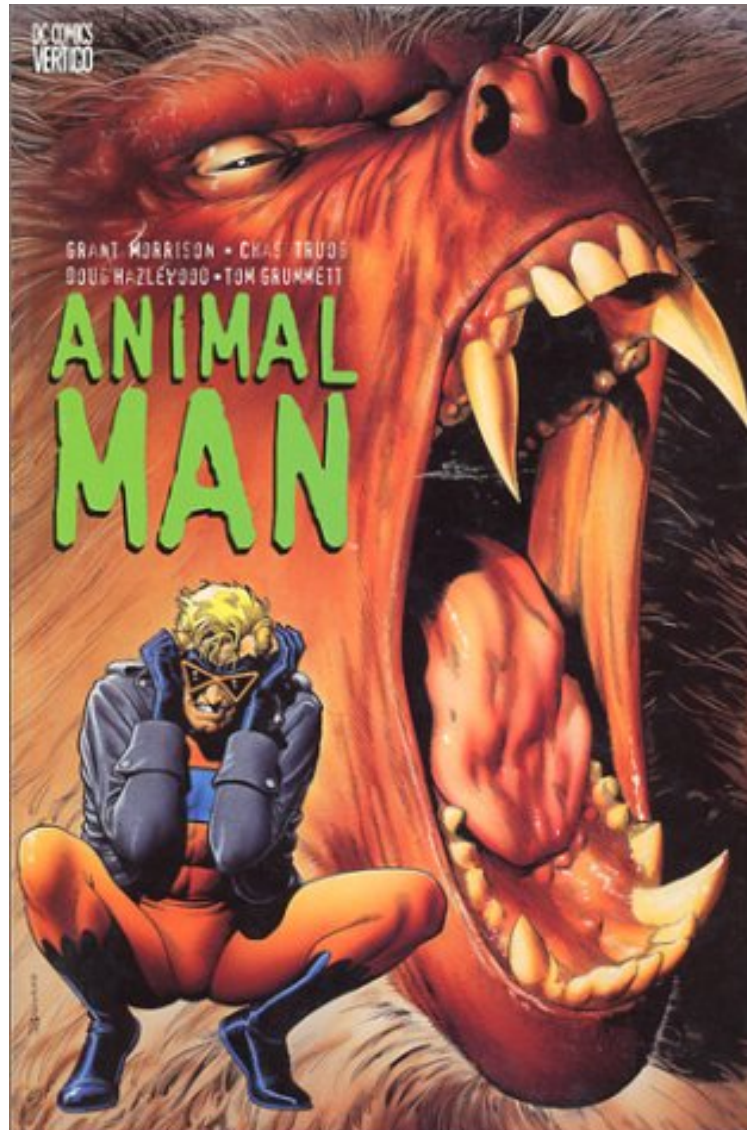


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**Grant Morrison : Animal Man, Book 1 - Animal Man** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Animal Man, Book 1 - Animal Man:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious work by Grant Morrison By James B. Vertigo comics has put out some incredibly fun and critically acclaimed comics over the years, and some of the earliest were the ones that were part of the 'Bergerverse'. These were series that began in the main DC continuity with Batman, Superman and the like but were eventually shifted away because they dealt in themes too mature for young readers. Animal man is one

such comic, putting it in company with the like of Swamp Thing, Sandman and Hellblazer. So how does it stack up? Animal Man seems to occupy a middle ground between standard comic book fare and the aboved 'mature'. series. While Swamp Thing and Sandman shifted away from traditional superheroics very quickly, Animal Man remains a fairly traditional hero, but with some twists. Notably, he has a family who knows he has powers, he needs the JL salary to help pay bills, and he wears a jacket over his skin tight costume so he has some pockets. The emphasis of the story is on playing with these conventions, rather than completely subverting them. The main selling point of the story is the humor. Morrison does a great job of making these stories funny without turning the characters into jokes. Character development is done well too. The one flaw of the series might be the connection to the rest of the DC universe. Quite a few DC players come into this, and it might be a small challenge to follow if you don't already know who they are. Still, this was a very promising start to an old classic. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good--at times great--but not as mind-blowing as I remembered as a teen. By C. D. Varn This is good, and one can see all the promise of Grant Morrison in his "mature" take on Animal Man, but is not as good as I remembered reading it in my teens. Almost twenty-years later, some strong issues like "Coyote Gospel" particularly stand out and the inclusion of the banalities of Buddy's life are interesting (as is his less-banal but pedestrian family life), but it doesn't hit the same cord that it once did. Morrison's strengths do show here: meta-textuality, flashes of occult references, increasingly strange conspiratorial backstories, and a much more mythic view of function of super-heroes. In many ways, he is a foil to Alan Moore, instead of deconstructing the Superhero to show its darker, imperialist (and even fascistic) undertones, Morrison is deconstructing them to show that they are necessary archetypes and that can co-exist with real world concerns. That said, sometimes it does not seem to work here, and sometimes Animal Man is too meta and the storylines in the first issues seemed rushed and are only made more coherent by Morrison in later issues in his run. That said, Coyote Gospel alone is worth the price of the graphic novel here. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worth it's money. By Josue Chaves Animal Man. Vol.1 is a really cool collection even though the page and illustration qualities are not that great. The drawings are not awesome but Morrison's simple shocking stories are really worth the money. Especially for realizing that super-hero comics don't need to be over realistic, dense works to say something. I read the whole (Morrison) run on the internet (the 3 volumes) and exactly today I got the second one, I love the whole. If you are new to comics, perhaps you might not find it as amazing for not knowing bigger background events like Crisis on Infinite Earths or the Thanagarian invasion, but just by doing a quick search on wiki and having the main idea you'll understand what's all about. This first volume is more straight super hero action (Animal Man fighting supervillains with interesting twists), on the following ones Morrison starts experimenting with more complex themes like metaphysics and breaking the forth wall. If you do read comics I think Animal Man is completely the opposite in tone to Alan Moore, very optimistic, and somehow light-hearted (on the second or third volumes there are references to Watchmen), yet also very clever. Worth every penny.

Written by Grant Morrison; Art by Chas Truog, Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood This edition collects the bizarre adventures of Animal Man, a second-rate super hero struggling with real-life issues and moral dilemmas. Buddy Baker is a caring husband, devoted father, animal activist and super-powered being. But as he attempts to live up to all of his roles, he soon finds that there are no black and white situations in life. With a strong focus on storytelling, these thought-provoking and innovative tales make the reader question the actions of Animal Man as well as their own behavior in similar situations.

About the Author Grant Morrison is one of comics' most innovative writers. His long list of credits include JLA, Doom Patrol and Judge Dredd, prior to his largest masterpiece, The Invisibles. Author of the award-winning Batman: Arkham Asylum, Morrison is currently writing the US' bestselling comic, Marvel Comics' New X-Men.