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Graphic novel: *Asbestos, PQ*

Van Horssen, Jessica, and Rhada-Prema McAllister





Van Horssen, Jessica, and Rhada-Prema McAllister, *Asbestos, PQ: A Graphic Novel*. London, Ontario: Western University, 2009. <http://www.megaprojects.uwo.ca>

In *Asbestos, PQ*, Jessica Van Horssen, with artwork by Rhada-Prema McAllister, tells the story of the rise and decline of Asbestos, Quebec. The town, founded in the late nineteenth century, was shaped by the mining of [chrysotile asbestos](#), a mineral first widely praised for its fireproof qualities, then damned for its harmful effect on human health. The graphic novel, based on Van Horssen's prize-winning doctoral dissertation, is narrated from the point of view of the mine itself.

View the full graphic novel on [Megaprojects' website](#).

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- In *Ant Spider Bee*, Jessica Van Horssen shares her reasons for “Going Graphic!”
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