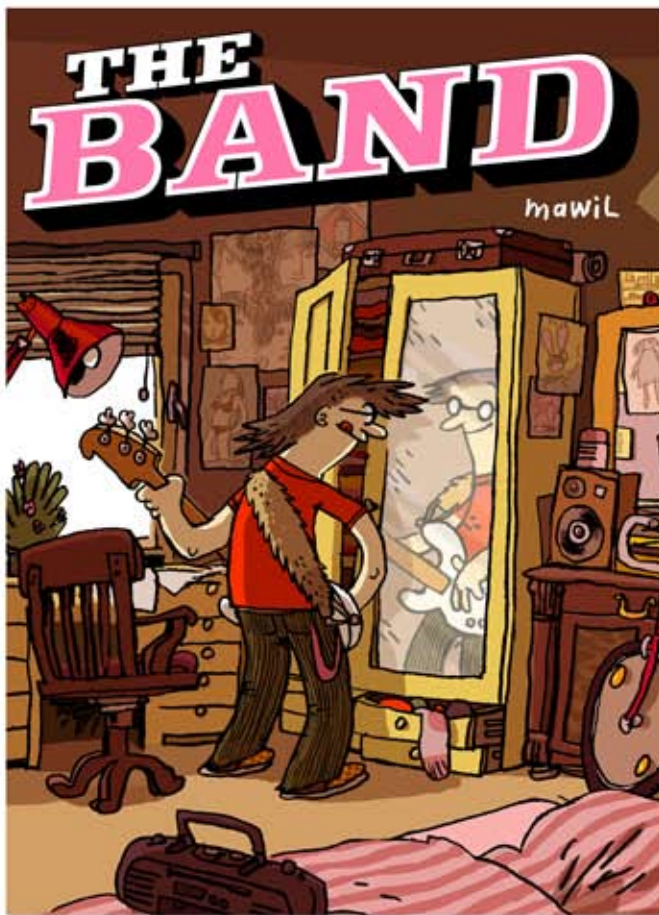


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THE BAND

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*So you want to be a rock and roll star? / Then listen now to what I say
Just get an electric guitar / Then take some time and learn how to play
And with your hair swung right / And your pants too tight, it's gonna be all right...
- 'So you want to be a rock n roll star' by The Byrds*



Crash, pling, TWANG - the unruly sounds of a new band are slowly melded into a tight unit that can slay any audience.

Well, at least in the school gym or church meeting hall.

Watch as Mawil relives his experiences in search of Rock stardom - always just a fingernail out of reach. Witness as girls crowd round, the perfect sound is striven for and 'white label' guitars become the instruments to die for.

A delightful trip through schoolday dreams, enduring friendships and the search for that golden moment of inspiration...



"(The Band is) one of the most beautiful German comics out there"
-Spiegel Online

"I love Mawil's warm, lively cartooning. Utterly real, funny and adorable. I want to steal his secrets!"
-Scott McCloud author 'Understanding Comics'



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About the Author

Mawil is one of Germany's best loved comics artists. He has carved out a reputation as one of the continent's most natural and lively cartoonists and he can be regularly found appearing and teaching at comics festivals. His books have been translated into English, French, Spanish, Polish and Czech.

*"... You can't do anything but enjoy The Band. Mawil knows how to get across his story with clever drawings that transport the readers into the band members' shoes."
-Splash Comics Germany*

NOTES FOR EDITORS:



"Let's see how it all develops ..."

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-**Blank Slate Books** are a graphic novel publisher of new talent from the UK and translated work from all over Europe.

-**Mawil** continues to build a UK audience- this is his 4th Blank Slate book translated for English readers.

-**Mawil** is a 4 time winner of the German **ICOM** comics award.

-He is an International Guest of Honour at this year's **Toronto Comics Art Festival**

-He is one of Europe's best cartoonists with a huge following amongst fellow artists.

-He lives and works in Berlin.

-His books cover his life growing up in the GDR and his later years living in a free Berlin. His stories are a bittersweet backdrop to the changes in German society.

-He has been praised for his honest portrayals of the awkward and humorous aspects of youth depicted in his autobiographical stories.



-**Interviews & Call Ins:** Review copies, interviews and any other media requests can be arranged via Kayla Marie Hillier at Blank Slate Books

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