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Maggie The Mechanic: The Love & Rockets Library - Locas Book 1



Synopsis

277 pages! The 30th anniversary Love and Rockets celebration continues with this, the first volume of the Love and Rockets Library collecting the adventures of the spunky Maggie, her annoying best friend and sometimes lover Hopey, and their circle of friends, including their bombshell friend Penny Century, Maggie's weirdo mentor Izzy -- as well as the wrestler Rena Titanon and Maggie's handsome love interest, Rand Race... "Maggie the Mechanic" collects the earliest, punkiest, most heavily sci-fi stories of Maggie and her circle of friends, and you can see the artist (who drew like an angel from the very first panel) refine his approach: Despite these strong shifts in tone, the stunning art and razor sharp characterizations keep this collection consistent, and enthralling throughout.

"The Love and Rockets Vol. 1 reprints may be my favorite publishing project of the last five years, and there are a lot of fine projects going on... the smaller, bargain-priced volumes [are] the perfect vehicle for that material, the best comics series of all time." -- Tom Spurgeon, The Comics Reporter

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Customer Reviews

Love and Rockets splits roughly into two parts - LOCAS which deals with Jaime Hernandez's world, and Palomor, which centres around the fictional Mexican village of the same name, and is written by

his brother, Gilbert. This collects the former, which looks at a Los Angeles suburb called Hoppers and it's mainly Mexican inhabitants. It's two main characters are Maggie - an 18 year old girl who is charmingly clumsy, falls in love easily, and loves her bestfriend and sometime lover Hopey as much as she is frustrated by her antics. Hopey is confident, rough around the edges and flirts with the authorities and her place in society. Littered throughout are just as interesting co-stars, such as Penny Century, a voluptuous woman who dreams of being a super hero, Isabel, who is plagued with supernatural powers and demons, and Rena, an older female wrestling superstar who becomes a mother figure and role model to Maggie. The Locas universe is so big and vast (the Hernandez brothers started the comics in the early 80s, and after a few years break, recently started it back up again in the late 00's) and fans opinion on where to delve in first varies. I believe that this collection, which includes the first LOCAS stories, is the perfect place. The reason why others believe it may not be suitable, is because at the beginning of the first Locas stories, the world that Maggie and Hoppey lived in was very very different. It was more of a sci-fi ala Tank Girl than what it would become in the next collection. But, I like the fact that I know all I can about the girls and their world, and in a way, I kind of prefer the first world they were a part of, as it mixed a superhero world with that of average day to day occurrences. Either way, Jaime has created such an amazing world with the kind of characters you wished you could sit next to on a boring plane flight - they are guaranteed to keep you entertained and hooked during your stay with them.

I got it because I read a lot about los Bros Hernandez after going on a binge of comics and the stories seemed quite interesting for the time it was made. This collection is the greatest! I can't wait to read the other volumes. It has punk + Spanish dialogues and catch phrases every once a few pages, the artwork and the shades is super detailed and incredibly attracting. The characters are so messy, loud, irreverent to norms but so lovable at the same time. I recommend it for anyone who's getting interested in comics and wants loads of powerful woman doing their thang to lead the way. Plus, this collection holds a lot of their background as well so you wouldn't miss that much.

I won't get into details about the series because I can see other reviewers have done a great job of that. I love Maggie and I loved reading about her. She really inspired me as a powerful female character. She's so real. She feels the things we feel, she thinks what we think. If you're just getting into comics and you've ever gone through a punk phase in your life I can't recommend this book enough!

The illustration alone made this worth the purchase. That said, the narratives are also compelling and unique. One of the few comics I've ever read that captures that latin@ feel, but it doesn't feel forced or specifically aimed at one community. I'll end up owing the whole catalogue I'm pretty sure, and I advise you do the same.

The art is spectacular, there's something about Jaime's pin-up punk rock style that amazes me every time I pick the book up. The story telling is a bit weird and experimental, but the characters shine through in a cinematic style. This collection is a lot better organized than the collection that came out a few years back (black cover, characters in a line up). It only follows the Locas parts of love and rockets. One of my favorite books ever.

It took me a long time to get around to reading this -- and boy was I missing out. Fantastic stuff here!

Comes up high on top 20 lists, but I don't like it...kind of hard to follow..

I'm saving this for a later leisure time so I can give it a good go over, but I enjoyed "Luba and her Family ", so I had to see more. Thanks

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