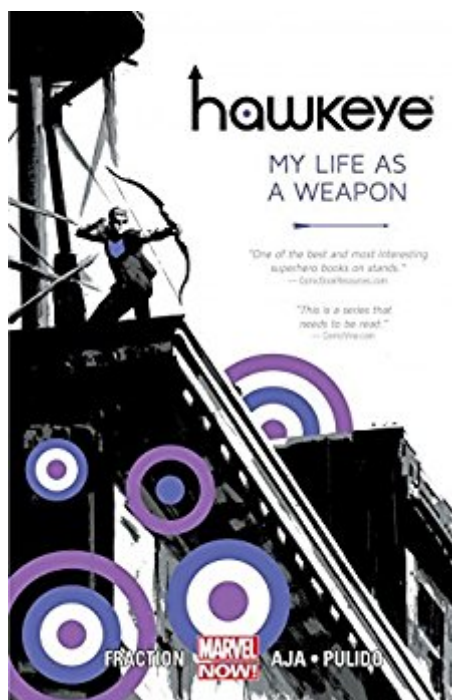


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Synopsis

Collects Hawkeye #1-5 & Young Avengers Presents #6. The breakout star of this summer's blockbuster Avengers film, Clint Barton - aka the self-made hero Hawkeye - fights for justice! With ex-Young Avenger Kate Bishop by his side, he's out to prove himself as one of Earth's Mightiest Heroes! SHIELD recruits Clint to intercept a packet of incriminating evidence - before he becomes the most wanted man in the world.

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Customer Reviews

Matt Fraction's Hawkeye is an utter delight. Some of the books have a weird illustrator that isn't as good as the others, but the writing is A+ throughout. Hawkguy is charming. I love him. I love his bad luck and his great shot and his friendship with Kate and his stupid dog that isn't his dog. These comics have heart and humor, and I adore them. This is not the Marvel Cinematic Universe's Hawkeye, but he's like a million times better.

Really liked this book. Enjoyed the nostalgic elements and the mixture of new adventures. A long time fan of The Avengers & even longer fan of comics in general, I saw a lot of Marvel's new style of

comic adventuring with a nod to the classics.

If you haven't read Fraction and Aja's run on Hawkeye, you're doing yourself a disservice. Drifting from laugh out loud funny to profoundly sad, the series (which sustains its distinct personality and energy through all four collected editions) explores the life of the most ordinary Avenger in his time away from his superhero life (as well as his protege, Kate Bishop, who has inherited Hawkeye's title and bow as well). The easy thing to say is "This should've been Marvel's next Netflix adaptation," but then you'd lose the wonderfully crafted art and distinctive color palette the series maintains. If you're lucky, you'll see some of yourself in Clint, and some of yourself in Kate. It's a book about mistakes and doing the right thing for the wrong reason and finding the connections you need to be whole. And it's about fighting and archery and heroism, boomerang arrows and Pizza Dogs. And it's probably the best series Marvel's produced in a decade.

I love how different this is from your average comic books. Great Storytelling and very different art. I must say that I'm a bigger fan of the David Aja art than Pulido's, so the last two chapters were not really my style of art. It also includes Young Avengers Present #6 which gives us an insight into Kate Bishop's first encounter with Clint Barton and I have to say that I really enjoyed it, specially since I had bought and read Young Avengers a few weeks back, so it was nice to see some familiar faces. My only complain is that this book isn't as well built as the other ones I bought for Christmas. For some reason the book isn't a perfect rectangle. It's a tad bigger on the bottom and as a result whereas all my other books fit together properly in my Bookshelf, the bottom part of this one sticks out which is a bit of a problem if you have a pet peeve about that like I do. I don't know if it's something about the Hawkeye one's but I recently got Volume 2 and although it doesn't have the same problem it suffer from some building issues. The first page is sticked up to the cover and it has a bit that's kinda crumbled, plus there's one page that sticks out, as in it's a longer wider page than the rest of the book. I bought them both from different places (Volume 1 from and Volume 2 from Purple Turtle Discount Books) I don't know if it's a manufacturing error with the Hawkeye comics or of I just have the worst luck ever.

Truthfully, after decades of comics, I'd gotten a little jaded with straight-up superhero tales, with sky-high stakes and failure not being an option. Then, I came across "Hawkeye." Like a lot of people, it took the recent Marvel movies (specifically "Thor") to make me take a second look at the third-string Marvel hero. I'd read comics of his in the past, and they were more of the same, albeit

with a terrible costume (and a wife with an even worse one). Not Matt Fraction's "Hawkeye." Here's a book with stakes that shrink from the cosmic down to a single apartment building in an outer borough of New York City, where Hawkeye's costume is the work uniform doffed when Clint gets home and where the stakes are having a good relationship with his neighbors or being able to set up his DVR. The book is light, breezy, fits well into actual save-the-world Avengers continuity but requires no knowledge or caring about such things (the tagline is that this book is what Clint Barton does when he's not off being an Avenger), and gorgeous to look at. The best superhero comic book in years seems almost parachuted in from some other, better-written, more engaging future. Whether you bleed in four colors, or don't know your Earth 616 from your Earth-2, "Hawkeye" is a must-read for every sort of superhero fans.

Fraction's writing is always fantastic and this run on Hawkeye turned him from the random Avenger with a Bow (WTF?) to a tremendously interesting character. I devoured the whole run in one (very long) night. Do yourself a favor and just get it and enjoy!

I passed on this one so many times. I mean, it's Hawkeye - I was never a huge Avengers fan growing up, I loved Iron Man, liked Cap, didn't appreciate the full team until the movies started coming out. And even then, Hawkeye seemed like more of a supporting character. Why would I want to read volumes of comics about a supporting character? You really do. Sure, there are other heroes who don't really have super powers - Iron Man, Batman - but Tony Stark and Bruce Wayne have billions in their bank accounts. Hawkeye is a regular guy who makes it - but still gets beat up, relies on his wits as much as his skills, often has great intentions but not much in the way of a plan. If you've ever felt like you're making it up as you go along, like you're walking the tightrope of "this is really bad" and "hey, this might just work out," then Hawkeye is the hero for you. I wish I had taken the advice of all the other reviews raving about this comic - if you've had the same doubts, consider them dispelled. This book lives up to the hype.

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