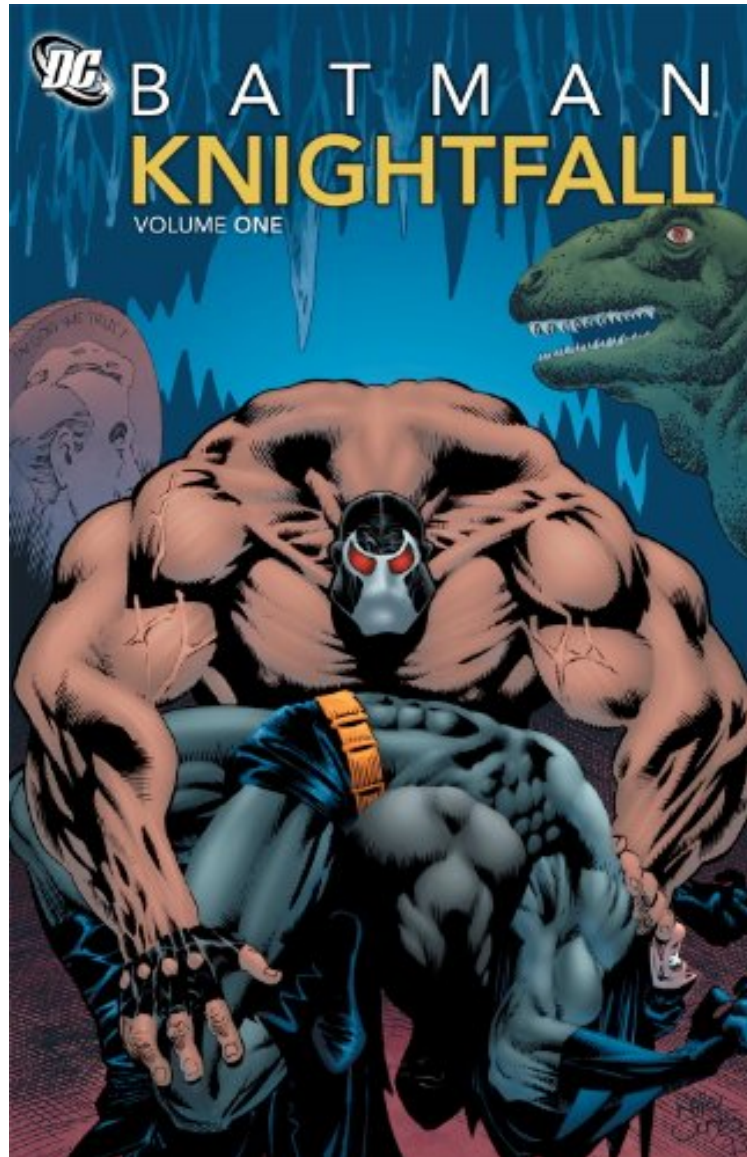


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4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. An All Time Classic By clairetoldmetochangemyscreenname One of the all-time best Batman titles. Knightfall is why Bane is so fondly remembered by Batman fans even after his terrible feature in the Batman and Robin disaster of a movie and his good, but meme-worthy role in divisive The Dark Knight Rises. Volume One of Knightfall focuses on Bane's brilliant manipulations of Batman who is already struggling with

illness and sleep deprivation. Exhausted at the outset, Batman is worn down to the bone after Bane blows open Arkham Asylum. While Bane waits in the wings, Batman must face off against foes like Mr. Zsasz, Scarecrow, Killer Croc, and the Joker. It all leads to the fateful battle between a worn-out Bats and the criminal mastermind that leaves Batman broken. From there Knightfall features the opening of the "Knightquest" story arc where a hobbled Bruce Wayne passes the cowl on to Jean Paul Valley (aka Azrael). Azrael takes to the role of Batman quickly but is far more brutal than Bruce ever was. While the second volume Knightquest is just okay (very influenced by the styles of the time) and the final volume Knightsend is frankly kind of an anti-climax in my opinion, Knightfall is nearly perfect. Just as much about the rise and fall of Bane as it is about the breaking of the Bat, the collection is a must-read for Batman fans and anyone interested in this classic villain. Also keep in mind the second and third volumes become more about Azrael's growing madness and time as the Batman than it is about Bane whose role pretty much ends with this volume. Also, it is a thick read so at under twenty bucks it is a solid deal.

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Truly a Back-Breaking Read By BlueStar As the new Batman movie rises to fame in the theaters, fans from all over, new and old, are interested in reading, or re-reading, the story that inspired the movie itself. Spanning Batman 491-500 and Detective Comics 659-666, Knightfall follows Batman in his quest to stop Bane, and Batman's subsequent defeat and approval of his replacement. This new version of the Knightfall TPB starts off with the Vengeance of Bane Special #1 in which you learn of Bane's past at the Santa Prisca prison and his hatred for a caped crusader he's never met and the desire to rule a town he's never been to. Fast-forward to Batman #491 and Detective Comics #659 and we bounce around between those two series as Batman and Robin are forced to deal with Bane's prison escape, and Bane's hand at letting everyone in Arkham Asylum out loose in Gotham. As chaos ensues, Batman (already in bad shape), is forced to mop up and take everyone he can in as quickly as possible before the kill count rises any more. However, it all leads to Batman #497 where Bane's evil plan to break the bat comes to its peak. The evil mastermind of crime takes advantage of Batman's sheer lack of strength and energy and uses it to break him and show the people of Gotham that Batman is no more. As Bane finally gets a hold on Batman, Gotham goes into a frenzy as crime shoots through the roof and the police are unable to handle it. We learn in Showcase '93 #7-8 of Batman's attempt at bringing Harvey Dent back into the Asylum prior to his encounter with Bane, and in Batman: Shadow of the Bat #16-18, we learn of Scarecrow's origins and his grand scheme that puts the new Batman, formerly Azrael, in charge of cleaning up the mess that Bane has created. However, Jean-Paul's Batman doesn't have time for sidekicks and he surely doesn't have time to hold back on the murderers and thugs of Gotham. One of Batman's greatest stories ever told is reprinted here in a more complete volume that spans over 600 pages! Although you get a whole mess of content to read through, you're still left wondering who in the world this Azrael guy is and why Bruce is messed up already as you're barely into the first issue. Also, you get no introduction to Azrael's partners nor an origin to Bane's venom toxin. However, you do get a lot of content that makes the story fairly easy to follow despite the few missing links. The art's consistently nice aside from perhaps the Two-Face and Scarecrow story arcs. The writing is superb with every page making you want to keep it turning and the eventual breaking of the Batman as powerful an image as ever. This is definitely a story to read even if you just jumped into the New 52 era of Batman. Seeing Jean-Paul become Batman makes you start to hate him as he turns more and more into a villain instead of a Batman-clone. His desire to take over what Bruce has becomes a scary reality to what Tim Drake has to face while Bruce is confined to a wheelchair. However, the entire book really makes you think about what Gotham would be if Batman were to suddenly cease to exist and how easily a maniac like Bane could take over. The book comes with all the comic covers as well as the Batman #500 variant and the Knightfall TPB covers as well. So, there isn't a whole lot of extras but they're there. Overall, definitely a book to get for a classic story!

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