

the 2ndhand

presents a release party for:

sean carswell

Ventura, Calif.-based author of the new novel *Train Wreck Girl*, from Manic D Press, and cofounder of legendary L.A. punk magazine *Razorcake* and book publisher Gorsky Press.

with readings by carswell and:

blake butler

Atlanta's own -- Blake edits the *Lamination Colony* zine (www.laminationcolony.com).

jim murphy

If Birmingham had a poet laureate, Jim would be him -- he's also a professor of English at Montevallo.

todd dills

THE2NDHAND's editor and author of the novel *Sons of the Rapture*.

Tuesday, 29 July, 7:30 PM

@ BOTTLETREE, 3719 3rd Ave S



Sean Carswell's first novel, *Drinks for the Little Guy* (1999) was hailed by *Flipside Magazine* as "the best book about a carpenter since the Bible." His second book, the short story collection *Glue & Ink Rebellion*, should be every zine maker's Bible and earned Carswell the title "the J. D. Salinger of the internet generation" from *Pop Matters*. His third book, *Barney's Crew*, was hailed as "not unlike James Joyce's *Dubliners*—only it's a lot funnier." Carswell hits Birmingham in support of his most recent *Train Wreck Girl*, about life after it's too late to die young. The book effectively blends the comic and tragic, the surreal and the all-too-real. Carswell has made a name for himself by cofounding *Razorcake*, the United States' largest not-for-profit magazine about independent music and culture. He has written for various publications running the gamut from the skateboarding magazine *Thrasher* to the politically charged *Clamor Magazine* to acclaimed literary journals like *Thin Air*, *Rip Rap*, and Birmingham's own *THE2NDHAND*. Since the release of his first novel, Carswell has toured throughout the United States and Canada several times. He has performed literally hundreds of readings in venues that range from austere private universities like the University of Southern California and the University of Redlands to one raucous night at the Texas Blues Bar in Longview, Texas that resulted in a barroom brawl. He even opened for Los Angeles punk rock pioneers X.

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