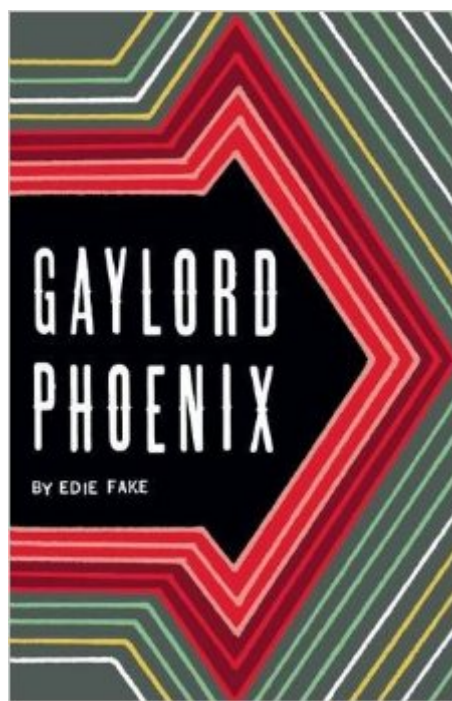


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# Gaylord Phoenix



## Synopsis

The Ignatz Award winner for Outstanding Graphic Novel, *Gaylord Phoenix* follows the danger-fraught journeys of the titular creature. Edie Fake confronts the reader with violent and unexpected manifestations of sexual connection and romantic possession as the *Gaylord Phoenix* searches for his lost love, his origins and his place in the world.

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The sense of self and knowing the self is something many take for granted. "*Gaylord Phoenix*" is a unique graphic novel with its own style as author and artist Edie Fake shows a tale of a creature called the *Gaylord Phoenix*, as he explores transgender identity and how those with this condition are faced with an unsureness of who they are, and the plague of not knowing this simple fact. "*Gaylord Phoenix*" is an artistic and thoughtful read, highly recommended gay graphic novel.

Edie Fake has been slowly releasing his mini-comic *Gaylord Phoenix* in tantalizing bits for the past seven years. Indie comics publisher Secret Acres has finally collected all of the issues (including a previously unpublished closing chapter) and bundled them together into what amounts to a queer graphic epic. The text is sparse, and absent are many conventions of the comic form: speech bubbles, panels, sequential storytelling. Instead, Fake has created his own visual language, utterly foreign yet immediately decipherable. Across gorgeous full-page illustrations, the titular *Gaylord Phoenix* soars over pyramids and paisley landscapes, and dives headfirst into crystal caverns and feasts at a smorgasbord of surreal homoerotic exploits. Simultaneously, the strangely emotional

creature experiences the ups and downs of soul-searching and identity-making in a complex world riddled with ambiguity. Magic, sex, mythology and violence are all fractured and recombined through Fake's psychedelic lens. We're talking flying diamonds, wizards with linked beards, cloud napping, tubular genitalia and one seductive emperor crocodile. In short: it's a trip.[...]

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