



Ultimates (vol 1) by Deniz Camp
Reviewed by Zachary



Yes, it is part of the Marvel comics new “Ultimate” line of comic books. Beforehand is the ultimate invasion graphic novel.

Give a summary without spoilers!

After the Maker, an evil version of Reed Richards creates a separate universe meant to have zero superheroes, a ragtag team groups together to take him down. The series takes many of Marvel’s most popular characters and puts a unique twist on their backstories. The first 6 issues which volume one covers primarily follows the formation of the ultimates team.

What drew you to this book?

I think the interesting premise of these well known beloved characters with a new backstory is super fun and interesting. My favorite example of this is Hawkeye is not Clint Barton but instead an African American who fights with a high tech bow and arrow. The series also handles a lot of commentary decently well, my favorite example taking Hulk and making it commentary on the usage of nuclear bombs, and the effects it had on the community.

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

DC is currently doing something similar with its Absolute line of comic books. Overall the story though only reminds me of previous comic books I have read. It is a great starting off point though for new readers, as there isn’t a lot of reading needed before getting into any of the books. It’s also very new starting in the last year and a half.

To whom would you recommend this book?

The Ultimates has a lot of fun superhero action, which most will likely enjoy. The best parts of the 6 or so issues included in volume 1 through as mentioned is the commentary it has. Superheroes were created as a commentary on society, so bringing it back to the roots and revamping it for a modern era is very intriguing.

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

Yes I did like it and would recommend it. It is a great jumping on point for any new comic readers as well. They are all extremely accessible through the marvel unlimited app as well.

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 to read the Ultimates line because I heard it had good action and was a fun light read. The different art and issue covers are all very well done and interesting. I did not find it at the library but on the Marvel Unlimited app, or new issues can be found at local comic shops.