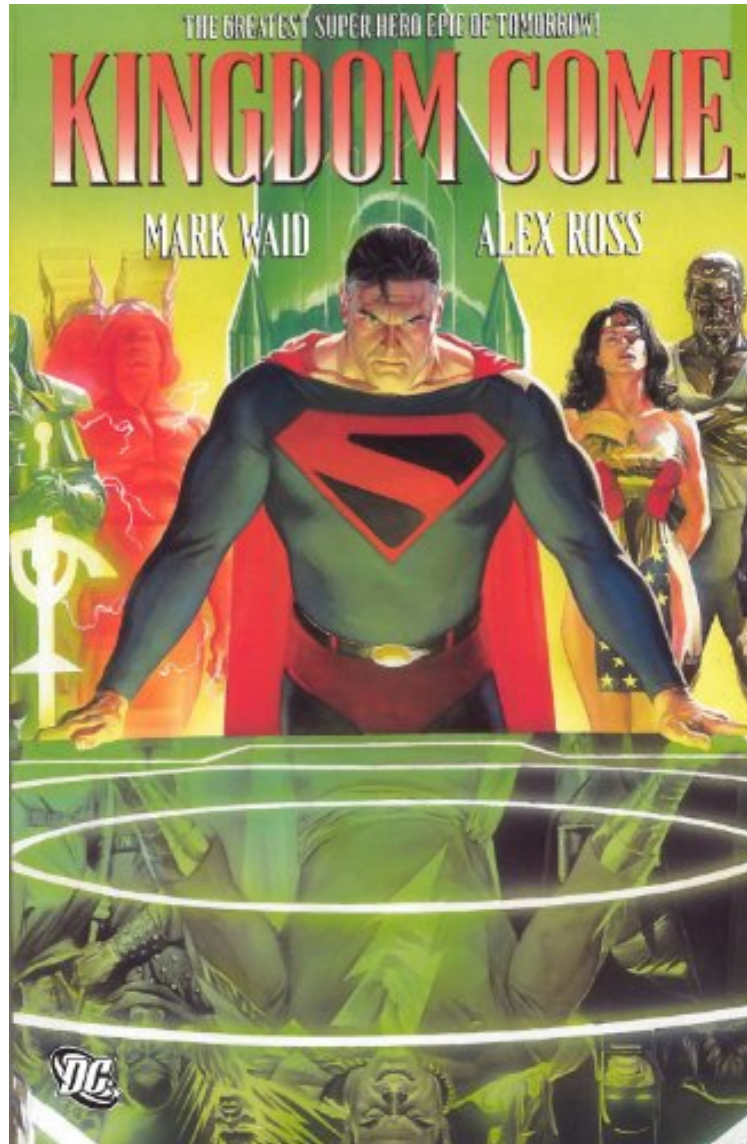


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Von Mark Waid : Kingdom Come (New Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Kingdom Come (New Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hot ConceptVon Todd WylieThe art is breathtaking. The story is captivating.Highlights include: The Magog/Superman/Joker subplot, The Batman/Wonder Woman Interchange at the great battle, and Superman's confrontation in the bar (One of my personal favorites).What really surprised me was I liked the portrayal of Captain

Marvel. I didn't think that was possible. Extremely well done. I loved the basic theme: What is the effect on humanity when surrounded by super-powered protectors? How do we derive any identity or autonomy when surrounded by beings godlike in their scope? Are our dreams or contributions even important? This work ranks just below *Watchmen* as my all-time favorite of the genre.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Eine geniale Elseworld-Geschichte von Michael. Die Apokalypse ist nah, doch nicht alles ist so, wie es anfangs erscheint... Waid und Ross liefern (mal wieder) ein geniales Werk ab, das beim wiederholten Lesen immer wieder neue Details, sowohl Story als auch Zeichnungen, zeigt. Waids Talent für Superhelden-Charaktere zeigt sich am deutlichsten am gealterten Superman, verbittert, aber immer noch an seine alten Ideale festhält und deswegen zum Scheitern verurteilt. Zur Story: Die Rige der alten Superhelden (Wonder Woman, Cpt. Marvel, Aquaman etc.) ziehen sich nach Supermans Verschwinden aus der Welt zurück und verlassen ihren jungen, unerfahrenen und wilden Nachkommen die Welt. Der alte Sandman erahnt den Untergang und überträgt seine seherischen Fähigkeiten auf den Priester Norman McCay, der von nun an mit dem Spectre den Weg zur kommenden Apokalypse mitansieht. Und als Superman aus dem Exil zurückkehrt, ist es gerade erst der Anfang vom Ende... Wie man schon liest, hilft es etwas ein bisschen Ahnung zu haben, um alle auftauchenden Superhelden einordnen zu können. Aber auch ohne Vorwissen ein sehr gutes TPB, das den kleinen Vorteil hat, Skizzen und Anmerkungen der Autoren im Anhang zu haben. Empfehlenswert ist auch zusätzlich der Roman *Kingdom Come* von Maggin, der auch Hintergrund vermittelt.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Book of Revelations - Starring The Super Friends von Ramon Varella. The Millennium has come and gone, but the stronghold of Apocalyptic Theology shall continue to be prevalent in Western culture for generations to come. It is against the canvas of this deep-rooted fear that "Kingdom Come" unfolds. It is, doubtlessly, as large a canvas as any, and "Kingdom Come" takes advantage of it to the full extent. Norman McKay, a Protestant pastor, is visited by The Spectre, now an Angel of Death, to act as both witness and messenger to the Apocalypse. It has been ten years after Superman retired, faced with a new, bolder and colder generation of super-heroes, who became more interested in the super than the hero part. But after a devastating catastrophe takes place in Kansas, Superman reluctantly comes out of retirement to end the wave of destructive violence unleashed by the super-humans, who roam unchallenged in their power. However, Superman soon discovers that the medicine he and his Justice League colleagues administer may be doing more harm than good. When dissident super-humans are placed into a high security prison called The Gulag, the prisoners riot. The ensuing battle threatens to destroy everything that super-heroes are sworn to protect. Meanwhile, Bruce Wayne (a/k/a, Batman), whose badly damaged body is now supported by an exoskeleton, has assembled a superteam of his own, to bring a more human solution to the super-human conflict. In typical Batman fashion, his subversive means lead to a noble end. The problem, as he soon finds out, is that Lex Luthor, who becomes his ally, has a hidden agenda of his own. For my money, this 1996 collection is the best comic since Frank Miller's seminal "The Dark Knight Returns" came out ten years before. The story plays out like every ten-year-old's idea of what Sunday School should be like, with Justice Leaguers and superfoes standing in the place of the archangels and demons. The Messianic overtones that have always surrounded the character of Superman (more fully explored in Richard Donner's unforgettable 1978 film) take center stage in the final battle between good and evil. Except that Mark Waid's superb plot manages to blur black and white into a hazy shade of gray. Contributing to the grown-up feel of the story is Alex Ross' amazing paintings, which make the superheroes seem more real than ever. This is undoubtedly one of the great landmarks in the history of the genre. Along with *Dark Knight* and *Watchmen*, it should be read by anyone who has ever had even a passing interest in comics. Waid and Ross manage to bring us the characters we have grown up with in a completely new light and that is no small feat in itself. The experience will leave you re-thinking your feelings regarding comics, whatever those feelings may be. Seldom does a work come along that can manage such an impact. *Kingdom Come* does it. Brilliantly.

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deAs comic books gained in respectability, the superhero comic has remained a much-maligned medium. Oh sure, Batman was given new levels of sophistication by the likes of Frank Miller and Alan Moore, and *Watchmen* added a dose of reality to the concept of superheroes, but the likes of Superman and Wonder Woman have for years watched their lesser-powered colleagues gain critical acceptance while they were left behind to keep the kids happy. Until, that is, *Kingdom Come* accorded DC's premier superheroes the respect they have long deserved. In the near future, Superman has retired, plagued by an inability to accept a world where his generation's super-powered descendants run roughshod over the values he fought for. When tragic events force his return, he gathers his former team-mates and colleagues to once again lead the fight for justice

and order. However, their return sparks a chain of events that could lead the world to Armageddon. With its intelligent storyline and superb painted artwork, writer Mark Waid and artist Alex Ross have created a thoroughly believable world where superheroes could exist, paying particular attention to the social and political implications of such a world. Why bother with the Olympics when there are beings who can bench-press buildings and run faster than light? What's the point of normal humans making laws when they are powerless to enforce them against superhumans? Above all, where Kingdom Come succeeds is by adding new depths of humanity to some of DC's timeless characters--including icons like Superman, Wonder Woman and Batman--as well as offering interesting future glimpses of the lesser known (but no less interesting) likes of Orion, Blue Beetle and Aquaman. --Robert

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