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#### **Editorial Review**

#### From Publishers Weekly

This wonderful graphic novel offshoot from Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* need not worry those concerned about some crass Disney effort to strip-mine yet more revenue out of a beloved children's classic. Author Kovac and artist Liew's six-chapter novel is a droll and urbane imagining of the story behind a very minor character from Carroll's tale: Mary Ann, the White Rabbit's maid, who was mistaken for Alice. In Kovac's telling, dark-haired Mary Ann is a compulsive cleaner and follower of rules, who cares not a whit for the legendary Alice monster, as everyone terms the rebellious blonde, whom Mary Ann sees as little more than a back-talking, stuck-up little prat. Mary Ann tromps through Liew's lusciously colored landscapes, encountering all the expected characters (Cheshire Cat, Mad Hatter, Jabberwock) and getting into trouble with most of them. Although the mood is correctly tea party surreal, Kovac manages to add in unexpected elements, from courtly intrigue to fanaticism (Alice even has her own cult, known as the Curious), while never losing track of Carroll's hyperactive gamesmanship. It's a rare piece of literature that's been inspired by another yet deserves its own prideful place on the bookshelf. (*Mar.*)
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#### From School Library Journal

Grade 4 Up—Ever wonder what happened in Wonderland after Alice left? Follow the quirky tale of Mary Ann, the meticulous and dutiful housekeeper for the White Rabbit, as she continues the tale. Her boss is now wanted for treason by the Queen of Hearts for allowing the Alice Monster to enter the kingdom—off with his head! On the run and fearing for their lives, Mary Ann and White Rabbit encounter the meddlesome Cheshire Cat, the ever-contentious troublemaker, sending the White Rabbit straight into the clutches of the queen and poor Mary Ann tumbling into the Treacle Well. When she discovers the Queen of Spades, an escape plan is hatched along with a meeting between the two queens. Chaos ensues, as it should in Wonderland, complete with a regime change and a happy ending for Mary Ann and her furry friends. This is a terrific look at a great classic. The energetic, action-packed illustrations complement the story in Disney-cartoon style, making for a great read for all ages.—Ann Bailey, Wilde Lake High School, Columbia, MD Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

#### About the Author

Tommy Kovac writes and draws the beautiful comic Autumn for SLG Publishing. As a boy he'd play chess against himself and hide out in a "rabbit hole" his father dug for him in the backyard. He lives near Disneyland, and has a dog named Mr. Scoots.

Sonny Liew's comics piece Malinky Robot earned him a Xeric Grant, and he followed it up with "Dead Soul's Day Out" and "Malinky Robot: Bicycle," a graphic novella published by SLG. Sonny lives in Singapore trying to think up new Malinky Robot stories, while muddling his way through the rest of life. He has worked for DC Comics' Vertigo imprint, Image, and Vivendi Universal.

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