



# Call for Papers

## *ImageText* Special Issue: The Hernandez Brothers

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For nearly thirty years the Hernandez brothers (Gilbert, Jaime, and Mario) have created comics that have expanded beyond superhero and sci-fi, bringing so-called “alternative” comics to the fore. Their fictive worlds are as sprawling and complex as Faulkner’s Yoknapatawpha County, and more scholars are beginning to take a closer look at their comics, specifically *Love and Rockets*. In keeping with this interest, *ImageText* will devote a special issue to the works of the Hernandez Brothers. This volume will seek to explore a multitude of theoretical perspectives that may further illuminate the brothers’ oeuvre. Possible topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Their influence on other graphic novelists, alternative comics, or mainstream comics
- Representations of the Latino/a subject
- Depictions of violence and trauma in their work
- Issues of gender, the body, and the sexual subject
- The act of consuming (eating, addiction, pornography, etc.)
- The significance of the telenovela as a metaphor for reading their comics and as a possible stylistic influence
- Any aspect of the non-*Love and Rockets* stories, e.g., their work with larger publishers such as DC and Dark Horse
- Their uses, or deconstruction, of Magical Realism
- The growth or evolution of prominent characters (Luba, Fritzi, Hopey, Maggie, etc.)
- Their possible influences on text-only authors such as Junot Díaz
- Comics and the political subject
- Narrative theory, narration, and narrative techniques of the Hernandez Brothers
- The Hernandez Brothers’ place and/or legacy (either as individuals or collectively) in the comics medium



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