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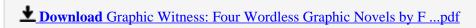
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**Graphic Witness** features rare wordless novels by four great 20th-century woodcut artists European and North American. The stories they tell reflect the political and social issues of their times as well as the broader issues that are still relevant today.

Frans Masereel (1899-1972) was born in Belgium and is considered the father of the wordless graphic novel. **Graphic Witness** includes the first reprint of his classic work, *The Passion of a Man*, since its 1918 publication in Munich. American Lynd Ward (1905-85), author of the provocative *Wild Pilgrimage*, is considered among the most important of wordless novelists. Giacomo Patri (1898-1978) was born in Italy and lived in the United States. His *White Collar* featured an introduction by Rockwell Kent and was used a promotional piece by the labor movement. *Southern Cross* by Canadian Laurence Hyde (1914-87) was controversial for its criticism of U.S. H-bomb testing in the South Pacific.

An introduction by George A. Walker places each wordless novel in its context and examines the influence of these works on contemporary culture, including film, comic books and contemporary graphic novels.

**Graphic Witness** will appeal to readers interested in social issues, printmaking, art history and contemporary culture.



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