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Family ties are the earliest ties that bind, setting the tone for the paths we will take in our future. So what if your father is Dirk Hopeless and your mother Nikki Savage, a superstar couple from the days of punk rock? When you're born a rebel, what can you possibly do to make yourself stand apart? For Rat Hopeless-Savage, the answer is to leave home and become a normal citizen with a nine-to-five job!

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P. says

I would have loved this in high school. The style of writing reminds me of the novella I wrote during computer class in high school. Which is not a bad thing. But not what I am into now.

Charles says

At the center of this story is a proudly anachronistic family of punks in modern-day England. They are generally-happy people with common problems who find themselves mixed up in an implausible madcap adventure. It's a soap-opera, comedy, and children's cartoon in one, and it is written with a level of wit and compassion uncommon in graphic novels.

Note: The sequel to this book (Ground Zero) proves that the written word carries the story even in a graphic novel, because the artwork was awful and I still got misty-eyed towards the end.

kelly says

I had a hard time getting this book from Abby - and when I did - I saw why. Who wouldn't want to have punksters as parents? I'm going to read the whole series now. i also like who they got Rat back and I loved having some of the earlier comix in the back.

Elizabeth says

Told as Zero making a movie to get into film school, the story has a great framing device. The characters are all wonderfully quirky and very appealing. Despite the fact that their family circumstances aren't normal, the Hopeless-Savages are a family that most teens can relate to. This is one of my favorite graphic novels. While the graphic novel is in black and white, it also includes four short stories in full color. I give this graphic novel four stars are five stars.

Tiamatty says

This book is great fun. It's violent, but in a cartoonish way. It's vulgar, with almost all the profanity being nonsense words (and British profanity, which is like nonsense anyway). The story is ridiculous, but you can't stop reading to see where it goes next. It's got a classic punk attitude that always remembers not to take itself too seriously. The main protagonist's name is Skank Zero Hopeless-Savage. Jen Van Meter and Christine Norrie clearly had a lot of fun making the comic, and it shows through. The writing's funny, but still manages moments of poignancy. The art is very indie, but not in an off-putting way. It's not really that different from traditional comic book art, but it's got the right amount of punk attitude mixed in. The

flashback sequences by Chynna Clugston-Major are nice little breaks, too.

It's a wonderful book, utterly delightful.

Laura says

What you want the Osborn kids to be: witty, honest, vulnerable, and real.

I. says

I expected more, but it was a cute story and a creative idea.

Jennifer says

The concept of this book is really solid -- a family dramedy about the children of 70s punk icons -- and I love all the characterizations. However, I often found the execution to be lacking -- major plot points were muddled and confusing, and I found the art and word balloons frequently hard to follow. It could just be my lack of familiarity with manga style, but the confusion was enough to knock this down a point for me.

Bryn (Plus Others) says

A cute and funny story about what happens when two 70s punks settle down and raise a family of four. There isn't a lot to it, but it's really joyful.

Tyler Kroon says

A fun, dramatic story about an angsty teen navigating high school and relationships while dealing with the complications that come with having famous punk rock parents. Loved the black and white illustrations.

Katya Kazbek says

A soddin' great satire of families and counterculture.

Christina Helen Birch says

Adorable.

Jennifer says

My sister lent me this book ages ago and I adored it, so as I mentioned in a previous post, when feeling guilted into spending money at the local comic book store, I knew it was a safe bet. Unfortunately the printing I purchased was a little low-quality. On several pages, part of word balloons were cut off the top of the page. Lame. So maybe not the best material for recruiting new readers, no matter how cute Skank Zero is.

But the story itself is great fun. The basic idea: what happens when two punk rock legends get married, move to the suburbs, and have four kids?

Kate says

I loved this! The punk family that rocks together, stays together. When their punker parents are kidnapped, Arsenal, Zero, Rat, and Twitch will stop at nothing to get them back. Along the way they infiltrate an evil coffee empire, re-punk their estranged brother, and find out that their dad once fronted a boy band.

Lisa says

Loved it!

Kinda wish I grew up with once-famous punk rocker parents. This graphic novel is well written, has great art perspectives and makes you feel like you're along for the ride to rescue the parents from a Starbucks swiggin', money hungry, ne'er-do-well, sell-out idiot.

Great for angry grown ups like me.
