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***TeachingBooks.net* Announces the Ernie Colón Author Program**

Veteran Comics Artist Discusses His Latest Work: “The 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation”

MADISON, WIS. (April 11, 2007) – Released in December 2005, “The 9/11 Commission Report” provides a comprehensive look at the attacks of September 11, 2001, and describes the events that led up to them. Since the report comprises nearly 600 pages, it’s safe to say the majority of Americans, including students, have not read it. To make the report’s content more vivid and accessible, comics artist Ernie Colón, working with collaborator Sid Jacobson, produced “The 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation,” published in 2006.

A visual rendering of the information presented in “The 9/11 Commission Report,” the book follows the original text word-for-word, using illustrations and timelines to bring life to the searing events of that infamous day. The powerful graphic adaptation offers secondary-level educators a compelling way to help students understand the impact of 9/11, and to put its events into a meaningful historical perspective.

Ernie Colón and his new book are highlighted in the latest *TeachingBooks.net* original author program. In a fascinating, four-minute movie, Colón reveals the process of creating “The 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation,” discusses the craft and language of “graphic continuity,” and demonstrates how he draws his illustrations and makes his panels. The program also includes links to websites featuring information about 9/11 and the world of graphic novels. To view the Ernie Colón author program, visit www.teachingbooks.net/ecolon.

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