



# STAGE DREAMS

## Description

In this rollicking queer western adventure, acclaimed cartoonist Melanie Gillman (Stonewall Award Honor Book *As the Crow Flies*) puts readers in the saddle alongside Flor and Grace, a Latinx outlaw and a trans runaway, as they team up to thwart a Confederate plot in the New Mexico Territory. When Flor—also known as the notorious Ghost Hawk—robs the stagecoach that Grace has used to escape her Georgia home, the first thing on her mind is ransom. But when the two get to talking about Flor's plan to crash a Confederate gala and steal some crucial documents, Grace convinces Flor to let her join the heist.

## Critical Acclaim

- Excellence in Graphic Literature Award YA Fiction, **Nominated, 2020**
- Notable Award YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens, **Winner, 2020**
- Notable Award Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year, **Winner, 2020**
- Southwest Books of the Year, **Winner, 2019**

“[A] whirlwind adventure and a blossoming romance...” —**MTV News**

“Stage Dreams’ sweeping lines and dimensional shading are rich pleasures.”—**Etelka Lehoczky for NPR Books**

“[D]elves into queer history and spins a witty and extravagant yarn about a dashing duo.”—**starred, Publishers Weekly**

“This charming and poignant queer romance set against a Civil War–era backdrop will resonate with readers.”—**starred, School Library Journal**

“An illuminating western with a refreshingly matter-of-fact queer romance.”—**Booklist**

“An engrossing escapade with a heart-stealing queer romance.”—**Kirkus Reviews**

“Melanie Gillman’s beautifully crafted YA graphic adventure reveals the hitherto little-known historic diversity of the Old West.”—**Emil Ferris, My Favorite Thing Is Monsters**

“Stage Dreams is a delight. A fast-paced, charming adventure story told beautifully in colored pencil—a medium nobody knows better than Mel Gillman. Treat yourself to this book; your day/week/life will be better for it.”—**Kate Leth, Spell on Wheels**

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