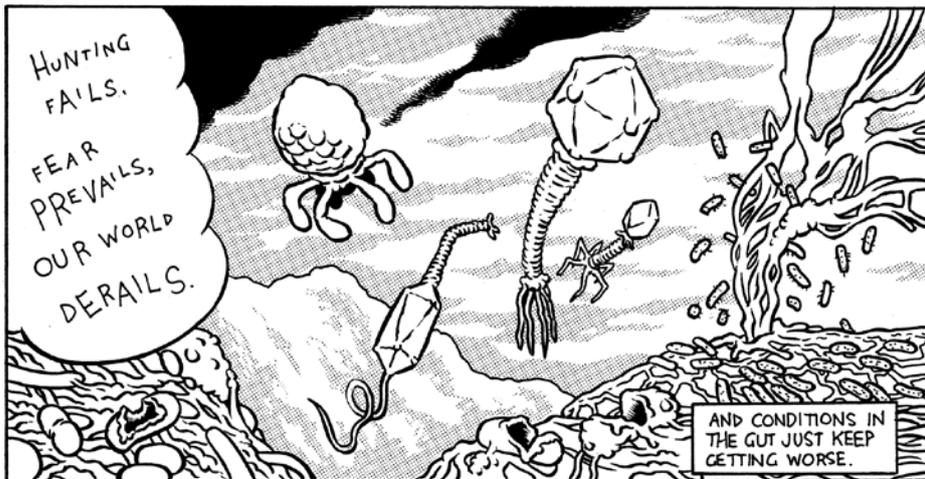


# THE INVISIBLE WAR

*A Tale on Two Scales*

"A candidate for the first truly modern, 21<sup>st</sup> century graphic novel..." Dorion Sagan, author

## ONE NURSE. TRILLIONS OF MICROBES. A DEADLY WORLD WAR ONE BATTLE...



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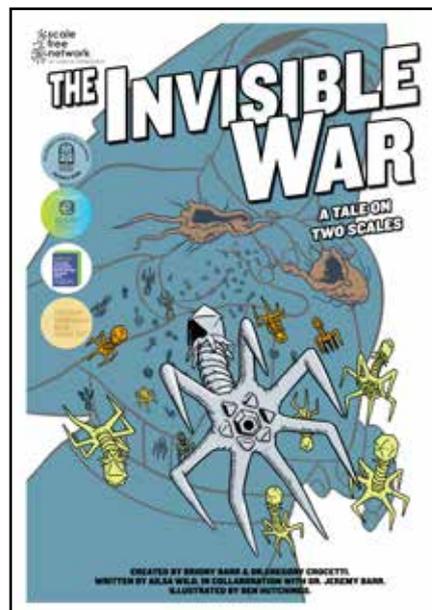
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### Science meets History

*The Invisible War* is a graphic novel about one nurse's heroic battle against death, dysentery and disease in WWI France.

Featuring a cast of trillions – including battalions of bacteria, legions of viruses and rampaging hordes of the deadly Shiga gang – the story combines stunning artwork and cutting-edge science to take readers on a unique journey into the human body.



### A Revolutionary Approach to teaching STEM!

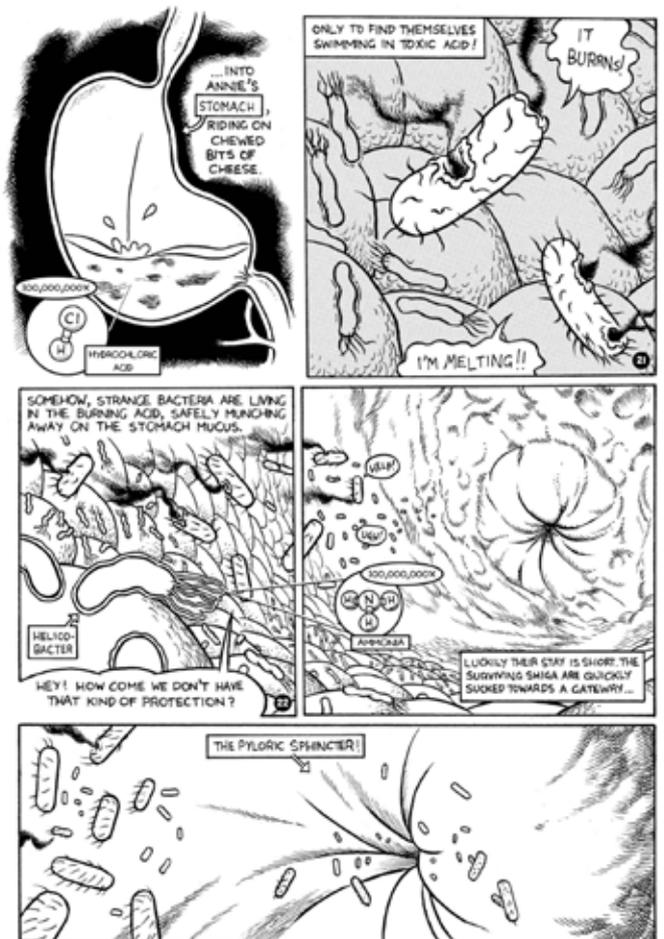
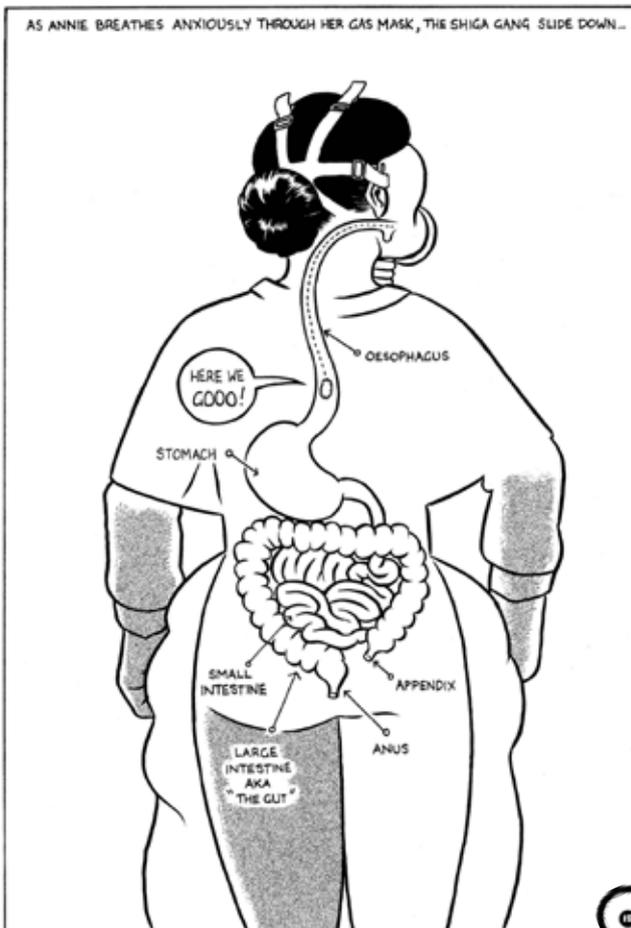
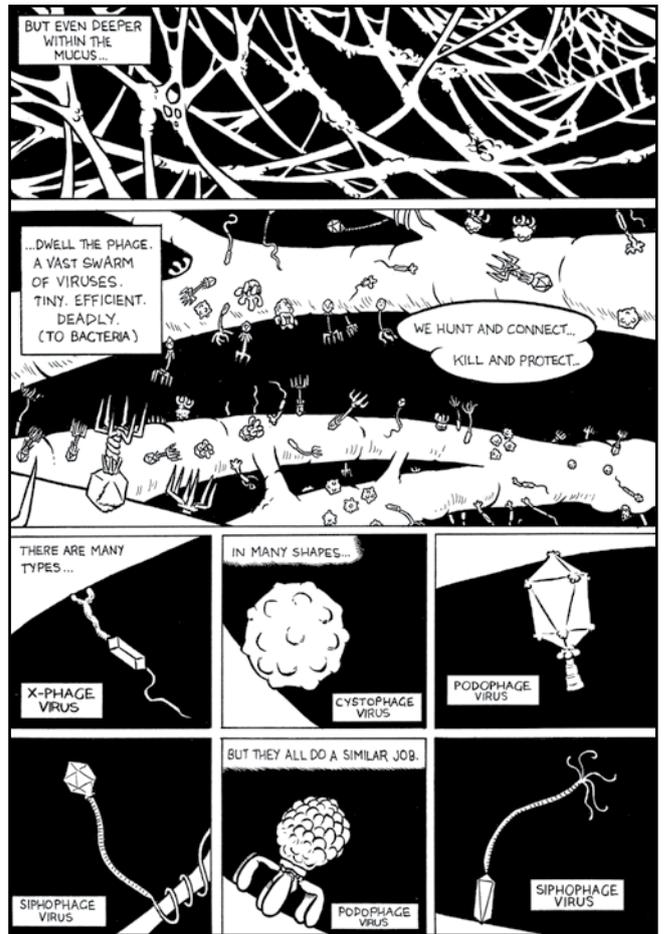
Judges at the 2017 Australian Educational Publishing Awards declared *The Invisible War* to be the Most Outstanding Resource of the Year!  
"Set on the macroscopic and microscopic level, *The Invisible War* is a revolutionary approach to cross-curricular learning (science & history)...and contains a wealth of extension material."

**Winner:** Most Outstanding Resource of the Year 2017 (Australian Educational Publishing Awards)  
**Winner:** Best Secondary Reference Resource 2017 (Australian Educational Publishing Awards)  
**Winner:** Best Designed Educational Primary/Secondary Book 2017 (Australian Book Design Awards)  
**Winner:** 2017 MUBA (Most Underrated Book Award)  
**Winner:** 2017 DeBary Children's Science Book Award (USA)  
**Awarded:** 'Notable Book of 2017' by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA)



Scale Free Network is an Australian independent, art-science publisher. We collaborate with scientists, writers & visual artists to tell stories from the perspective of microbes (bacteria, viruses). *The Invisible War* is the first in a series about the human microbiome.

A selection of pages from *The Invisible War*, featuring human & microscopic characters.



The numbered circles throughout the story refer to further information in the 24-page Appendix.

# ARTISTS + SCIENTISTS = THE INVISIBLE WAR



BRIONY BARR

*Art Director & Co-Director of Scale Free Network*

Briony is a conceptual artist who regularly collaborates with scientists. Her artworks draw on complex systems, diagrams, and microscopic worlds. She served as the art director on *The Invisible War* and co-founded Scale Free Network, an art-science collaborative and publisher based in Melbourne, Australia.



DR. GREGORY CROCETTI

*Science Director & Co-Director of Scale Free Network*

Gregory worked for a decade as a microbial ecologist before teaching science and co-founding Scale Free Network. He manages a team of writers, visual artists, scientists, educators and designers to create the *Small Friends Books* series: stories of partnership between microbes and larger forms of life.



AILSA WILD

*Writer*

Ailsa is a performer, artist, and the author of *The Squid, the Vibrio & the Moon, Zobi and the Zoox* and the *Squishy Taylor* series with Hardie Grant Egmont. *The Invisible War* is her first graphic novel.



BEN HUTCHINGS

*Illustrator*

Ben has been creating comics since the early 1990s. He is the cartoonist behind *Walking to Japan, Iron Bard Ballisto* and *Lesson Master*, published by Milk Shadow Books in Melbourne, Australia. Ben was co-founder of Australia's first cartoonists' studio, *Squishface Comic Studio*, where he works as a freelance artist.



DR. JEREMY BARR

*Chief Scientific Advisor*

Jeremy is a lecturer and researcher at Monash University's School of Biological Sciences in Melbourne. He is an avid collector of phages and is solely responsible for the lysis and death of trillions of bacteria (all in the name of science, of course).

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## ADDITIONAL EXPERTS

*The Invisible War would not have been as historically and scientifically accurate as it is, without the invaluable advice given by:*

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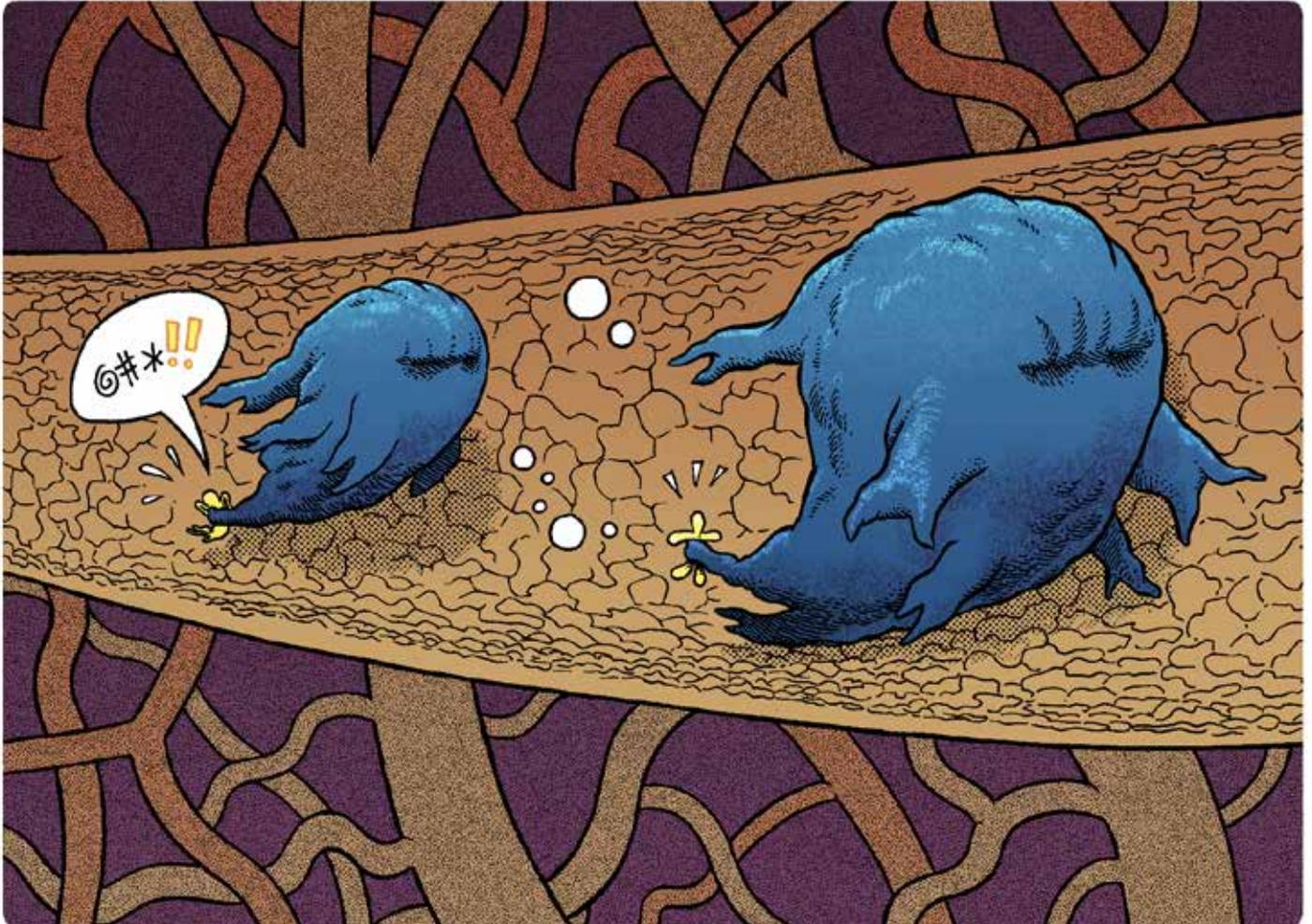
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# Follow Your Gut

Coming in 2021... a New Graphic Novel set in the Human Gut Microbiome

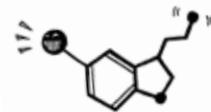


Sample illustration from *Follow Your Gut* featuring dendritic cells (the Dendries) carrying bacterial samples (Biffy the Bifidobacterium & Sal the Salmonella) through the lymphatic system of a female human body, about to give birth...

Created by the team behind the multi-award winning graphic novel, *The Invisible War*



**Follow Your Gut** explores the complex micro-biological drama around the growth of a healthy human.



This scientifically-accurate, adventure story is told from the unique perspective of the microbes who colonise the gut, and follows their evolving relationship with the characters of the human immune system.