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Synopsis

From the moment Kitty, a ballerina doll, is assembled in the Doll Factory, she questions her existence. She ends up in a suburban home where a little girl plays domestic games with her and Soccer Scotty, a male doll happy with the status quo. The restless Kitty escapes, along the way meeting Army Jim, a military action figure. Heâ ™s heading for Dolltopia, where dolls have created their own society, separate from humans. She joins him on the journey and the biggest adventure of their lives! They give themselves makeovers, meet a helpful black cat and other free-thinking dolls, lead a raid on the Doll Factory, and Kitty undergoes plastic surgery by Dolltopiaâ ™s mysterious Doctor. Just as sheâ ™s getting settled in, Soccer Scotty tracks her down. Things get even worse when a human discovers Dolltopia! Acclaimed graphic novelist Abby Denson brings her trademark manga- and punk-inflected style to this imaginative graphic novel.

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Dolltopia is a fun but sharp-eyed critique of conformity in the guise of a delightful graphic novel from Abby Denson. In Denson’s world, dolls are sick of playing dress up in the same old way and long to escape to what’s essential a punk rock idyll, Dolltopia, where they can trade in their old clothes for ones that represent their personal style, and even get things like new faces and articulated limbs. They seek to rescue other dolls from their fantasy homes (tm) and liberate them. There’s lots of pink hair and mod looks, and in some ways it’s like entering a doll version of the East Village or Williamsburg.Denson playfully looks at the ways we are asked to (and in some ways, forced to) conform, and her take is a humorous one with bite. The dolls are working against forces more powerful than they are, but they have some special allies, such as Mr. M. the cat and his love

interest. They are able to help and rescue each other while working toward creating an independent society. Denson’s drawings have a youthful spirit--and might inspire some fashion envy amongst readers. For anyone who ever tore apart their dolls, resewed their clothes, and imagined decidedly non-traditional activities for their wild-at-heart plastic playthings, Dolltopia’s for you.

This is important stuff to read, for kids that don’t fit the program and know it.

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