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**Graham Chaffee : To Have And To Hold** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised To Have And To Hold:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Classic noir at its bestBy SusanThis is a tight, fast-paced thriller told in stark black-and-white drawings that evoke classic noir movies in composition and lighting. It opens on a couple preparing for their respective nights--husband Lonnie off to work as a security guard and wife Kate off to play bingo...or is she? In the opening page, which places them in opposing panels facing away from each other, it is apparent that the story is in the hands of a skilled comics artist, who blends his textual dialogue with purely visual storytelling into a rich and rewarding narrative. Under the threat of the Cuban Missile Crisis, Lonnie and Kate scheme and betray each other and in true noir fashion, jealousy, greed, and lust drive things from bad to worse. What's more,

the background details in Chaffee's beautifully drawn panels build a world that is rich and entertaining in its own right, from the guy in the gorilla suit in the bar to the vintage ads and cars to the incredibly detailed street scenes. There's a real sense of place and time here, and it's a good read. Recommended.

A para-noir graphic novel set during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Set in October 1962, while the world holds its collective breath awaiting the possibly apocalyptic climax of the unfolding Cuban Missile Crisis, the banality of everyday life goes on and Lonnie and Kate Ross confront their own domestic cold war. As Kate, frustrated and disillusioned, looks outside her marriage for satisfaction, Lonnie's justifiable suspicions of his wife's infidelity lead him down a deadly road of increasing paranoia and violence as he seeks to reclaim what he's lost. Masterfully paced and drawn in Chaffee's fluid, inky brushstrokes, *To Have and To Hold* captures the pulpy, nocturnal atmosphere of classic noir. Black and white illustrations throughout.

About the Author Graham Chaffee is a professional tattoo artist and cartoonist living in Los Angeles, CA.