

this novel is as important as
Moby Dick

:the song by led zeppelin,
not the book. -joe meno

the **ENCHANTERS** vs. *Sprawlburg Springs*

a novel by
Brian Costello

Shaquille Callahan's only release from cutting squid in the local fish joint is dancing, fighting, drumming and chugging cough syrup with *The Enchanters*, the premier protomersh band of Sprawlburg Springs. Led by volatile sweetheart/singer Renee, *The Enchanters* whip up a scene the likes of which the stately community has never witnessed. As the media encroaches and the city's leaders take up arms, the band struggles to contain its batshit-crazy energy without imploding.



P R A I S E

This hilarious, hyper-observant debut novel defies category and concerns itself with, among other things: rock 'n' rollers who wear football helmets and Cheeto-hued makeup, beer and brawling, pizza sandwiches and love, squid, and places like Latent Republican Hipster Music Club World and the Perimeter Square Circle Centre Mall. Why would you not read it? —**Elizabeth Crane**, author of *All This Heavenly Glory* and *When the Messenger is Hot*

We all know Sprawlburg Springs, with its countless chain stores, its heat, the intense need of its teenage vandals for a savior. Here we have a sort of best-case scenario in *The Enchanters*, the greatest band to never cut a record. Brian Costello, whose refreshingly hilarious and beautiful work I've had the great fortune to edit and publish a good bit over the years, has created a strong American satire with more than a small vestige of the romantic, the perfect combination. —**Todd Dills**, editor of *THE2NDHAND* and *All Hands On*



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