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GRAPHIC NOVEL REVIEW

Brooklyn-based crime novelist Jason Starr's debut graphic novel, "THE CHILL," is a gritty, ferocious supernatural thriller set in New York. The book, stunningly illustrated by Mick Bertilorenzi, follows a cop searching for a brutal, and very unique, serial killer. Starr taps Irish mythology for a gruesome and engrossing twist on the crime genre. Available now, \$19.99 ★★★★★

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Today on TV

■ **I Get That a Lot** (8 p.m., CBS/2) — The prank show returns with celebrity pranksters Rachael Ray, Paris Hilton, Snoop Dogg, Gene Simmons, Tony Hawk and Julie Chen.

■ **36th Annual People's Choice Awards** (9 p.m., CBS/2) — Queen Latifah again hosts the show from L.A.'s Nokia Theatre, honoring favorites in music, movies and TV, based on results of a viewers' poll. Mary J. Blige is scheduled to perform.

■ **Modern Family** (9 p.m., ABC/7) — Benjamin Bratt guests as Manny's (Rico Rodriguez) father. His arrival, naturally, doesn't please Manny's stepfather (Ed O'Neill).

■ **Cougar Town** (9:30 p.m., ABC/7) — Lisa Kudrow reunites with her "Friends" castmate Courteney Cox. Don't look for an addle-headed Phoebe clone: She plays the meanest dermatologist in town.

■ **Spectacle: Elvis Costello With ...** (10 p.m., Sundance) — Costello mixes things up and gets interviewed by "Weeds"

Matthew's musical 'World'

BY ROBERT LEVIN
Special to amNewYork

Starring in two Broadway plays and serving as a major tabloid fixation kept Matthew Broderick in the news throughout 2009.

Subjected to endless stories about his twin babies and the drama surrounding the break-in at the home of their surrogate mother, he seemed to be everywhere except one of the places he's always belonged: headlining a movie.

So Friday's release of "Wonderful World" (which also premieres today at 8 p.m. on HDNet) comes at an opportune time. It's a small, personal film from writer-director Joshua Goldin that gives the veteran performer a juicy, complex part.

Broderick plays Ben Singer, a miserable, worn-down children's



Matthew Broderick plays a children's musician in "Wonderful World."

troubadour who begins to question his pessimistic outlook on things when he befriends Khadi

(Sanaa Lathan), his roommate's sister. amNewYork spoke with Broderick about the film.

What drew you to "Wonderful World"?

I just enjoyed reading it. Simply, I wanted to find out what was going to happen. I thought the characters were interesting and it had a good story. And my friend wrote it.

Are you as cynical as your character?

I don't think so. [Josh] says we both are. I don't know about that. I like the word skeptic better. I don't think I'm overly positive.

Is it tough to follow up your iconic roles, such as Ferris Bueller and Leo Bloom from "The Producers"?

[That's a] challenge, I think. [It's] a fine line because people don't want you to be too different from that and they don't want you to be too much the same. They get mad. So it's not always an easy thing.