

The Minus Times Collected:  
Twenty Years / Thirty Issues (1992–2012)  
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20 years and 30 rare issues collected for the first time,  
with early writings from critically praised fiction writers.

"The Minus Times is the only magazine that I would pay to appear in." –Mark Richard

Dear Tastemaker,

Many writers and artists have toiled in obscurity for years before the culture has caught a whiff of their genius. But how many have spent 20 years toiling in surreality? The alternate universe that editor Hunter Kennedy has built around a little magazine called *The Minus Times* stands apart, and stands the test of time. Like anything good, and truly underground, issues are notoriously difficult to track down. To say nothing of the complete set.

That's why featherproof and Drag City couldn't be prouder to announce *The Minus Times Collected: Twenty Years / Thirty Issues (1992–2012)* (On Sale Date: September 10th, 2012, \$16.95, ISBN: 978-0-9831863-2-8, Distributed to the trade by Publishers Group West). It began as an open letter to strangers and fellow misfits banged out on a 1922 Underwood typewriter. The visionarily narrow-minded record label Drag City got behind it, and word leaked out about a magazine with a strange new smirk on its face. With few rules and fewer chaperones, it became the breeding ground for the next generation of American fiction. In retrospect, it seems almost prescient in its selection of writers like Sam Lipsyte, David Berman, Patrick deWitt, and Wells Tower. Not a page goes by without sly newspaper collages or striking illustrations by the likes of David Eggers and Brad Neely. Up crop interviews with folks like Dan Clowes, Barry Hannah, Chan Marshall, and a yet-to-be-famous Stephen Colbert. *The Minus Times* has earned a fervent following as much for its lack of literary pretension as its sporadic appearances on the newsstand. All thirty of the-nearly-impossible-to-find issues of this improvised literary almanac are now assembled for the first time, typos and all.

The collection is prefaced by Patrick DeWitt (Prize-winning Author of *Ablutions*, *The Sisters Brothers*) and includes 60 new pages of never-before-seen ramblings and prophecy from its best contributors. There's so much stuff that the book needed not just one publisher, but two! A unique collaboration was forged between Drag City, the Chicago-based record label who got in on the ground floor (in this, as in all buildings) and featherproof books, Chicago-based fan-boys and print (leather) fetishists.

We're proud to announce that review copies are available to the press, and Kennedy is more than happy to talk about the most elusive literary magazine in America—and his long nights composing on a Royal standard typewriter. Please do get in touch.

Thank you for your time,

Zach Dodson, Featherproof Books &  
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Editor Hunter Kennedy graduated from the University of Virginia in 1992, the same year he began publishing *The Minus Times*. Over the past 20 years, he has worked in cabinetry shops, magazines, architecture firms and a foundry to pay for typing ribbons. His writing has appeared in *Open City*, *The Baffler*, *Vice*, *T Magazine*, *Garden & Gun*, and *J&L Illustrated* #1. Kennedy lives on the fringes of a popular lifestyle community in South Carolina.

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In 20 years and 30 issues *The Minus Times* amassed an impressive list of authors, poets, artists, and musicians.

Contributors to this volume include:

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