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Maggie The Mechanic (Love & Rockets)



Synopsis

The first in a series of volumes collecting the Love and Rockets stories of spunky Maggie, her brash best friend and sometimes lover Hopey, and their friends. These are the earliest, punkiest, most heavily sci-fi stories. Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2007, Love and Rockets will finally be released in its most accessible form yet: as a series of compact, thick, affordable, mass-market volumes that present the whole story in perfect chronological order. The 25th anniversary Love and Rockets celebration continues with this, the first of three volumes collecting the adventures of the spunky Maggie, her annoying best friend and sometime lover Hopey, and their circle of friends, including their bombshell friend Penny Century, Maggie's weirdo mentor Izzy as well as the wrestler Rena Titanon and Maggie's handsome love interest, Rand Race. Maggie the Mechanic collects the earliest, punkiest, most heavily sci-fi stories of Maggie and her circle of friends, and you can see the artist (who drew like an angel from the very first panel) refine his approach: Despite these strong shifts in tone, the stunning art and razor sharp characterizations keep this collection consistent, and enthralling throughout. (Note: A number of these stories were not collected in the hardcover Locas.)

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Customer Reviews

I'm a huge fan of the comic book/graphic novel medium. I love how many different ways an artist or a writer can explore storytelling methods through this particular medium, as it allows for some pretty creative styles. I've read some good stuff, some bad stuff, and then there's stuff like Maggie the Mechanic. In many, many ways, I'd say this first installment in the Locas series from Love and Rockets is definitely a visual achievement. Some of the panels are very impressive and uniquely

designed, and there were a few that had me smiling wide. For example, there's a beautiful image at the beginning of the book in which Maggie lays back across the width of her bed, and a half-asleep Hopey curiously rises up just above the covers to inquire about her workday. Stuff like that kept me going through the rest of the volume. There are many other great scenes; sadly, the visual aspect is all that I find appealing from this work. I initially became interested in Locas because I'd heard from a few readers that it was an interesting study regarding comic book character relationships (a subject that I hold dear to my heart). But after finishing Jaime Hernandez's piece, I'm not convinced. His art, as I've said, is terrific. But the story itself is strange, and for me, it's not a good kind of strange. Some reviews have mentioned it bears similar qualities to Archie and Jughead comics; I certainly see that comparison. However it lacks the coherent plots that even the most dull Archie stories possessed. To put it simply: Maggie the Mechanic isn't sure if it wants to be a love story taking place in the 80s, a glimpse into the punk scene at that time, or a cyberpunk type of adventure tale.

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