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--*Washington Post*

"Svenonius' new book is *Censorship Now!!*, and the title alone shows just how provocative the author can be. A collection of essays previously published by *Vice*, *Jacobin*, and others, it sets up numerous enemies--both real and straw--for Svenonius to knock down....It's all couched in a style that's part anarchist tirade, part postmodern critique, and part punk-rock snottiness--yet it's addictively ridiculous."

--NPR

"Censor it all. Film, TV, music, politics, books, news, art--censor all of it. That's the guiding principle of local radical punk Ian Svenonius' latest essay collection, *Censorship Now!!*"

--*Washington City Paper*, Critics' Pick

"A new collection of essays by everyone's favorite supercilious rock theorist...Svenonius has always been the smartest kid in the room....In print, Svenonius is like that curmudgeonly pal that you adore because, even while his insight quivers between humor, paranoia, and antisocial ire, he never dispels your fascination in how he gets there."

--*SF Weekly*

"The essays in *Censorship Now!!* are equally packed with modest proposals and mock-revolutionary rhetoric, but there are grains of truth in pieces like 'The Historic Role Of Sugar In Empire Building' and 'Heathers Revisited: The Nerd's Fight For Niceness'--they're just buried somewhere between tongue and cheek."

--**The A.V. Club**

"*Censorship Now!!* simultaneously deals in the heated rhetoric of insurgent calls to action, the seductive broad strokes of propaganda, and the clever winking of surrealist humor. Often when I'm really convinced Svenonius has gone off a paranoid deep end, the next sentence hits back with knowingly-hilarious exaggeration or profoundly spot-on analysis, realigning my perspective and making me wonder again....It's fitting that a book whose intentions are ambiguous begins with a call to censor art and ends by letting art do the talking."

--*Pitchfork*

"Ian Svenonius, former Sassiest Boy in America and frontman for legendary D.C. bands Nation of Ulysses and the Make-Up...[has a] new essay collection, *Censorship Now*, [which] is wild with subject matter, including Ikea, Marion Barry, Christian pornography, hoarding, tipping in restaurants, and, yes, the role of sugar in empire-building..."

--**KQED Arts**

"Svenonius's third book is a collection of essays, featuring distinctive takes on all sorts of matters cultural and political. (You can read one at *The New Republic*.) As the title suggests, there's a contrarian streak here, which befits a guy who's been challenging expectations since the mid-1980s."

--**Vol. 1 Brooklyn**

In this outrageous and hilarious new essay collection, underground music icon Ian F. Svenonius tackles such diverse subjects as IKEA, Apple, the weather, the gentrification of punk by indie rock, Marion Barry, the film *Heathers*, Christian pornography, vampires, hoarding, the role of sugar in empire-building, how to properly tip at restaurants, the return of the hat in men's fashion, and other highly topical matters. No one is left unscathed, and more than a few will be left scratching their heads even as they laugh.

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