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# Delilah Dirk And The Turkish Lieutenant



## Synopsis

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Lovable ne'er-do-well Delilah Dirk is an adventurer for the 19th century. She has traveled to Japan, Indonesia, France, and even the New World. Using the skills she's picked up on the way, Delilah's adventures continue as she plots to rob a rich and corrupt Sultan in Constantinople. With the aid of her flying boat and her newfound friend, Selim, she evades the Sultan's guards, leaves angry pirates in the dust, and fights her way through the countryside. For Delilah, one adventure leads to the next in this thrilling and funny installment in her exciting life. Tony Cliff's *Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant* is a great pick for any reader looking for a smart and foolhardy heroine...and globetrotting adventures. A Publishers Weekly Best Children's Book of 2013 A Kirkus Reviews Best Teen Book of 2013

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

If you are reading this review, chances are you have: a) read the graphic novel online, were captivated by the Eisner-nominated graphic novel and, like myself, could not stop the involuntary urge to purchase the novel on b) heard amazing reviews from smart/intelligent/good-looking individuals who quite frankly, did not rave about it nearly enough c) stumbled upon this by pure blissful serendipity--embrace it! If you have already read the graphic novel online, then you are

already aware of the awesomeness that is this product. You will be happy to know that all of the art you love is printed in a high-quality, well-proportioned book. The title is printed in metallic silver text, and there is a fold-out panel on the inside cover with witty character profiles. In addition, this novel has 12 additional beautifully illustrated pages that you can't find anywhere else. And if that wasn't enough incentive to purchase this book, Tony Cliff has even stated that he might even make a second book if this one sells well. "Most importantly, there's this: the better *The Turkish Lieutenant* sells, the more likely it is that the book's publisher (the delightful First Second) will ask me to make a second book. Maybe even a third!" ([tonycliff.tumblr.com](http://tonycliff.tumblr.com))[Update: Good news! First Second has asked Tony Cliff for a second graphic novel! The adventure continues!]If you've never read this book, you can check out half of the story online. It's got amazing art, dynamic characters, witty banter, camaraderie, tea, and a lot of adventure. Personally, I've read a lot of graphic novels and online comics, and this is definitely one of the best out there, if not the best.

Meet Delilah Dirk – a globetrotting troublemaker, daughter to an English ambassador father and famous Greek artisan mother. Delilah was trained by the best marksmen in France, lived in the jungles of India, the beaches of Indonesia, and a Japanese monastery. She is extremely deadly, capable and chaos-incarnate. Delilah meets Erdemoglu Selim, lieutenant in the Turkish Janissary Corps (and amateur tea-brewer), when she attempts to steal some ancient scrolls from his Majesty's palace. Selim is sent to interrogate Ms Dirk, but somehow gets caught up in her (inevitable) escape plan – and even accused of being her accomplice! Now Selim finds himself unwittingly along for Delilah's wild new escapade – stealing from the Evil Pirate and Captain – Zakul (the Terrible). *Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant* is the first book in a new graphic novel series by Tony Cliff for First Second Books. I have had this book waiting in my TBR pile for months. First recommended to me by Adele (Persnickety Snark) back in 2013, Tony Cliff's *Delilah Dirk* was named a Publishers Weekly Best Children's Book of 2013 and a Kirkus Reviews Best Teen Book of 2013. And let me tell you – it deserves all that praise, and more. Tony Cliff has created an acerbically witty, charming and ferocious heroine in Delilah Dirk – at once an accomplished (ass-kicking) swordswoman, and member to three royal families. She seemingly traipses the world looking for mischief and doing whatever tickles her fancy; whether it be stealing gold from a terrible pirate or breaking into the Great Palace of Constantinople. She's like a cross between Adèle Blanc-Sec and Indiana Jones – and utterly, utterly wonderful.

Book Review by Chris for Book Sake Delilah Dirk is a true adventure tale. There isn't a moment

without some action, humor, camaraderie, or a mixture of all of the above. The story, world, and characters are just so full of life. They really just come to life. The story itself isn't an epic. The world isn't going to end. There isn't a power mad wizard trying to take the world over. But that is okay because there's Delilah, her Turkish lieutenant and their wild and entertaining adventures. Speaking of the duo it is great to read a story with a female and male lead character and they don't have to be romantically involved. Who knows, maybe one day they will, but right now they are just friends and what a wonderful friendship. Their relationship is so well written and hilarious. There are hardly any faults with this book. If anything I would say it is a kid friendly book, but there are a couple of instances that may not be for all kids. There is some sword stabbing and little light cursing. But no blood really or anything worse than you'd hear on network television. If you are a fan of exotic adventures or high flying tales, this book will entertain you. If you are not a fan of that stuff, what the heck? Book Review by Jessica for Book Sakel read this book at Chris's insistence. He knows what I like and what I don't and in the world of graphic novels, he is King at Book Sake. So of course I liked it. After the first chapter I made a comment to him that it's Buffy-esque and he immediately knew what I meant. The characters have a witty banter, well mostly Delilah is Buffy-esque. Her lines have that Joss Whedon feel, which I adore. The characters are interesting and unlikely companions, which makes it work all the more.

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