



*Superman Birthright* by Mark Waid and Leinil Francis Yu  
Reviewed by Zachary



*Superman Birthright* acts as a revised introduction to the character of Superman for new readers. You can know genuinely nothing about the character and read it.

### **Give a summary without spoilers!**

Superman is sent by his parents on Krypton on a ship to Earth where it lands in Kansas. Superman is raised by Martha and Jonathan (pa) Kent as Clark Kent. When Clark realizes his superhuman powers he feels the need to go out in the world and save others, where he is brought to Metropolis. Clark Kent must balance his identity as an everyday reporter and as Superman, a savior of Earth.

### **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?**

Definitely reminds me of previous Superhero origin stories I've seen and read before. If you have seen Tobey Macquire and Sam Raimi's Spider-Man movies, I think this definitely feels a lot like that in particular. Overall pretty light with a standard story but good characters.

### **To whom would you recommend this book?**

I think anyone interested in superheroes and wants to get into Superman will enjoy the book. It's pretty new coming out in 2003, so it's not hard to keep up with origins wise which some comics fall into the trap of. Most of the storyline is character work and low on action, but there is a lot of fun action towards the end. It's overall a pretty short story, taking me only about 2 hours to read give or take.

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

Yes I definitely liked *Superman Birthright*. It's a pretty light, fun introduction to the character. I think I'd recommend it to others because it's so new that if you were to jump into a new story of Superman's you won't be missing out on too much cannon I would

think. It's very accessible and easy to find, with it being available on comixology with a subscription.

**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?**

I chose the story because when I looked up good Superman comics to start reading in preparation for the movie, this was one of the ones that frequently popped up as a good origin to the character. I do like the cover, and the alternate covers they showcase towards the end are also very fascinating and cool to look at. I did not find the story at the library. I found it on the Kindle app and if you have a comixology subscription you can read it for free.