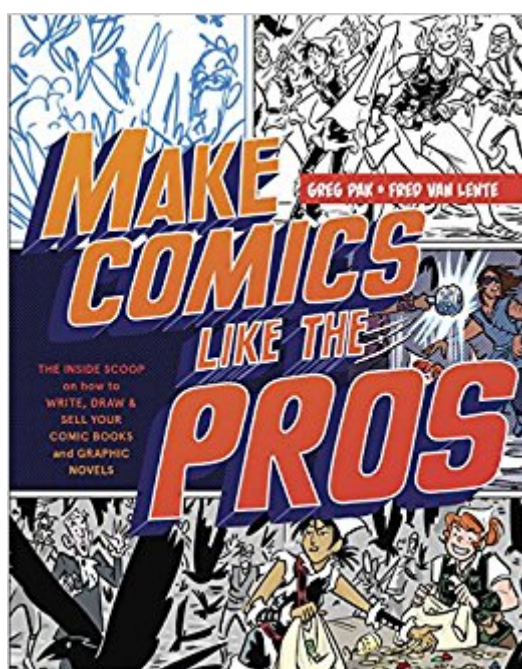


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# Make Comics Like The Pros: The Inside Scoop On How To Write, Draw, And Sell Your Comic Books And Graphic Novels



## Synopsis

A step-by-step guide to all aspects of comic book creation--from conceptualization to early drafts to marketing and promotion--written by two of the industry's most seasoned and successful pros. Discover the Secrets of Your Favorite Comic Book Creators Do you want to break into the comics industry? There are many creative roles available—writer, penciller, inker, colorist, letterer, editor, and more. Each creator serves a vital function in the production of sequential art at companies such as DC, Marvel, Image, and Valiant. In *Make Comics Like the Pros*, veteran comics creators Greg Pak and Fred Van Lente team up with a who's who of the modern comic book scene to lead you step-by-step through the development of a comic. With these two fan-favorite writers as your guides, you'll learn everything from script formatting to the importance of artistic collaboration to the best strategies for promoting and selling your own sequential art masterpiece. Pak and Van Lente even put their lessons into practice inside the pages of the book—pairing with Eisner Award-winning cartoonist Colleen Coover (Bandette) to produce the swashbuckling, adventure comic *Swordmaids*, and giving you front row seats to their creative process. *Make Comics Like the Pros* provides all the answers you've been seeking to take your comic book-making dreams all the way to professional-level reality.

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