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Kurt Busiek : Astro City Vol. 5: Local Heroes before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Astro City Vol. 5: Local Heroes:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Out of TownersBy Zack Davisson"Astro City: Local Heroes" is the fifth collected edition in the Eisner and Harvey award-winning series, and collects "Astro City Vol. 2 #21-22," "Astro City: Local Heroes #1-5," "Astro City Special: Supersonic," and "After the Fire" from the 9/11 benefit book. This is the last batch of short stories before Busiek and crew headed into Astro City: The Dark Age which was the longest

running storyline for the series. "Local Heroes" showcases much of what I love about "Astro City." How do courts of law work in a world of DNA clones and shapeshifters? ("Knock Wood") What about the small towns outside of the big city? ("Pastoral"). Are there any comic books in a place where real superheroes fly the sky ("Where the Action Is") and what do they watch on TV? ("Great Expectations"). For some of the stories, it helps to have a background in Silver Age comic books, like "Shining Armor," which shows what happens when Superman gets sick of Lois Lane's constant attempts to expose his secret identity. And you have to look closely at every panel. I only noticed later that the aged hero Supersonic from "Old Times" had popped up in the court case during "Knock Wood." Some people might be disappointed that none of Astro City's big guns show up during "Local Heroes." No Samaritan. No Winged Victory. No Confessor. No First Family. Not even Steeljack. The only real impactful even from "Local Heroes" is the introduction of the Blue Knight who plays an important role in "Dark Ages." But I liked the focus on the fringe characters, the doormen and firemen and city-smart teens annoyed at having to spend the summer in the country with their cousins. The heart of soul of the series, the human element, is well-represented.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Astro City # 38 by K. Busiek, and B. Anderson, published by Vertigo (DC Comics) By Nath'l. D. Aiken Very interesting. This is one of the best (comic) books on the market! Please give it a try! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By James E. Hicks Always a good read and make you think different about comic stories having their own history.

A witty portrait of life in a metropolis inhabited by super-powered heroes and villains, the critically acclaimed **ASTRO CITY: LOCAL HEROES** offers a realistic portrayal of the effect that these supernatural beings would have on the lives of ordinary humans. Told through the eyes and experiences of regular people, this enthralling volume includes tales of a woman's tragic attempt to expose a hero's true identity, a young lawyer's resourceful arguments to save his super-villain client, and a powerless doorman's act of selfless heroism.

From School Library Journal Grade 8 Up In Astro City, superhumans mingle among the regular people and attacks from evil villains are typical daily fare. This book is a collection of nine exceptionally well-written vignettes about the inhabitants, both from the perspective of ordinary people and superheroes. In Pastoral, readers meet a punk teen who is forced to spend the summer with her relatives in the country. Through a series of her IMs, readers learn that the country is not as boring and simple as the girl had thought, and that even small towns have their own superheroes and intrigue. In the equally charming Old Times, readers meet Supersonic, a retired superhero called into duty, and see the results of trying to relive the past. Local Heroes is an engagingly written book with expressive, skillful art. An accomplished collection, it's a solid purchase for superhero fans.

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About the Author Kurt Busiek was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He began writing comics professionally in 1982, selling stories to both DC and Marvel Comics in the same month, both of which appeared the same day. Since then, he's written series and characters ranging from Mickey Mouse to Vampirella, including Aquaman, Spider-Man, Conan, Iron Man, the Avengers, and more. He is best known for his co-creation Astro City, which has garnered numerous industry awards. He lives in the Pacific Northwest with his wife, Ann, and his two daughters.