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Punisher Max Complete Collection Vol. 1 (The Punisher: Max Comics)



Synopsis

Experience the gritty and uncompromising Punisher MAX from the very beginning! When a mob hit killed his beloved wife and children, Frank Castle became the Punisher - an unstoppable one-man army waging war on every piece of criminal scum plaguing New York's streets. But do the Punisher's origins trace back even further? In 1971 Vietnam, Captain Castle's platoon faces a Viet Cong attack...and to survive, he must make a grim choice. Then, Punisher's old partner Microchip, long thought to be a casualty of Castle's war, resurfaces with a startling offer! COLLECTING: BORN 1-4, PUNISHER (2004) 1-12

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Customer Reviews

This graphic novel, like most of Garth Ennis's™ work is gritty and brutal. Frank Castle aka the Punisher is just off his hinges and is literally killing everybody and everything without remorse. What Marvel is trying to do is to capture a new generation of readers with these Complete Collections and they are doing a great job of it. The story is overall great and Ennis wrote it brilliantly. It gets dark sometimes and to see Frank off the rails like this is almost unnerving, but very cool! It is really well put together as it encompasses Punisher: Born which is the series where Frank is in Vietnam. Born was a four issue series which show Frank before he became the Punisher, as we know him. This entire series was "The First Day, The Second Day, The Third Day and The Last Day" and they put this out into its own trade paperback, as a whole. I have the original issues and the TPB, which included some extra materials from the story. It also has the TPB "In the Beginning" and

• which takes place in Hell's Kitchen. In essence those two were split to cover issues 1-6 and then 7-12 of the 74 issue series. So the trade paperbacks were split into an original 13 different series from 2004 through 2009 to cover the 74 issues. This is what is coming in the next volume, more of Frank in issues 13-30. These were put into the TPB of "Mother Russia, Up is Down and Black is White and lastly, The Slavers". Hope it helps:)

My first Punisher book. I've heard about this collection for a while as being one of the best comic runs of the decade. Gory graphic and raw. Felt very different from typical super books. Book is huge over 400 pages and includes Born, In the Beginning and Kitchen Irish. Great book. Will purchase the next volume in April I think it comes out. For adult comic readers only.

Despite having read quite a bit of Punisher stuff, I hadn't dipped into this particular Ennis run until this collection came out, and now I regret not checking it out sooner. It's much darker than previous Ennis stories like Welcome Back, Frank. Born and Kitchen Irish are both fairly good, but In The Beginning is an iconic powerhouse of a story that's a great intro for new fans and a real experience for those more familiar with the Punisher mythos, or even those who've just read something like WBF. Great stories, quality book.

There are no words for the way I feel about Garth Ennis' Punisher run. It is possibly my favorite series of all time. Garth Ennis is the legendary co-creator of the Preacher series, which is currently debuting on AMC. Those who have read it will know that there is no one like Ennis. He is gritty, honest, and brutal, and his is possibly my favorite writing of all time. This run is what made me fall in love with Punisher (and Ennis for that matter). Ennis has made it a point to make you feel the heartbreak that Frank Castle feels, the anger that boils his blood and keeps him going. This is not just some basic story about Punisher kicking the teeth out of some drug-dealing thugs. All the heroes and villains in these stories have been thoroughly developed throughout the 60 issue run and you will love them and hate them the way that Castle does. No one can write like Ennis and of course the covers by Tim Bradstreet are breathtaking as well. If you read one Punisher series in your life, let this be it! Be warned though, this is not made for a queasy or sensitive audience. It is R-Rated and there is tons of violence, blood, guts, profanity and gore, but that is just the territory when you are reading an Ennis book. This book collects issues 1-12 of The Punisher Max 2004 run and all four issues of his Born mini-series. Just buy it, you won't regret it!

I am very happy I finally picked this up. Such a perfect Punisher series. It is dark and brutal, as it should be. This is a superb book. Paper quality is spot on and the binding has taken a beating and still holds up. If you do not have this book, you are a damn fool.

Ennis is simply the best non marvel universe punisher writer ever. His punisher, in a world without the marvel heroes, as he should be, is brutal and uncompromising. These stories are well written and drawn. A must for the punisher fan.

I was worried about reading this considering I hate most of Ennis' works like "Preacher" and "The Boys", but this book was good, which is a huge relief. Pros Art is pretty good (although they do change artists in all 3 story arcs) Writing is great, I love how it portrays Frank Castle's thoughts Book binding is sewn, a plus in any comic fans mind Colors look great on the glossy pages Great value Cons The 3rd story arc, "Kitchen Irish" was alright, something I'll probably won't re-read soon though Pages are a bit thin, and covers feel like it could be bended easy Sometimes, I get the crude reminder this is Ennis writing when the dialogue on the characters start cursing like 9 year old COD players Overall, great deal, totally recommend it, I'll probably give it a 4.5

The Punisher is my favorite character Marvel has so when I heard about this MAX series, I had to jump on board. The shipping was VERY fast (came on a Sunday took about 2 or 3 days to get here). When I first got this book, I read over 200 pages. The story just captivates you.. You'll be into it and will not want to put it down... Just get it.

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