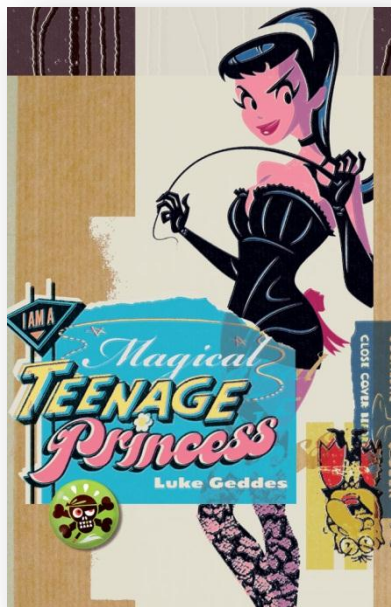


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I Am a Magical Teenage Princess

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Stylish and accessible, *I Am a Magical Teenage Princess* weds a rich literary sensibility to the bright immediacy of its pop culture subject matter. In 'Surfer Girl', the title character drifts through time, tormented by the bizarre clichés of drive-in B-movies. 'Habit Patterns' shows us the beleaguered subject of an educational hygiene film who longs to break free from the cruel social strictures of her celluloid world. 'Bongo the Space Ape' examines youth culture through the eyes of a retired chimpanzee actor, while 'He's a Rebel' follows two teenage sisters as they go on the hunt for endangered, James Dean-like 'rebels'.

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