

## **BOOM! Studios' Hit Comic Book Series FENCE To Continue As Original Graphic Novel Series**

"5/5... proves Western comics can do the sports genre as perfectly as any manga all-star, and it does so without breaking a sweat." – *ComicBook.com*

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"Fencing Fandom Brought One of [BOOM! Studios'] Best Books to Life" – *Geek.com*

**LOS ANGELES, CA. (August 20, 2018)** – BOOM! Studios today announced that **FENCE**, the hit original comic book series from best-selling novelist C.S. Pacat (*Captive Prince*) and popular online sensation Johanna The Mad, will continue as a series of original graphic novels once the monthly comic book series concludes in November with *Fence #12*.

Debuting in 2017, **FENCE** was originally announced as a limited series but an immediate first issue sell out earned it a full series order of twelve issues. **FENCE** brings together the worlds of teen soap opera with the adrenaline rush of competitive fencing for an exciting journey of self-discovery that has won over legions of fans worldwide. Nicholas, the secret son of a retired fencing champion, is a scrappy fencing wunderkind, and dreams of getting the chance and the training to actually compete. After getting accepted to the prodigious Kings Row private school, Nicholas is thrust into a cut-throat world, and finds himself facing not only his golden-boy half-brother, but the unbeatable, mysterious Seiji Katayama. Through clashes, rivalries, and romance between teammates, Nicholas and the boys of Kings Row will discover there's much more to fencing than just foils and lunges.

"I'm so thrilled that **FENCE** will be continuing as a series of graphic novels!," said C.S. Pacat. "**FENCE** was originally planned to run for 12 issues - but thanks to the amazing support of fans who have shown the series so much love it can now go to a whole new level. I can't wait to take these characters all the way to nationals, to reveal some huge surprises that we've got stored up - and of course for the team romances to blossom! It's been incredible to see the series connect with readers of all ages, and for fan favourites to emerge, along with an outpouring of fan works and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who has read and been a part of the world of Fence, as we join the new team on their rise!"

**FENCE** is an acclaimed series from BOOM! Studios' award-winning BOOM! Box imprint, home to groundbreaking original series such as *Lumberjanes* by Shannon Watters, Grace Ellis, Brooklyn Allen, and Noelle Stevenson; *Giant Days* by John Allison, Lissa Treiman, and Max Sarin; *Misfit City* by Kiwi Smith, Kurt Lustgarten, and Naomi Franquiz; and *Goldie Vance* by Hope Larson and Brittney Williams.

"Like everyone who's read this lovely book, we're not ready to leave Kings Row just quite yet – so continuing **FENCE** as original graphic novels was the perfect solution" said Shannon Watters, Senior Editor, BOOM! Studios. "Cat, Johanna and everyone on this series is thrilled not only that we got to tell our complete story over these twelve issues but that we get to tell the next chapter of Nicholas, Seiji and everyone's journeys with lots of fighting, romance, and humor."

*Fence Vol.1*, a new softcover collection of the first four sold out issues from the series along exclusive extras, is now available everywhere books are sold, with *Fence Vol.2* arriving in January 2019 and *Fence Vol.3* available in April 2019.

Print copies of *Fence #12*, featuring a cover by superstar artist HamletMachine, will be available for sale at local comic book shops (use [comicshoplocator.com](http://comicshoplocator.com) to find the nearest one) or on digital book marketplaces, including ComiXology, iBooks, Google Books, and the BOOM! Studios app, on November 28, 2018.

For news on **FENCE** and more from BOOM! Studios, stay tuned to [www.boom-studios.com](http://www.boom-studios.com) and follow [@boomstudios](https://twitter.com/boomstudios) on Twitter.

#### **ABOUT BOOM! STUDIOS**

BOOM! Studios was founded by Ross Richie in 2005 with the singular focus of creating world-class comic book and graphic novel storytelling for all audiences. Through the development of four distinct imprints—BOOM! Studios, BOOM! Box, KaBOOM!, and Archaia—BOOM! has produced award-winning original work, including *Lumberjanes*, *The Woods*, *Giant Days*, *Klaus*, and *Mouse Guard*, while also breaking new ground with established licenses such as WWE, Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, Cartoon Network, and Jim Henson Company properties. BOOM! will also bring their original series to life through unique first-look relationships with 20th Century Fox for film and with Fox Television for the small screen. Please visit [www.boom-studios.com](http://www.boom-studios.com) for more information.

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#### **Product Title:** FENCE

**Synopsis:** Tryouts are coming to a close, and the three available spots on the Kings Row fencing team are almost all locked up. It's just a question of whether or not Nicholas can push through and earn a spot for himself—or if he'll have to leave Kings Row altogether.