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Review

"No one has replaced the brilliance of *The Far Side* ... but Friedlander's skewed jokes evoke that landmark comic's better than any strip does today.... It's something of a surprise to find this new work so whimsical, sly and modest ... He creates little cracked worlds with a simple image and a few words."? **The New York Times Book Review**

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"An exercise in brilliant efficiency. One of the funniest and most insightful books ever drawn."? **J.J. Abrams, Director, Producer, and Writer**

"Visual jokes that make you think.... Where [Friedlander's] stand-up sets jab at things like gentrification, sexism, and gun control, *If the Raindrops United* punches those same issues right in the gut."? **Refinery29**

"Judah Friedlander is pretty amazing. Not only is he a brilliant comedian, karate world champion, and accomplished actor, but he's a very thoughtful guy. When he's not busy making people happy on stage and on screen, he's often putting some serious consideration into the woes of those around him. And luckily for

us, all that humor and all that thoughtfulness is on display in his latest book *If the Raindrops United.*"? ***The Interrobang***

"The book's drawings run the gamut between *The Far Side* and *The New Yorker*, offering plenty of belly laughs."? ***Bedford + Bowery***

About the Author

Judah Friedlander won international acclaim for his portrayal of Toby Radloff in the award-winning movie *American Splendor*. He was a series regular on the Emmy Award-winning *30 Rock* for seven seasons (SAG Award for Best Ensemble). He can be seen in a cameo in *Sharknado 2*. He is the author of the bestselling instructional karate book *How To Beat Up Anybody*, featuring his photography and art work. In 2015, he will release a stand-up comedy album and a stand-up comedy documentary concert film. He lives in New York City.

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