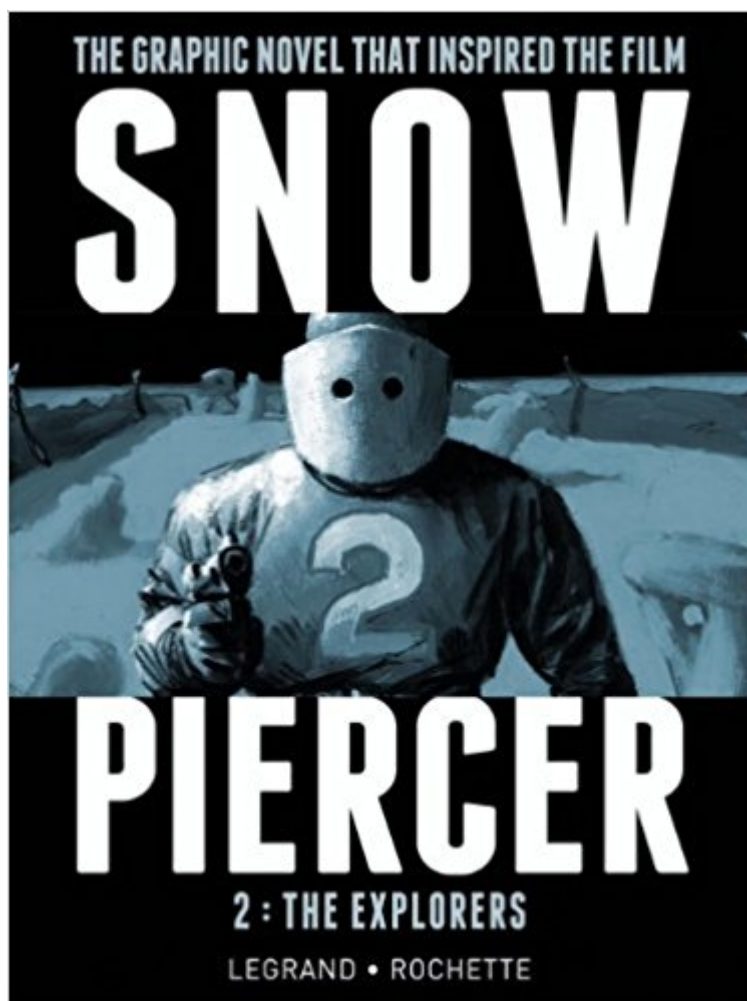


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Snowpiercer, Vol. 2: The Explorers



Synopsis

Snowpiercer Vol.2 is the second volume of the enthralling and thought-provoking post-apocalyptic graphic novel series that inspired the critically acclaimed movie starring Chris Evans (Captain America/Fantastic Four). Originally published in French, this marks the first time that Snowpiercer will be available in English. In a harsh, uncompromisingly cold future where Earth has succumbed to treacherously low temperatures, the last remaining members of humanity travel on a train known as Snowpiercer while the outside world remains encased in ice. The occupants aboard the Snowpiercer believed themselves to be the last humans alive, yet they soon learn that they are not alone. There is another train that could potentially spell destruction for the passengers of the Snowpiercer as it carves a trail through the endlessly freezing terrain. This second train houses a small band of people that are willing to brave the relentless cold in search of the truth and discover what is left of the world by any means necessary.

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"Rises above the clichés" - Miami Herald "The Explorers is fascinating. The world it creates is really worth experiencing, and while I expect Bong Joon-Ho's film focuses on The Escape, I would love to see him tackle this." - Flixist "This is a powerful and penetrating look at Western culture and an excellent follow up to the original series." - Fanboy Comics "Four Out of Five Stars." - SciFi Mafia "The black-and-white artwork sets the tone perfectly." - One Metal "A worthy sequel to

the classic original." - Project Fandom "Jacques Lob passed just after the first volume and Benjamin Legrand stepped in and did an awesome job, along with original contributor Jean-Marc Rochette. I'm pretty sure Lob would be very pleased with how the novel continued." - Horror Movies "Like WALKING DEAD, this is apocalypse done right!" - Ain't It Cool "One of the greatest sci-fi comics ever written!" - Comics Beat

Jacques Lob, winner of the Grand Prix de la ville d'Angoulême award, was a Franco-Belgian comic book author, best known for his Superdupont series. He began his career as an editorial cartoonist, before an editor suggested he focused on his writing, which bore rich fruit across a number of genres. He passed away in 1990. Benjamin Legrand is the author of numerous thriller novels, screenplays, and comic scripts. As well as his own original works, he is well known as the French translator for the works of such authors as Tom Wolfe, Paul Cleave and Nelson DeMille. After Jacques Lob's death in 1990, Legrand continued the Snowpiercer series with a two-part sequel, collected by Titan in a single second volume. Jean-Marc Rochette is a painter, illustrator and cartoonist. He has worked across a variety of projects and genres, from science fiction comics to children's cartoons - including adaptations of Voltaire's *Candide* and Homer's *Odyssey* - but *Snowpiercer* remains the work by which he is most popularly known.

Set in the same universe as the original story, *SNOWPIERCER, VOL. 2: THE EXPLORERS* is set several years into the future as the original *SNOWPIERCER*. Much of the plot of *SNOWPIERCER, VOL. 2: THE EXPLORERS* takes place upon this new train, *The Snowpiercer 2*, aka *Icebreaker*. This train is larger than the first, runs even faster, and is even capable of stopping for short periods of time. *Snowpiercer 2* runs along the same track as the original train did and the people on board are fearful that the two trains will eventually collide. It is during the brief stops the train makes that a particular group of individuals, called Explorers, set out to survey the landscape and see if they can find any signs of the original train, signs of a thaw, etc. The protagonist of *SNOWPIERCER 2* is an Explorer named Puig. Puig is kind of a rebel and gets in trouble. As a result he ends up being selected for a suicide mission, he ends up surviving the mission. He becomes a hero, and as a result, and life aboard *Snowpiercer 2* completely changes for everyone. *SNOWPIERCER 2* ties into the original story, but it's a much different story. Instead of a social commentary on the haves and have-nots of the world, *SNOWPIERCER 2* is more a commentary on how governments can control large populations of people and make them believe things that aren't really true. It's still a social commentary, but just a different

type of one. If you read the original SNOWPIERCER, then you will want to check out Vol. 2.

I will make this review short but sweet. I absolutely loved this comic. I'm doing this review based on both volumes 1&2 of this series as I have just finished reading both of them. I have already ordered the 3rd comic which comes out March 22nd, 2016. I will say that this is a must buy comic series. I watched the movie before I read this series and the movie was a Masterpiece of a film and it's in my Top 10 favorite films of all time. I was very impressed by the story and yes it's very different from the movie so if you're worried about that then there is no need to be at all. The art style was Impeccable. The story is clearly set in a very abysmal setting and it really shows in the artwork and the story. I will finish by saying you need to pick this up and read it. You will not regret it but beware it is definitely mature to an extent with some of the pictures and graphic content even though it is in black and white.

Nice follow up to vol 1. Art is a bit more expressive, story has some more twists and turns. Not as interesting overall or as impressive as the film.

A+

A solid followup to the first Snowpiercer. It provides a bit more context and background information for the world. If you read the first one, you know you want to read this one. If you haven't read the Volume 1, why are you reading about Volume 2? Go read 1 now.

I received a hardcover book with the first page torn. What kind of quality assessment do you have?

Great European sci-fi graphic novel. If you are looking for something more in depth than most DC or Marvel, try this (no superheros !)

You think the first book was dark, wait until you read this one it's very depressing. I almost wish I had not read it, but interesting story, good artwork, a very emotionally bleak journey.

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