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Editorial Review

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Remember those great film adaptations of Raymond Chandler's work? Who could forget Humphrey Bogart as Philip Marlowe in *The Big Sleep* or Dick Powell playing the same character in *Farewell, My Lovely*? In *Raymond Chandler's Philip Marlowe: The Little Sister*, illustrator Michael Lark has given us a brand-new incarnation of Chandler's famous fictional detective, a "comic book" version of Chandler's 1949 mystery. When Orfamay Quest hires Marlowe to find her missing brother, the case at first seems pretty straightforward, but--beset by mobsters, blackmailers, and murder--Marlowe soon discovers that a missing person is the least of his troubles.

The Little Sister was not one of Raymond Chandler's best efforts, but Michael Lark has effectively tailored the text to clarify the original story, emphasizing through his "comic noir" artwork the dark, dangerous environs, both physical and psychological, in which Philip Marlowe still moves.

From Library Journal

Chandler is not only the best writer of hardboiled PI stories, he's one of the 20th century's top scribes, period. His full canon of novels and short stories is reprinted in trade paper featuring uniform covers in Black Lizard's signature style. A handsome set for a reasonable price.

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From Kirkus Reviews

Anyone who's found Chandler's peerless Philip Marlowe novels tangled (and who hasn't?) may have wondered if reimagining them as comic books--sorry, graphic novels--would make their dizzying plotlines any clearer. In adapting the 1949 tale of Marlowe's strangest client--Orfamay Quest, who's looking for a little brother who obviously doesn't want to be found--DC comic artist Lark wields a stylish, even severe, pen. There's practically no blood, despite several killings with ice pick and pistol; the Art Deco visuals are so restrained that each panel rarely shows more than a couple of generic heads or heads-and-shoulders; and all Marlowe's best wisecracks remain intact in outsized dialogue bubbles. Sadly, despite a few helpfully illustrated flashbacks, so does all of Chandler's original confusion. Worth having as an adjunct to the novel, though the main effect of Lark's adaptation is to provide 144 pages of talking heads. -- *Copyright* ©1997, *Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved*.

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