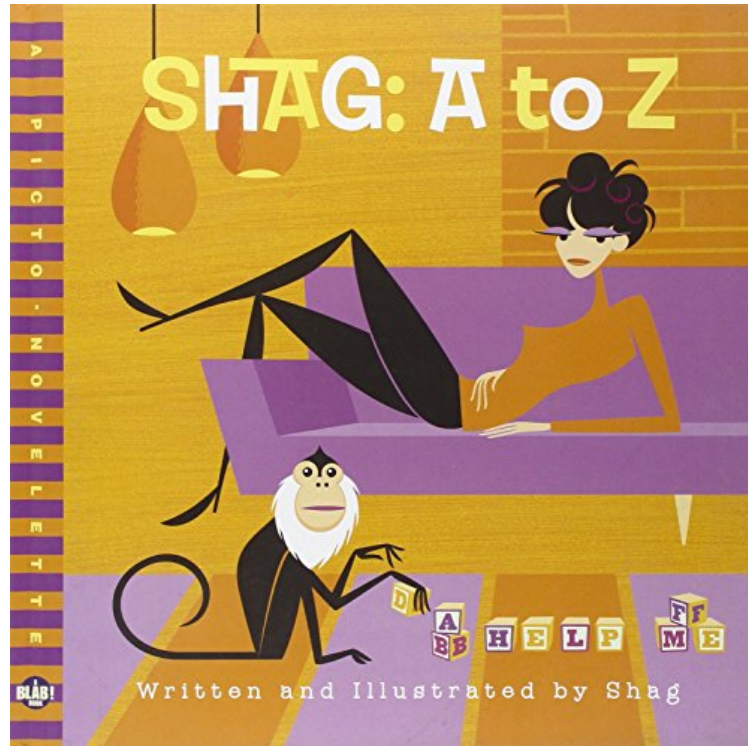


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celebrate consumerism and consumption on vividly colored, sharply rendered panels; the characters drink, smoke and eat in lavish, stylish surroundings. Since 1996 his work has been displayed in galleries and museums in the U.S., Europe, Japan, and Australia. *Shag: A to Z* is the latest *Blab! Storybook*, a series showcasing sequential artists from Monte Beauchamp's annual *BLAB!* anthology. Each volume is presented in a faux-children's book format, though aimed squarely at adults and young adults. Full-color illustrations throughout

From Booklist This new entry in editor Monte Beauchamp's line of adult picture books deserves a place on every glass-sheet-topped coffee-table in America. It's an alphabet book with, for each letter, a clever quatrain placed within what looks for all the world like a 1950s linocut ad pitched to the would-be hip. With its clean curves, precise geometry, single-color masses, restricted palettes (no more than four pastel hues per page), and backdrops reminiscent of the undersides of linoleum floor tiles, this graphic manner somehow became inalienably associated with the swinger lifestyle as led by, for instance, the iconic Rat Pack (Frank, Dean, and Sammy are the star attractions of H is for Hipster herein). Agle, whose nom-de-palette is Shag, absolutely commands, in words as well as figures, the boozy urbanity of such commercially calculating hipness, which we now admire as quaint. An album that just dares you to keep an indulgent smirk off your face while perusing it. --Ray Olson

About the Author Shag lives in Southern California. A live theatrical dance production based on his artwork, *Shag With a Twist*, is currently running nightly at the Plaza Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.