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Empowered Volume 10



Synopsis

Costumed crimefighter Empowered, delighted by her long-delayed promotion to full-time membership in the Superhomeys, enjoys a suprasocial-media "victory lap." But will her newfound satisfaction survive the challenges of obnoxious "white knights," disturbing cryoprison visits, alarming alien medical scans and--worst of all--the revelation of a lover's dark secret?* Over 250,000 copies sold of Empowered volumes!"Adam Warren continues to beat the odds and persists in getting better and better with his spicy superhero romp."--Johnny Bacardi, Popdose.com

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Customer Reviews

Adam Warren, born 1967, is an American comic book writer and artist who is most famous for his adaptation of the characters known as Dirty Pair into an American comic book, and for being one of the first American commercial illustrators to be influenced by the general manga style. He has also contributed to several Gen¹³ comics, worked as writer and character designer for the Marvel Comics series Livewires, and has done numerous freelance works. His two latest projects are Iron Man: Hypervelocity and Empowered.

great series, can't wait for volume 11.

It says something about EMPOWERED that not only couldn't I find this series at Barnes & Noble, but my local comics shop couldn't even order the latest volume for me. "It's a niche book," said a

friend who works there. "People don't buy it unless they've been reading it from the very beginning." So Adam Warren is in the unenviable position of having created the most remarkable superhero comic that no one's reading. It's almost impossible to discuss individual volumes in this series without spoilers, so let's just say that after the first year and a half of Emp's checkered career as a superhero (volumes 1 through 9, arguably one massive story arc), volume 10 shows us how much (and how little) our core cast members have matured under fire. That's one of the many paradoxes that EMPOWERED is built on: it's a superhero comedy with frequent detours into gut-wrenching horror; it stars a bondage-magnet heroine who delivers the sharpest feminist critiques of superhero genre tropes in all of comics; it's a showcase for exquisitely rendered black and white artwork that's equal parts manga and Alex Toth; it's adult, but not adults-only. It's the series I didn't know I was waiting for.

If you've read any previous volumes, you know what you're in for: a smart, sexy, progressive riff on the state of superhero comics and the grievances of its most (supposedly) D-list member of the super-community. After the super-seriousness of Vol. 8 & 9, Vol. 10 goes out of its way to have a lot of fun side-stories & one-shots, with everything from lunch with a frenemy to Ninjette getting a magic sword. It's a much more lighthearted volume but with a tensely dramatic lead-in to the forthcoming Vol 11. Although most would suspect the series to be total male-gaze fan service based on the covers, it maintains its quality of being a "sexy manga-style" comic (similar to Cutey Honey, Highschool of the Dead, or Kekko Kamen) but with confrontation of issues mainstream comics seem to avoid. The plights of the Super-Dead mirror a number of issues faced by the differently abled or those with severe body-image issues, while an entire chapter is dedicated to the toxicity of so-called "nice guys" who think they know best. Ultimately, it remains a great follow up, with good self-reflection, fun action & comedy, and as always, a caged demigod on the coffee table. Worth every dollar!

If you are on the fence about this comic series, do yourself a favor and take a gander at empoweredcomic.com. Then, after you realize how fantastic the story is and how Mr. Warren evolves a thoroughly compelling super hero universe, come back and buy all the comics as soon as you can. The more people supporting the comic, the more often we can enjoy more published delights and continuations of this story. I can't lavish praise on these books well enough, for I am not so skilled. Suffice to say that the relationship between EMP and Thugboy is one of the healthiest romantic character progressions I have ever encountered (all things considered in a violent and

crazy, superhero world). Her friendship with Ninjette is also fantastic to behold. Don't even get me started in The Caged Demonwolf. For this humble, pusillanimous reviewer could e'er hope to wield prose with such alliterative amalgams and angry assertions about abundantly asinine jackanapes...

If you've been following Emp's adventures for a time, this is another stellar outing - perhaps closer to the earlier, more episodic content. Unlike, say Vol. 9, this one doesn't have a big overwhelming thing going from start to finish, but instead covers a chunk of Emp's life, her dealing with fallout and the benefits from the changes that have happened. For the newbie, I'd say there are worse places to step on. Warren's careful to mostly explain characters and their place in the world, although a lot of detail and nuance aren't really there, and I'd advise to head back to maybe Vol. 2 or 3 as a better starting place for the bigger, overarching story.

Adam brings the amazing writing he's known for to the tenth volume of Empowered. Full of honest emotion, good humor, and excellent art, this volume continues the surprisingly heartfelt story of the titular heroine and her friends as she struggles to be the best unsung hero she can be in a world insistent on keeping her down. Adam's art is always amazing, and his writing is top notch. One of the best creator-owned comics on the market right now!

Another fun volume of our flaxen haired heroine finally getting some recognition she deserves. This is probably the first Empowered book that is mostly positive for Emp and it's so cute to see a overly happy Emp :)

I've read all 10 of the Empowered books. Mr Warren is a master of his craft whether it's prose or art. His blending of western pop culture and eastern anime influence make all his work, fast, enjoyable, and worthy of a place on your shelf. Couldn't put it down and will be revisiting all 10 volumes at some point for a marathon of superhero hijinks.

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