

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Astrid Böger
Thema	Graphic Life Writing [ENG-7, ENG-7a, ENG-13, AA7, AA11, LAA9, LAA13, IAA22, IAA23, IAA24, IAA25, AA-MA01, AA-MA02, AA-MA03]
Art der Veranstaltung	Seminar II
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-560
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Course Description:

The success story of comics for grown-ups of the past forty years hinges to a large extent on a sub-formation variously referred to as autobiographical comics or graphic life writing. While Art Spiegelman's seminal Holocaust memoir *Maus* (orig. 1980) is often considered the starting point of this development, in this seminar we will highlight works that were published somewhat later, at the beginning of the 21st century. The overall aim is to appreciate non-fictional, autobiographical comics as an important field of literature today. Toward this aim, we will read and discuss theoretical works including Elisabeth El Refaie's *Autobiographical Comics: Life Writing in Pictures* (2012) and Karin Kukkonen's *Studying Comics and Graphic Novels* (2013), among others. We will then discuss three primary texts together, Alison Bechdel's *Fun Home. A Family Tragicomic* (2006), Marjane Satrapi's *Persepolis* (2004), and David Small's *Stitches. A Memoir* (2009). In the final part of the course, students will present works of their own choice, thus broadening our scope according to their own interests and preferences.

All students must obtain the following books:

- Alison Bechdel's *Fun Home. A Family Tragicomic* (2006)
- Marjane Satrapi's *Persepolis* (2004)
- David Small's *Stitches. A Memoir* (2009)

Requirements for receiving full course credit: regular attendance and active participation, excellent knowledge of all the texts assigned, via careful reading/preparation, completion of short assignments and/or in-class presentations, as well as a term paper of ca. 15 pages to be completed by the end of the semester.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Mo 16-17 Uhr u. nach Vereinbarung per E-Mail
Sprechstunde in der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	Genauere Termine werden noch bekannt gegeben