

AMORPHOUS THOUGHTS



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Thank you for reading my book. Amorphous Thoughts is the result of months of effort - and I'm elated to be able to share it with you.

Amorphous Thoughts is a sequel to my first abstract comic book, Stray Thoughts, published in 2009 and available free on my website, chriskreuter.com. In this book, I wanted to stray even further from the confines of traditional comic book formatting than I did in Stray Thoughts. At the same time, I wanted to create a more fluid comic - not regimented by the top to bottom, left to right pattern hard wired into our brains. I decided I would take advantage of the iPad as a viewing platform, where rotating the page is intuitive and provides a completely different perspective of each page. This format also makes it infinitely easier to distribute my artwork. I drew each page with this in mind, trying not to "anchor" the imagery to a single orientation. There's certainly moments on each page where I strayed from this rule - but overall I feel I succeeded.

If you are using an iPad, please lock auto-rotation for the full experience.



I had my goals set from the start - but Amorphous Thoughts ended up becoming a lot more than I expected. At 16 pages, it is by far my largest and most time consuming book. All of the original artwork was drawn on 9"x12" Strathmore Bristol paper using Copic markers for my blacks, then Pitt brushes for my color. No digital version will ever match the originals, but I've done my best to get an accurate representation. Each page took approximately 10-30 hours of work to complete. There was never any pencil or other planning stages involved.

When I draw abstractly, I do so in the spur of the moment, letting my mind wander along with my hand as it makes lines on the page. This is not to say I don't try to explore themes for a given page, but within that theme I draw from all of the memories and inspirations tucked away in my brain. When I draw like this, my subconscious gets to come out and play, and in many cases I rediscover old memories, old ideas, and I learn more about myself.

Amorphous Thoughts is as true a representation of myself as I can muster - on these pages you're looking at much more than pretty pictures. There are so many stories behind these images - full of happiness, sadness, conflict, confusion, growth, inspiration, aspiration. At the same time I had fun with some pages, never limiting myself because I felt a page didn't "fit in" with all the others. The second to last page is a good example. On this page, I simply wanted to play with color patterns using hockey jerseys. While it's by no means "abstract" - it's my book so I figure I can do whatever I want :)

Whatever time you spend between the covers of this book, I sincerely hope you enjoy that time. Again, you have my sincerest gratitude for viewing my art, and I invite you to share your thoughts and perspective. I can be reached at Chris.Kreuter@gmail.com.

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