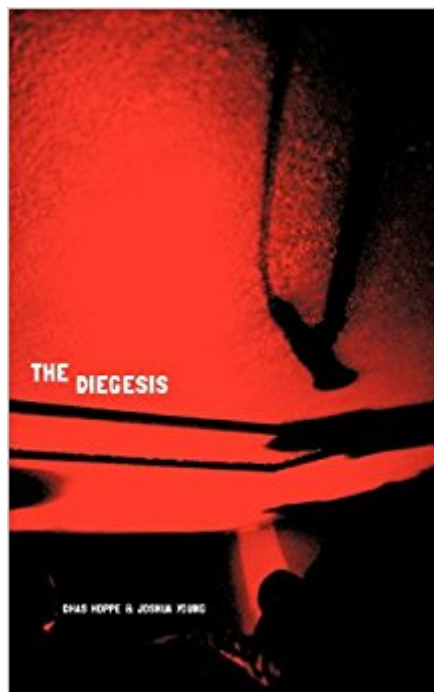


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Synopsis

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"Abundant with poetic moments, overheard voices, metaphoric implications of narrative and film, flourishes of image, THE DIEGESIS is a book that arrests, makes you want go back, leaves you nostalgic and heartbroken for lost moments, obsolete objects. You wish to but cannot push rewind. The book is an exercise of splicing at its literary best and will make you wonder how Chas Hoppe and Joshua Young pulled off such a flawless performance in collaboration and poem-making. I loved being hit, unawares, time and time again, by the freshness of the language, how each poem contained, like a bonus track, a hidden surprise gift." — Jenny Bouilly

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The Diegesis reads like an indie film with the commentary left on. Not the boring, pretentious kind. The kind that's smart and funny and reminds you why you enjoy movies so much in the first place. The Diegesis could be about you, told by you. These are the kind of memories we all have, with the quips and insight we wish we did. Another genre-bender from Joshua Young, and a fantastic debut for Chas Hoppe. A great way to start to 2013, and one that will hopefully inspire future collaborations.

You really should read this book. This is coming from a person who loves literature but really doesn't know where she stands on poetry in general. Perhaps I haven't read enough GOOD poetry. The words jump off the page in a format that I have never really experienced before. There is as much to say about the layout of this book- littered with footnotes and form- as there is about the actual words on the page. Together, it tells an entire story about the life of a city and jump starts the careers of two creative writers who have big things ahead of them.

First of all what a cool looking book, the cover design is very eerie felling and inviting. I was not able to put the book down I highly recommend it Poetry that feels like pulsating story telling.

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