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From the award-winning creator of *AMERICAN SPLENDOR*

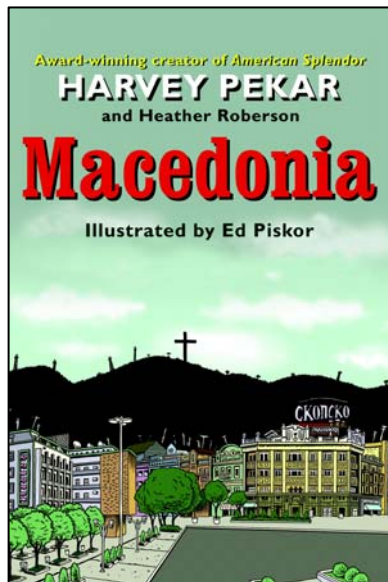
# MACEDONIA

By

HARVEY PEKAR

and Heather Roberson

Illustrated by Ed Piskor



## Praise for HARVEY PEKAR

"Pekar has proven that comics can address the ambiguities of daily living, that like the finest fiction, they can hold a mirror up to life."

—The New York Times

"Harvey Pekar wrestles the kind of things most comic book heroes wouldn't touch with a laser blaster."

—Cleveland Plain Dealer

"A visit with Harvey Pekar. . . will cause you to reexamine your own life. . . just as the greatest literature will."

—The Austin Chronicle

Award-winning creator of *American Splendor* and godfather of the autobiographic comic Harvey Pekar emerges with a new graphic novel about his first-ever female protagonist in **MACEDONIA** (Villard Trade Paper Original, on-sale June 26, 2007; publication date: July 3, 2007).

For years Heather Roberson—a passionate peace studies major at Berkeley—has argued that war can always be avoided. But she has repeatedly faced counterarguments that fighting is an

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inescapable consequence of world conflicts. Indeed, Heather finds proving her point to be a little tricky without examples to bolster her case. So she does something a little crazy: she sets out for far-off Macedonia, a landlocked country in the heart of the conflict-laden Balkans, to explore a region that has edged dangerously close to the brink of violence, yet somehow managed to avoid all-out war.

In the process—and as vividly portrayed by the talented duo of Harvey Pekar and Ed Piskor—Heather is tangled in red tape, ripped off by cabdrivers and hotel clerks, hit on by creepy guys, secretly photographed, and mistaken for a spy. She also creates unlikely friendships, learns that getting lost means seeing something new, and makes some startling discoveries. War is hell and peace is difficult—but conflict is always necessary.

About the Authors:

**Harvey Pekar**, a native of Cleveland, is best known for his autobiographical slice-of-life comic book series *American Splendor*, a first-person account of his downtrodden life. In 2003, Harvey's life—as told through his comics—became the basis of the critically-acclaimed and award-winning film *American Splendor*, starring Paul Giamatti. He is also the author of *Best of American Splendor* and *American Splendor: Our Movie Year*. He is an omnivorous reader, and obsessive-compulsive collector, and a jazz critic whose reviews have been published in *The Boston Herald*, *The Austin Chronicle*, and *Jazz Times*. He has done freelance work for the critically acclaimed radio station WKSU and has appeared eight times on *Late Night with David Letterman* and two times on *The Late Show with David Letterman*.

**Heather Roberson** grew up in Missouri, and is a writer and political organizer based in New York City and the Balkans. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, where she majored in peace studies and first embarked on her research of Macedonia's conflict and war prevention efforts. She has since made several trips to the Balkans and now serves as advisor to a Macedonia-based war prevention organization. She is also actively involved in New York politics. She has previously authored two books about courageous women.

**MACEDONIA**

By Harvey Pekar and Heather Roberson, Illustrations by Ed Piskor

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