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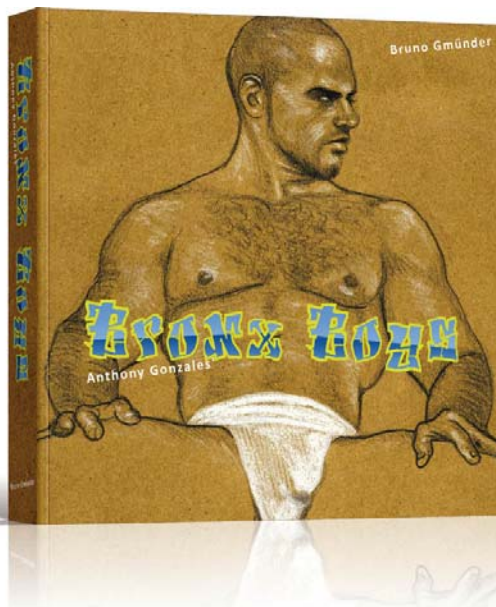
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Gangs, gold chains, street slang, home of rap and hip-hop, setting for numerous Hollywood movies—that's the Bronx everyone knows. But what happens just behind the rough exterior, only Anthony Gonzales knows—and it's not any less rough. Vulgar, dirty, and animal best describe the action. There seems to be no room here for touchy-feely lovers, just the down-and-dirty meat and potatoes: fucking and getting fucked. The Latino artist shows us the cut-and-dry world of lust and clearly defined roles, creating a thoroughly unusual and diverse book: fascinating and yet offensive, tragic and comic, shocking and nonetheless soothing.

You can tell the artist doesn't take these clichés about obscene male fantasies seriously; rather he thoroughly enjoys playing with them. On the one hand, he uses pencil and charcoal to create monochromatic stationary scenarios, sizzling with eroticism; on the other hand, he employs vivid felt-tip strokes to lay out the no-holds-bared rawness of man-on-man sex. And yet, you will be tempted to accuse Gonzales of superficiality; underneath the surface of these merciless scenes, there's always a spark of humanity, emotions, the yearning for intimacy and surrender.

As a son of a single working mother, this Trinidad native discovered his passion for drawing at a young age and devoted himself and his talents to depicting his favorite superhero: Conan the Barbarian. After moving to New York City, Gonzales became a member of the Queer Men's Erotic Art Workshop and—with the encouragement of his colleagues—went on to follow his heart and his passions. This art book contains the results of his life-long work and is his first solo publication.

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