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“The Stephen King of comics.” (*Macleans*)

“When Princeton and Duke are offering graduate degrees in the graphic novel form twenty years from now, a lot of students will be writing their Masters’ theses on Lemire's *Essex County* trilogy." (*The Oregonian*)

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“His work is hall of fame–worthy.” (*Blastr*)

About the Author
New York Times bestselling author Jeff Lemire is the award-winning writer and artist of the acclaimed graphic novels *Essex County*, *Secret Path*, *The Underwater Welder*, *The Nobody*, *Sweet Tooth*, and *Trillium*, as well as the mainstream comic book series featuring Green Arrow, Animal Man, the Justice League, and Moon Knight. He is the writer of *All-New Hawkeye*, *Extraordinary X-Men*, and *Old Man Logan* for Marvel, *Descender* and *Plutona* for Image Comics, *Black Hammer* for Dark Horse, and *Bloodshot Reborn* for Valiant, as well as the artist for *A.D.: After Death*, in collaboration with Scott Snyder. He lives with his family in Toronto.

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