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Faith Volume 1: Hollywood And Vine



Synopsis

VALIANT'S MOST DEMANDED HERO STEPS OUT OF HARBINGER'S AND INTO AN ALL-NEW ADVENTURE! Orphaned at a young age, Faith Herbert - a psionically gifted "psiot" discovered by the Harbinger Foundation - has always aspired to greatness. But now this once ordinary teenager is taking control of her destiny and becoming the hard-hitting hero she's always known she can be - complete with a mild-mannered secret identity, unsuspecting colleagues, and a day job as a reporter that routinely throws into her harms way! Well, at least she thought it would. When she's not typing up listicles about cat videos, Faith makes a secret transformation to patrol the night as the City of Angels' own leading superhero - the sky-soaring Zephyr! But flying solo is going to be tougher than she ever thought when Zephyr uncovers a deep-rooted alien conspiracy. Two-bit burglars and car thieves are one thing, but when the world needs a hero to stave off an full-blown extraterrestrial invasion, will Faith find herself in over her head or ready for her biggest challenge yet? Rising star Jody Houser (Orphan Black) and explosive artists Francis Portela (Green Lantern) and Marguerite Sauvage (DC Comics Bombshells) pilot a new chapter for the high-flying hero that People Magazine calls "a superhero we can all admire." Collecting FAITH #1-4.

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enormously likable character, an unapologetic geek and fangirl. Dialogue and internal monologues are both strong in banter ("I can do this," she thinks to herself as she prepares to write a puff piece on Torque. "I'm a freakin' superhero") and reflective of an unflinching moral code. Portela's and Sauvage's classic superhero stylings accommodate Faith's size with ease and respect. Readers unfamiliar with previous Harbinger storylines will flounder a bit as they catch up, but the willingness to suspend disbelief and go with the superhero flow will take them far. This volume compiles the first four issues of her solo comic. You go, girl. (Graphic fantasy. 12 & up)" NPR -- Houser has accomplished something deceptively simple: she's made Faith a fun character to spend time with. Faith is lighthearted but virtuous, with a cheesy sense of humor, compassion and smarts. The book's ultimate success, though, is due to its visuals: the phenomenal subversive power of a fat female body in motion. Faith's size makes her larger than life in a way few other female superheroes are. Standing next to a male co-worker she's monumental, her calf the width of his hips, each of her feet the size of his head. When she stops bullets with her mind, there's no question where her power is seated. And when she's aloft and spiraling - a body that's both fat and weightless, gliding and twisting in the heavens - it's surely more exhilarating than any other superhero's flight has ever been. Exuberant, bodacious and just plain awesome, Faith owns the sky.

“Faith: Hollywood and Vine” was a strong outing from writer Jody Houser and an art team led by Francis Portela and Marguerite Sauvage. The comic garnered some media attention, mostly over the plus-sized superheroine as the lead character, but there is a far more to the story than just that. Faith--better known to Valiant fans as Zephyr from her time in the “Harbinger” comics--is a very strong and relatable lead character. She’s upbeat, positive, comfortable with herself and Houser does a fine job in guiding her through some exciting adventures and some fun scenes when the mask (or wig in this case) is off. Houser is sharp enough to offer a nice jumping on point so readers with little or no background on Valiant comics can enjoy this collected miniseries. Faith offers a nice change of pace from the legions of stories featuring dark, brooding anti-heroes. Highly recommended.

This was a lot of fun to read. Faith is awesome and has a great sense of happy exuberance about her. She's so much more than just a superhero. I was not too familiar with Jody Houser's work but she wrote an incredible comic about a great female character that anyone can enjoy. The art is tops, too. Francis Portella and Marguerite Sauvage are the art team and created a really cool, visual

book. Highly recommended.

I love the Faith comics by Valiant! She is a great character that you will fall in love with. She is a geeky girl who is into firefly and other popular geeky stuff. She is also the first plus sized female super hero character. I honestly was worried that she would be the butt of every fat joke and that the comics would focus more on her weight than anything. However, they instead made a lovable character who is a cool super heroine who just happens to be fluffy. I applaud the writers for this. I'm also just glad that a different body type is being represented in comics. If you haven't read the Faith comics yet then check this out. You'll get a kick out of all of the geek culture references she makes and really root for her! She makes her first appearance in the Harbinger comics by Valiant. If you want to get her back story and enjoy a really great additional comic series, check that one out too.

I bought this for my sister and she loved it. "It's interesting. It's original. Clever, it's definitely clever, like clever lines. A superhero, yet I feel like I could identify with her from the art and writing, basically the way they are showing the character." She's never read a comic or graphic novel before and says "this one makes a fan out of me."

Faith is the BEST SUPERHERO EVER. She's a fan of fandom, she's full figured and beautiful, she's a real woman, just with superpowers. I read this entire thing in one sitting, and I will be re-reading. Absolutely loved the references to Whedon verse. Highly recommend Faith to any and everyone.

A wonderful comic series. Hope it continues for a long time. Very clever and cute.

I'm a middle-school English teacher with a one of graphic novels and comics. Some of my students love this book and relate to a character that breaks the muscle-clad white male archetype. Picked up for this specific reason and it serves it's purpose. Read it myself and love how it addresses common tropes and laughs at them with a fun and engaging story, even if the narrative isn't overly complicated or deep.

I've never really read comics before. I'm only now getting into them as I'm in my 30s. I definitely think Faith is the perfect superhero to start with. I loved her nerdiness in this volume and her bravery. I could relate in many ways. The actual copy I received was on time and in perfect

condition. I recommed this comic, absolutely. You gotta have Faith!

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