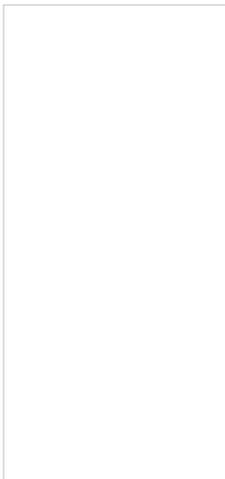


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## Description:

### Gorilla thriller

Inside the mind of Jamie Hewlett

From the legendary **Tank Girl** to live-action animations with art-pop noisemakers **Gorillaz**, dabblings with Chinese contemporary opera to an exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery, artist **Jamie Hewlett is one of the most energetic figures of contemporary pop culture.**

With influences ranging from hip hop to zombie slasher movies, Hewlett emerged in the mid 1990s as cocreator of the zeitgeist-defining *Tank Girl* comic. With then-roommate, Blur frontman Damon Albarn, he went on to create the **unique cartoon band Gorillaz**, a virtual pop group of animated characters, which recorded four studio albums and mounted breathtaking live spectacles.

Since then, Hewlett has continued to collaborate with Albarn on projects including an elaborate staging of the Chinese novel *Monkey: Journey to the West* by Wu Cheng'en, complete with circus acrobats, Shaolin monks, and Chinese singers. In 2006, he was named '**Designer of the Year**' by the Design Museum in London, and in 2009, Hewlett and Albarn won a **Bafta** for their Monkey animated sequence for the Beijing Olympic Games. More recently, an exhibition of prints at the **Saatchi Gallery** in London demonstrated an exciting new direction in Hewlett's practice.

This new TASCHEN edition, Hewlett's first major monograph, illustrates this thrilling creative journey with over **400 artworks from the *Tank Girl* era through Gorillaz and up to the present day**. Through stories, characters, strips, and sketches, we trace Hewlett's exceptional capacity for invention and celebrate a **polymath artist who refuses to rest on his laurels**, or to be pigeonholed into a particular practice.

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