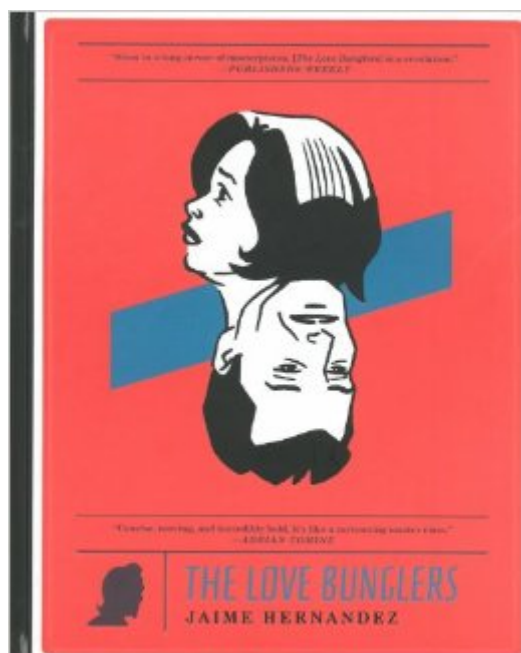


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# The Love Bunglers



## Synopsis

Contains the critically acclaimed and award-winning short comic "Browntown," as well as other stories chronicling the life and loves of Maggie. Featuring Hernandez's longtime Love and Rockets heroine Maggie, the suppression of family history is the initial thread that ties the Love Bunglers together. Because these secrets can't be dealt with openly, their lingering effect is even more powerful. But Maggie's ability to navigate and find meaning in her life despite losing her culture, her brother, her profession, and her friends is what's made her a compelling character. After a lifetime of losses, Maggie finds, in the second half, her longtime off and on lover, Ray Dominguez. In taking us through lives, deaths, and near-fatalities, The Love Bunglers encapsulates Maggie's emotional history as it moves from resignation to memories of loss, to sudden violence (a theme in this story) and eventually to love and contentment. Much like what John Updike created in his four Rabbit novels, Jaime Hernandez has been following his longtime character, Maggie, around for several decades, all of which has seemed to be building towards this book in particular. Winner, 2014 Los Angeles Times Book Prize "Graphic Novel/Comics" Named one of Publishers Weekly's Best Books of 2014 Shortlist, Slate's 2014 Cartoonist Studio Prize for Best Print Comic of the Year Black & white

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## Customer Reviews

I have been a fan of Love and Rockets for decades- and particularly Jaime Hernandez Locas. Just when you think a series can't get better- this comes out. After reading I sat in my living room and

looked out the window for 10 minutes. Painful, beautiful and in the end very real. A classic.

I came to Love & Rockets pretty late in the game. This book is a collection of stories that appeared in the first 4 volumes of Love & Rockets New Stories. Lately L&R has been reprinted not strictly chronologically but by story arc. This is a super great thing for them to do, and in many ways it makes the stories even more coherent and interesting to read. In my mind this edition is a really amazing conclusion to the Maggie/Hopi arc that has been with this series since the beginning. I think this edition stands on its own but it will be EVEN more impressive if you have background on the characters

([http://www..com/Girl-HOPPERS-Love-Rockets-v/dp/1560978511/ref=sr\\_1\\_12?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1399425336&sr=1-12&keywords=love+and+rockets](http://www..com/Girl-HOPPERS-Love-Rockets-v/dp/1560978511/ref=sr_1_12?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1399425336&sr=1-12&keywords=love+and+rockets) might be a good place to start). Basically this takes the Maggie's story to a whole new place. Again, I think this is a really amazing edition even for new readers of L&R, it might even be the thing that drags you in - BUT it will be especially meaningful to you if you already have an attachment to the characters. Its worth mentioning that the story/chapter Browntown within this edition has won numerous awards.

I am perpetually blown away by how well (and how accurately) Jaime Hernandez writes female characters, which is exceedingly rare. I've been reading his work since the first issue of Love & Rockets was published in the early 1980s, and he continues to be one of the most imaginative, abundantly gifted, brilliant artists/writers on the planet. I feel as though I grew up with Maggie and Hopey, and if you love Love & Rockets as much as I do, this book is a must-have. Powerful and moving, and altogether wonderful.

This is one of the most moving, profound graphic novels that I have ever read. However, I'm not sure if my reaction stems from the fact that I have been following this book's protagonists for more than two decades. This book serves as a sort of "season finale" to a comic book (LOVE AND ROCKETS) that started back in 1982. I think the book can be enjoyed on its own, but I'm not the best person to make that judgment. I hope that others will be able to address this question directly: Is LOVE BUNGLERS a powerful, moving experience for readers who aren't already familiar with the main characters?

Not sure how I managed to miss Jaime Hernandez all these years. I'm very late to the party...This is a brilliant book! The nuanced, character rich storytelling left me begging for more. In a funny way it

reminded me of the best parts of Ghost Town and Strangers in Paradise - compelling characters living in a rich, vibrant world. They live in the series and in the heart and mind of the author. I'm thankful for this slice of "love and rockets" life. I have a feeling that I'll be buying many, many more books by Jamie Hernandez.

At first I wasn't so sure about buying this since I didn't really like the last volume of Love and Rockets: Esperanza. I was so very wrong to doubt Jaime. He is in top form here! I think newcomers can enjoy this book because these stories are universal (you may see someone you know or even yourself in these characters) but of course I recommend that you read the rest of Jaime's work before you read The Love Bunglers.

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