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Lumberjanes Vol. 1: Beware The Kitten Holy



Synopsis

Five best friends spending the summer at Lumberjane scout camp...defeating yetis, three-eyed wolves, and giant falcons...what's not to love?! Friendship to the max! Jo, April, Mal, Molly and Ripley are five best pals determined to have an awesome summer together...and they're not gonna let any insane quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way! Not only is it the second title launching in our new BOOM! Box imprint but LUMBERJANES is one of those punk rock, love-everything-about-it stories that appeals to fans of basically all excellent things. It's Buffy the Vampire Slayer meets Gravity Falls and features five butt-kicking, rad teenage girls wailing on monsters and solving a mystery with the whole world at stake. And with the talent of acclaimed cartoonist Noelle Stevenson, talented newcomer Grace Ellis writing, and Brooke Allen on art, this is going to be a spectacular series that you won't want to miss. Collects Lumberjanes #1-#4.

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Gr 5 Up • The first four issues of this female-created and female-starring comic, set at summer camp with creepy happenings, are collected here in this kick-butt volume. The graphic novel begins mid-adventure as five campers are out after hours investigating a strange event that

they all witnessed: a woman turning into a giant bear. This is just the first of many odd occurrences that Jo, April, Molly, Mal, and Ripley encounter at the summer camp for "Hardcore Lady Types." The Lumberjanes, as the scouts are called, band together to solve puzzles, defeat three-eyed creatures, and escape the ire of their watchful counselor Jen. Each protagonist has a skill that helps the group conquer each obstacle. Spunky, lovable characters sparkle with exuberant personality and challenge gender stereotypes. Small details make these episodes stand out—the hipster Yetis guarding a mysterious lighthouse, Molly and Mal's tender glances at each other, and Ripley's penchant for animals and all things cute. At the opening of each chapter, an excerpt from the Lumberjanes field guide is included and a gallery of cover images append the book. References to female heroines (invocations of Bessie Coleman and Joan Jett as well as Rosie the camp director's striking resemblance to Rosie the Riveter) and phrases such as "Friends to the Max!" and "What the junk!" add to the charm of this feel-good title that celebrates female empowerment. The vibrant art exudes humor and reinforces themes of teamwork and friendship. VERDICT A must-have graphic novel for those who have graduated from Raina Telgemeier's works. —Shelley Diaz, School Library Journal

Noelle Stevenson is the creator of the web comic Nimona. Stevenson started Nimona as a student at Maryland Institute College of Art. The comic was first published in June 2012 and doubled as Stevenson's senior thesis.

Yes. Yes. Yes. More of this. With a young, teen daughter who loves art and illustration, I'm so happy that books like Lumberjanes, Ms. Marvel and Squirrel Girl are being created. Fun, challenging and engaging without crossing too hard for "effect" in what could be sensitive situations, Lumberjanes takes young and old readers alike on a fun journey and leaves you wanting to know what happens next. The art style is fantastic, guest covers and illustrations I've seen are refreshing and the character writing is fresh and crisp. A+++

This was not at all what I expected! I honestly thought it would just be girls having adventures while camping; and while it is, it also isn't. There is a whole other story going on and it's all bizarre and supernatural. Strange things are afoot and the poor Lumberjanes keep stumbling into weirdness. It's kinda like a female cast of the Goonies meets the Brothers Winchester. They are quirky and fun characters. Their reaction to things and their terminology is so 80's! It's like stepping back into my childhood. I got this because I thought it would be something fun that both my daughter and myself

could read and enjoy. Well, this was a really fun read, and I have a feeling my daughter will like it even more than I did!

Noelle Stevenson's Lumberjanes are an amazing troupe of hardcore lady-types having a paranormal Girl Scout-esque experience (now with more monsters! new and improved badges!). All the details are well thought-out, from the naming of the characters (April, Mal, Molly, Ripley, Jo, Rosie, etc.) to the types of paranormal and supernatural encounters (Bear Woman! Scouting Lads!). Inclusive and diverse, Lumberjanes is sure to attract readers of a variety of ages, which is not a surprise for Noelle Stevenson's work. She writes and creates real people in very fantastic situations, but with a lighthearted, funny tinge. 1000% recommend.

Lumberjanes is pure perfection. And even though it's all "lady empowering", it's a great comic for all walks of life. Two of my guy friends even asked to borrow it after I wouldn't shut up over its awesomeness and they both loved it! The writers admit that the first issue is completely foreshadowing, so even though there's not that much story to it, the characters and art and dialogue leave you with this enraging curiosity to go and order every other comic (hi that's what I just did). It's also great if you're just starting a comic collection. Also, if you're worried about the price for some reason this issue is the most expensive everywhere, yet they gradually get cheaper as you continue the series. It's crazy weird, but I mean it's also more incentive to buy the rest!!

great for a wide age range! my little sister and i both loved this, and we're 10 years apart.the writing, characters, and art are wonderful. i've been working on finding more media for my sister that features a variety of girls and women (rather than just one or two who fit into basic Lady Character tropes), and this hit the nail right in the head! she was delighted with all the girls, especially jo and ripley, and can't wait to get the next book.

I love it! It's hilarious and it's kind of mysterious. It reminds me of gravity falls the most wonderful way. Buying the next volume asap.

I have yet to read this myself, but the kids were already sucked in and sold after the first page. Great to see more high-quality comics geared a little more toward the young, female comic-reading population. And who doesn't love a good trip down memory lane re summer camp?

Cute and exciting. So far this book has been like an all-girl Gravity Falls. This graphic novel is basically the five girls you see on the cover at a camp in the middle of some magic-infested woods. Something weird--that no one else seems to notice--is going on so these girls are trying to unravel this mystery and do so by tramping around the forest, participating in camp activities, and more. It's a good book and I plan to buy the next ones as well. I enjoyed it and my little sister (10yr) did too. Basically, it's a good book for a variety of ages.

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