

MY NAME IS DYLAN GOLDBERGER

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ARTIST PROFILE



Not too long ago, a friend of mine was sweating bullets mid-session in some t-shirt with a striking intricate design. With black details appearing ever darker through the soaked cotton, I took note of how much I liked it. Nevertheless, I went on for another push without giving the design much of a second thought. That was until that design popped upon my phone a few months later. After identifying it as the same one from the encounter above, I learned of its credited creator, Brooklyn-based illustrator and printmaker, Dylan Goldberger.

In the same breath, I found out that the shirt was actually in collaboration with Vans in an effort to save New Jersey's most recently destroyed DIY haven, Shorty's. Further still, my research into the origin of this piece concluded that it was actually adapted from a woodcut, taller than the artist himself, from an earlier art show. Judging by the intricacy of the original work, it became evident that Goldberger's work was much more than a rag for perspiring skateboarders.

After a lifetime of choosing either skateboarding or dogs as his subject matters, Goldberger was advised that he would need to expand his portfolio with his Senior year at Pratt Institute soon approaching. Thus, his later self-published book, *See Spot Shred* was born. The first ever alphabet picture book about skateboarding dogs depicts everything from rock and rolling Rottweilers to Yorkies pulling yo-yo plants.

Though the stress of getting by as a freelance artist remains comparable to the pressure of trying to make it in the skateboarding realm, Goldberger stays positive for the future. Up ahead, he's currently enjoying more time to focus on personal projects that could include a second book.



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