



## The Good Inn

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By Black Francis, Josh Frank, Steven Appleby,

Hardback. Book Condition: New. Not Signed; From Pixies frontman Black Francis, in collaboration with writer Josh Frank and artist Steven Appleby, comes *The Good Inn*, a bold and visually arresting novel about art, conflict, and the origins of a certain type of cinema. In 1907, the French battleship *Lena* was destroyed when a nitrocellulose-based weapon propellant it was carrying became unstable with age and self-ignited, killing 120 people. A year later, *La Bonne Auberge* became the earliest-known pornographic film, depicting an intimate encounter between a French soldier and an innkeeper's daughter. Like all films at the time, and for decades afterwards, it was made with a highly combustible nitrocellulose-based film stock. Loosely based on historical events, *The Good Inn* follows the lone survivor of the *Lena* explosion as he makes his way through the French countryside. He falls into a strange love affair with an innkeeper's daughter and, even more deeply, into a volatile counter-universe where war and art exist side by side. But *The Good Inn* is also the very real story of the people who made the world's first pornographic film. Francis and Frank weave together real historical facts to re-create this lost piece of history, as seen through the...



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