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Sonic The Hedgehog Archives, Vol. 1



Synopsis

In 1993, Sonic the Hedgehog sped his way from video games to comic books. Now over a decade later, "the blue blur" can lay claim to having the most successful comic book career of all video game heroes! Travel back in time to where it all began in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ARCHIVES, a thrilling series of upscale reprints that lets you revisit Sonic's early days in a premium yet affordable format. Each story is meticulously restored and printed on high-grade paper-so you can feel like you're sipping right alongside the cobal champion as he saves Knothole Village! In Volume 1, you can relive these classic stories from SONIC THE HEDGEHOG issues #1 through #4...or enjoy them for the very first time!

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Customer Reviews

Back in the good old days of pogs and SNICK, we were introduced to the world's fastest blue superhero with an attitude: Sonic the Hedgehog! What fans see of him today is not the way he began, and these comic books are proof of that. Here we see a lighthearted hero and his friends battling off the evil Robotnik with slapstick humor and plenty of fun along the way. The review that I'm writing here covers the first several volumes of Sonic Archives, actually. I was thrilled to see they were being re-released, as the earliest issues I have of Sonic are #6 and #13 (and then onward from the mid-#20s). And by being able to compare these to the originals I have, I can assure you

that they're not leaving anything out. (Sure, you don't have the joy of seeing an advertisement for a Jurassic Park Tiger handheld game, but all the stories are being reprinted in full.) Some major differences that I'm sure fans already know include Sally originally being pink with a black ponytail for her hair (and oftentimes with a more demure attitude), and that Rotor's original name was Boomer. (The switch was actually explained in the SonicGrams in the back of issue #6, that his name was changed for the second Sonic cartoon series, therefore they also needed to change it in the comics for consistency.) Nearly every panel in these early issues is filled with puns. Some of them make me roar with laughter; others make me groan. There are also major signs of the time (one story shows several different superheroes, another panel shows the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles walking by in the background). All in all, I found the writing to be refreshingly clever and reminiscent of cartoon greats, like Looney Tunes. While I'm a big fan of Sonic X and still keep up with the newer Sonic comics, I miss the fun-loving chili-dog scarfing hedgehog we were introduced to long ago. Today, animators and artists are busy trying to prove that cartoons aren't just for kids, and can provide deep character development and a storyline full of drama and emotion. Sonic, in his animated series and video games, has been pulled into this genre as well, where sometimes the plot seems more like an echo of the next biggest anime series rather than laugh-out-loud fun for the whole family. I can understand that the fanbase for such things is visibly shrinking, and the bulk of us who still enjoy it are probably those who grew up watching cartoons like Tiny Toons, Animaniacs, Beetlejuice, Freakazoid. But even though the early issues of Sonic comics totally deviate from the Sonic of today, fans should give it a chance. Check out Sonic's roots - not just storywise, but also who he was to kids in the 90s. You might even find yourself grinning at the clever (and sometimes terrible) puns on every page. I hope we can continue to look forward to the whole series of Sonic comics re-released eventually, and that they'll re-release the Knuckles comics as well!

I bought this series for my 8 y.o. who is an avid reader. I thought this would give him something fun to read in addition to all the "non-picture" books he reads. It is now a well worn copy he reads over and over again before bed, in the car and on vacation. He loves the jokes and still laughs out loud at the funny little inserts in between the comic stories. I've gotten "regular" thin paper comics for my sons and they fall apart with how much use they receive. This collection book is a nice smaller size for them and it holds up. No tears or falling out pages like the standard comics. What a great idea putting several comics together in a bound book format!

My 5 year old son LOVES Sonic the Hedgehog and was so excited when I gave him this book. He

is learning how to read right now but he still likes to go through the book and look at all of the cool pictures. I would highly recommend this product for all of you Sonic fans out there!

I bought several of these in the series for my kids which are hooked on anything Sonic the Hedgehog. They love them. I read through them to see if anything was inappropriate, everything was up to my standards. Nothing above G rating here.

Covers Issue 1-4 and I finally get to read issue 4 to its fullest most of the reprint just cover the time he go Super Sonic but not the rest of the comic. Also Like the color me page for Super Sonic I am thinking of making a scan to put on my wall of it. Very Nice.

I don't own this book, but I do know how deep the story goes and it's worth the 5 star mark. The characters have depth, the lore to Sonic's home world, Mobius, has a long running history that adds more to the franchise and gives a new idea of what more to explore in this whole other world. It's a better story than what Nintendo and Sega could put together, hands down! This comic had it's own TV Series that ran for 2 seasons, but they were a glorious two seasons. Eggman who tries to conquer the world in the video games, in the series and earlier comics, he's already succeeded; and Sonic along with a rag-tag group of rebels are trying to dethrone the fat scientist. Later on in the comics story, they succeed in taking down eggman, but it's then just a long drawn out campaign to hunt Eggman down, who transfers his mind into a network, and rebuilds himself as a machine across Mobius with several new villians popping up, new allies and several characters from the video games. If your into Sonic the hedgehog, I would recommend the archives. If you prefer to see what's happening now, go to your local comic shop and pick up a few back issues along with the current issue. You won't regret it. I have a few of their comics still and I'm speaking from experience.

If you're like me then you want to start a comic series at the very beginning, no matter how old. The stories in the beginning of this series are more-or-less stand-alones, but they're all chock full of jokes and puns which I love. If you want to get into the sonic comic series, here's a great place to begin.

For some reason I don't fully understand, this book is half the size of a standard graphic novel. So, if you are a dwarf or have really tiny hands, or like to read everything through a magnifying glass or microscope, then you will most likely love this book. To anyone else, you might not. The content of

the book is OK, FYI. Wanted to be fair and mention that.

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