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Another Book About Design: Complicated Doesn't Make It Bad

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Gonyea, Mark. *Another Book About Design: Complicated Doesn't Make It Bad*. Illustrated by Mark Gonyea. Henry Holt, 2007. ISBN 9780805075762. \$19.95. 160 p.

Reviewer: Kate Reynolds

Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Informational Books;

Subject: Design--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

In this sequel to *A Book About Design*, Gonyea explains in simple and understandable terms more elements of design--background, foreground, positive and negative space, unity and complexity. He uses sparse words and simple designs to build understanding about art.

Though this book will probably first be picked up by comic and graphic novel aficionados, it can be used with a much wider audience--despite the superhero cover design there is little about comics contained within. The easy to read large text--black on white--and the bright eye-catching designs create a nice visual balance. *Another Book About Design* is perfect for young artists and even for older children who are unfamiliar with the terms and concepts introduced. An excellent choice for an art class or school library.

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