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**Colleen Doran : A Distant Soil: The Gathering (Distant Soil (Image Comics))** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Distant Soil: The Gathering (Distant Soil (Image Comics)):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Restored 2013 EditionBy Nicola MansfieldThis is a restored and remastered definitive edition of this classic graphic novel. Self-published in 1987 and re-issued by Image Comics in 1997; this new edition even has a digitized font made up from Duran's hand lettering in the original editions. This is my first time reading the book so I'm unable to compare the editions but will give my opinion on the story itself.

Colleen first started this comic when she was a teenager herself and part of its charm comes from that because an accomplished writer would just never put so many different elements together in one book expecting it to work. But work it does, in a big way! At first I was a little stunned with everything that was going on; it's so out there! but then I just got sucked in and kept turning the pages. There are a lot of characters introduced in this first book which can often be a problem but each one looks different and has such a distinct character that I took them all in very easily and always knew who was who. This is major space opera, something I haven't read in a very long time, and is definitely a product of its time; however, I found it extremely addictive and the art is stunningly beautiful. One thing about the art that did jar me though was just how eighties it was; you can't get around the fact you are reading something written/drawn a long time ago. A lot of men look like they belong in the group Platinum Blonde. The women are either Madonna clones or preppy with short-short hair cuts. The Japanese manga art of making the men look like girls is employed on a few of the alien men and especially the main character who jarringly looks like a beautiful woman except when his shirt is undone. He creeps me out actually. It's the eighties look that stopped me from enjoying this a full 5 stars; the plot really grabbed me but just not enough to get past its dated look, earth-side. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Seminal Work Reprinted From the 1980s Original Series By Talvi I've read Colleen Doran's A Distant Soil since it premiered in the back of Elfquest in the 1980s and was glad to see it reprinted again in a collected trade paperback. It's now available to a whole new audience to really get into and enjoy. When it debuted, it was by far one of the most original and intriguing comic stories I had ever read. A huge cast of characters, from all kinds of genres and backgrounds (fantasy, urban, mythical, young, old, science fiction, alien...) form a broad sweeping space opera of a story involving politics, political statements, and human interrelations. No one was ever what they appeared and with that large a cast of characters, there were discoveries aplenty to be found as the story slowly unfolded. For those who have read the series, this new edition is reedited for current political situations (e.g., cold war references), has been restored after the original scans/art had been lost by the publisher, but is fairly intact from the original Immigrant Song. Although I still prize the original exquisite all-pencil sketches from the Elfquest years, I respect that this was a much more sustainable format for her story. Due to the reediting and restoration, I found it to be subtly much more cohesive. And a bit less dated (as can be expected of an urban fantasy from 30 years ago). For those who have never read the series, you're in for a treat. This really is a full fledged space opera of vast proportions - the story mainly following a sibling pair who have supernatural powers and, it turns out, are illicit heirs to an intergalactic empire of unimaginable power - an empire that is built upon enslaving worlds. There are elaborate caste systems, magic, technology, and then the fantasy: from Arthurian myths to an Egyptian cat goddess. The artwork in the beginning will be very definitely set in the 1980s but don't let that distract you - once we get to the alien ship, the drawings and set up are absolutely gorgeous. I've followed the trials and setbacks of the author/artist - the many lawsuits, ownership issues, and quest for artist rights and protections. Then the calamitous bankruptcy of her third publisher and loss of the originals (required for republication). It's a relief to see that things are finally coming together for this long standing series - and that it is finally reaching its end after all these years. A Distant Soil is a true original - then as well as now. Highly recommended. Provided as an ARC by the publisher. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Distant Soil is an absolute classic with gorgeous artwork and an amazing story. If you're into Sci-Fi By Michael Link I purchased my copy directly from Colleen, but you sometimes cannot beat 's prices. A Distant Soil is an absolute classic with gorgeous artwork and an amazing story. If you're into Sci-Fi, you should definitely read A Distant Soil. (Don't forget A Distant Soil Volume 2: The Ascendant (Distant Soil (Image Comics)), while you're at it!)

The first new edition of the A Distant Soil series since 1987: 240-pages of story and art completely restored and remastered with new cover art and all new interior design. A teen brother and sister, Jason and Liana, are confined to a mental hospital where they are the subject of secret government experiments. They escape their prison only to be pursued by supernatural forces, strange alien people, and creatures with unique powers. Separated and kidnapped by two different factions of warring worlds, they learn they are the children of a race of powerful and ageless psychic beings. The brother and sister are then used by both factions of these alien forces to unknowingly battle against one another. Combining the sci-fi space opera of Star Wars, the grand romance of Twilight, and the visual opulence of Final Fantasy, the A Distant Soil saga finds Liana forced to ascend to the throne of the alien world. Her unique power makes her a living weapon of mass destruction, the first line of defense for the corrupt alien government.