



All Star Superman created by Grant Morrison and Frank Quietly
Reviewed by Zachary



It is not really part of any comic book continuity. The book was created to be its own standalone story and not be connected to other comics. It is not an origin story for Superman either, there's not much more that you need to know other than basics of the character however.

Give a summary without spoilers!

After Superman goes into the sun he gets radiation and has one year left to live. This 12 issue graphic novel depicts how the inevitable death of Superman leads him to continue living his life and how it alters relationships in his life, most notably Lois Lane and Lex Luther. When faced with mortality, does Superman change his ways or continue being a force for hope and optimism to the people of Metropolis?

What drew you to this book?

I want to learn more about the character of Superman before the movie that comes out in July. I looked up the best Superman stories to begin with and this one continuously popped up. I stuck with the story primarily due to just how touching and motivating it is. I believe it's really important that people look for symbols of hope in the world we live in. As well, the writing is fantastic and is often regarded as one of the best Superman stories ever.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?

Obviously other superhero stories this graphic novel draws inspiration from and inspires to. Superman can be seen as like the model for superheroes so it's obvious the influence it paves. But as well I believe it pulls from some famous examples of characters faced with certain death, and how they live. I recently read Tuesdays with Morrie, an incredibly touching story about a younger man talking to another older man with ALS. While the similarities might not be apparent there were some scenes that definitely seemed reminiscent of that story.

To whom would you recommend this book?

I would recommend the story to anyone interested in learning more about Superman mythology. It acts as a very good starter in my eyes to anyone who wants to learn about the character. But also anyone intrigued by stories of morality can find interest in the story. The art is also gorgeous for anyone that wants to look at really good art.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

Yes, I would definitely recommend this graphic novel to most people. It's very accessible especially with recent prints being put out by DC. As previously mentioned, the book also has great art, some panels now are iconic in comic books discussions.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

DC is putting out rereleases of many of their most popular graphic novels, including this and Watchmen. I saw both at newbury comics and bought all Star. I've been familiar with the comic for a bit but never really had the interest to read it. I do really like the cover art, I think it's really cool and is one of my favorite Superman covers. I did not find it at the library.