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Hawkeye Vol. 2: Little Hits (Hawkeye Series)



Synopsis

Collects Hawkeye (2012) #6-11. Ace archer Clint Barton faces the digital doomsday of -
DVR-Mageddon! Then: Cherry's got a gun. And she looks good in it. And Hawkeye gets very, very
distracted. Plus: Valentine's Day with the heartthrob of the Marvel Universe? This will
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Customer Reviews

I started reading comics and graphic novels later in life than most people do, so about a year ago I asked more knowledgeable friends for some recommendations. One mentioned this series. I was skeptical; I'm not a big superhero guy and I tend to like darker things. The lamest of the Avengers did not seem to be my sort of thing. But I did love this series. It's not Frank Miller -- it's light and at times even whimsical. It also has a nice "Spiderman" touch of what it's like for an ordinary guy to be in the world of the costumed heroes. The art here is great, and the action is cool, but the best bits are the banter -- between Hawkeye Clint Barton and Hawkeye Kate Bishop certainly, but also between Hawkeye and the other tenants of his building (and even between Hawkeye and Pizza Dog).

...and does so in interesting and mostly entertaining ways. I was first turned on to the new Hawkeye run by a friend of mine who normally doesn't read supers comics at all. His interest piqued my curiosity and I decided to give it a go. For the most part, I was pleasantly surprised. Picking up where Vol 1 left off, freshly rich after ripping off Kingpin, et al., Hawkeye tries to take a break but ends up being sucked back into the orbit of the jinxed femme fatale from his previous adventure... much to the annoyance of every other woman in his life, from Black Widow to his ex-wife (Mockingbird) to the "new" Hawkeye. Honestly, the neo-noir storyline is probably the weakest part of the volume, as most of the strength of the book are the little details. Be it the quirky relationship that Clint develops with his new tenants (after taking over his building from the Russian mob last book), the constant "bro"-alogues from the generic thugs that constantly threaten his life, or the last episode of the trade that features an abstract episode from Clints new adopted dog, Little Hits delivers almost entirely. If you're looking for generic fair, Fraction's run of Hawkeye isn't for you... but if you like stretching the bounds of both writing and art while still touching upon pop heroes and heroines, then this series is right up your ally.

It's just a continuation of the first volume, and is still just as entertaining. Perhaps more so, but either way it's consistently good and worth picking up. Hawkeye (Clint) just can't keep himself out of trouble, and Hawkeye (Kate) is just there to make things more interesting. Really, they haven't changed since the first volume but that's a good thing: The humor and entertainment of the series relies on their dynamic and personalities bouncing off. Though, Hawkeye is fleshed out a bit more with the introduction of other women in his life, from the "Work Wife" the Black Widow to the ex-wife Mockingbird and to the friend-girl Spiderwoman, who all happen to watch some random scantily dressed woman come up and kiss him. The Hawkguy is a simple character but the women in his life make it more complex. Character interaction is a huge thing for this series, and it's touching when even Pizza Dog's interactions are touched upon as well as his interactions with the residents of his building. Speaking of Pizza Dog, he gets his own issue and you wouldn't believe the story you get from something without words. Because he is, you know, a dog... The art is just as minimalistic and it still fits perfectly. There is one issue where it does become more vibrant, to fit the atmosphere of where they are at the moment; however, it doesn't sacrifice its minimalism so it's still good. Hawkeye is currently the only book that I can think of that can pull this off, which is a good thing. I recommend the buy, along with the first volume of course. It's not necessary, strictly speaking; however, a lot of themes and story lines are carried over so it's very much so not recommended to

skip volume one. If you are good at picking up on details reminding the reader, then it's not an issue but I can't give you a good reason to skip it, bro. Honestly, just buy both volumes, and 3 and 4 when they come out.

Matt Fraction's Hawkeye changes the whole look at what it means to be a hero without special super powers while still trying to make the world a better place. Done up in a minimalist style, it took me a little while to get past the art and give the story a shot (I'm really snooty about comic art but it grew on me). The story did not in any way disappoint. Here we have Hawkeye trying to be both a regular guy and an upstanding hero at the same time, no pretense that being a hero radically makes your personal life easier or more dramatic and angsty-secretive, nor the pretense that being a hero suddenly stops when you take the costume off. I thought this was an incredibly well done comic, well worth reading and definitely one of the best currently available to read. Vol.1 was great, Vol.2 kept that up wonderfully.

One of the things that makes Black Widow and Hawkeye's series so compelling is that neither has "powers." They are ordinary humans with extraordinary skills. This second volume drives that point home as the stories have our hero battling everyday problems in addition to secret missions and superheroics. The book opens with Kate and Clint facing a massive hurricane/superstorm that is threatening the East Coast. What can they do in the face of Mother Nature besides batten down the hatches and try to help their friends as best they can? And then the Russian Mafia returns to cause havoc for Clint both in his building and his love life as a mob wife he saved returns for his help once again. To top it all off, even Tony Stark can't help him untangle the wires for his entertainment system.

What's a guy to do? I love this series. Clint Barton is a piping hot mess and it refreshing to see a hero who has to battle everyday life like the rest of us. The stories are irreverent, action-packed and laced with dark humor. Overall, a must-read and highly recommended.

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