

# the QUICK guide to: COMICS & GRAPHIC NARRATIVES



As presented at the FYI "Storytelling towards Advocacy" training, March 2013

To show your story rather than just tell it!



- More eye-catching!
- Picture + words = more detail!
- Interesting and creative way to display your story!

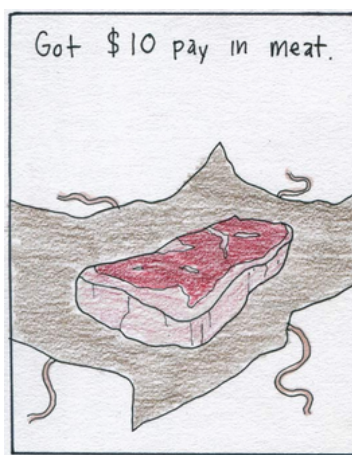
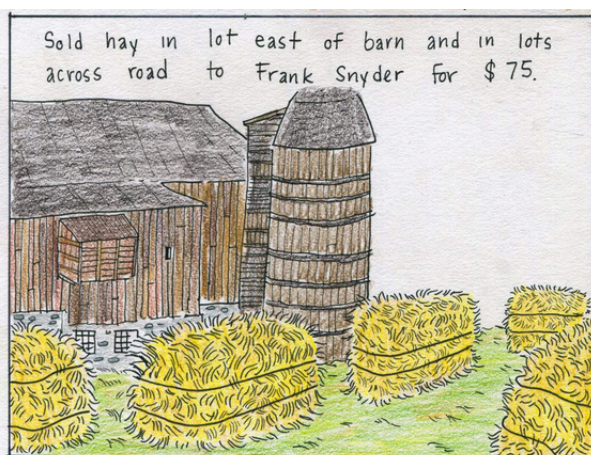


Recipe Comics – a fun and easy way to show healthy meals and how to cook them!

Found at:  
<http://www.saveur.com/article/Comix/Recipe-Comix-Hearty-Sausage-and-Sweet-Potato-Soup>



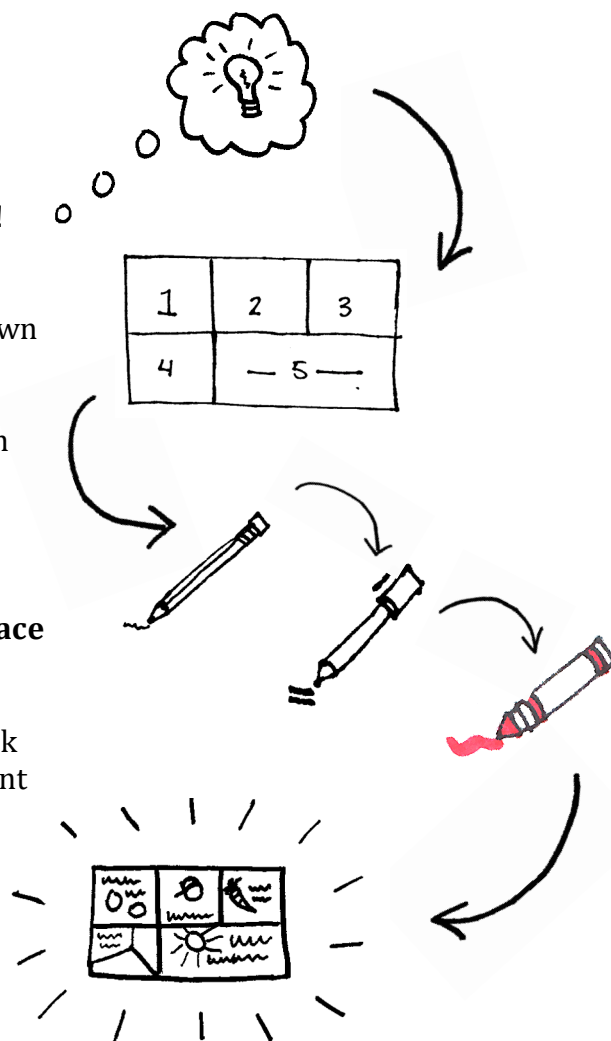
Lucas Adams found the journal from his great grandfather's dairy farm in 1941, and now illustrates the entries – found at: <http://modernfarmer.com/tag/w-g-pope/>



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# HOW TO • step-through •

- 1- Think of a story/idea you want to show!
- 2- Break your story down into a couple of moments – each moment will have its own panel (box). Draw those boxes.
- 3- In pencil, sketch the picture. Leave room for your words/speech bubbles!
- 4- In pencil, write your words/speech!
- 5- Once you're happy with how it looks, **trace over all of it in pen!**
- 6- PRO TIP: Make a copy/scan of your black and white version so you can try different color schemes!
- 7- If you want, add color!
- 8- Publish or display your work!



## Additional Resources:

Recipe Comics:

<http://www.saveur.com/comix>

<http://cookingupcomics.blogspot.com>

List of Social Change Comics:

<http://www.amazon.com/Comics-cartoons-graphic-novels-social/lm/RC3WOGDJM2A48>

- A list of comics, cartoons and graphic novels dealing with social change. The list author says: "I was motivated to create this list of artists who are dealing with complex issues in a way that superhero comics never did."



Sketching a graphic narrative showing his personal story, FYI Storytelling as Advocacy workshop, March 2013

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