

## CONTRIBUTORS' NOTES

COLE BECHER was a sergeant in a Marine Corps Combat Engineer Battalion. He served in Habbaniyah, Iraq, in 2008, and has bachelor's and master's degrees in English. He misses a world without cell phones, reality TV, and Kardashian-esque anything. He does not miss officers, drill, or dust storms.

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HÉCTOR GERMÁN OESTERHELD (born July 23, 1919; disappeared and presumed dead 1977) was an Argentinian journalist and comics writer. Considered the most important Latin American comics writer, he is best known as the creator of *The Eternonaut*. Oesterheld's work took on increasingly political tones in the 1960s and 1970s, and he and his four daughters (two of whom were pregnant at the time) were arrested by the Argentinian military government. There is no information about what happened to them, but they are all presumed dead. *The Eternonaut* was published in *Hora Cero*, edited by Oesterheld, in weekly installments beginning in 1957.

BRIAN HENRY is the author of ten books of poetry, most recently *Brother No One* (Salt Publishing, 2013). His translation of Aleš Šteger's *The Book of Things* appeared from BOA Editions in 2010 and won the 2011 Best Translated Book Award for Poetry. He has received numerous awards for his work, includ-

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USMAN RAFI was born in Pakistan. He is a medical doctor by education (who refuses to treat anyone, including himself), an entrepreneur by profession (still searching for someone to blame his failures on), and an aspiring writer by default (something to do with evolution and a faulty operating system, or so he claims). He lives in Pakistan with his family and is currently working on a novel and other stories. Note: any writer can contact him for no valid reason.

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FRANCISCO SOLANO LÓPEZ (1928–2011) was one of the most important Latin American illustrators of his generation. Perhaps best known in the U.S. for his erotic comics, he illustrated a number of edgy, dark works, including *Deep City* (written by Carlos Sampayo). He produced artwork for a number of publishers in Madrid and London after fleeing from Argentina to avoid potential arrest. These works included *Galaxus: The Thing from Outer Space* and *The Drowned World*.

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ALEŠ ŠTEGER has published six books of poetry, a novel, and two books of essays in Slovenian. He received the 1998 Veronika Prize, the 1999 Petrarch Prize, and the 2007 Rozanceva Award. His work has been translated into fourteen languages, including German, Czech, Croatian, Hungarian, and Spanish. *The Book of Things*, a volume of poetry translated by Brian Henry, appeared from BOA Editions in 2010 as a Lannan Foundation selection and won the 2011 Best Translated Book Award.

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