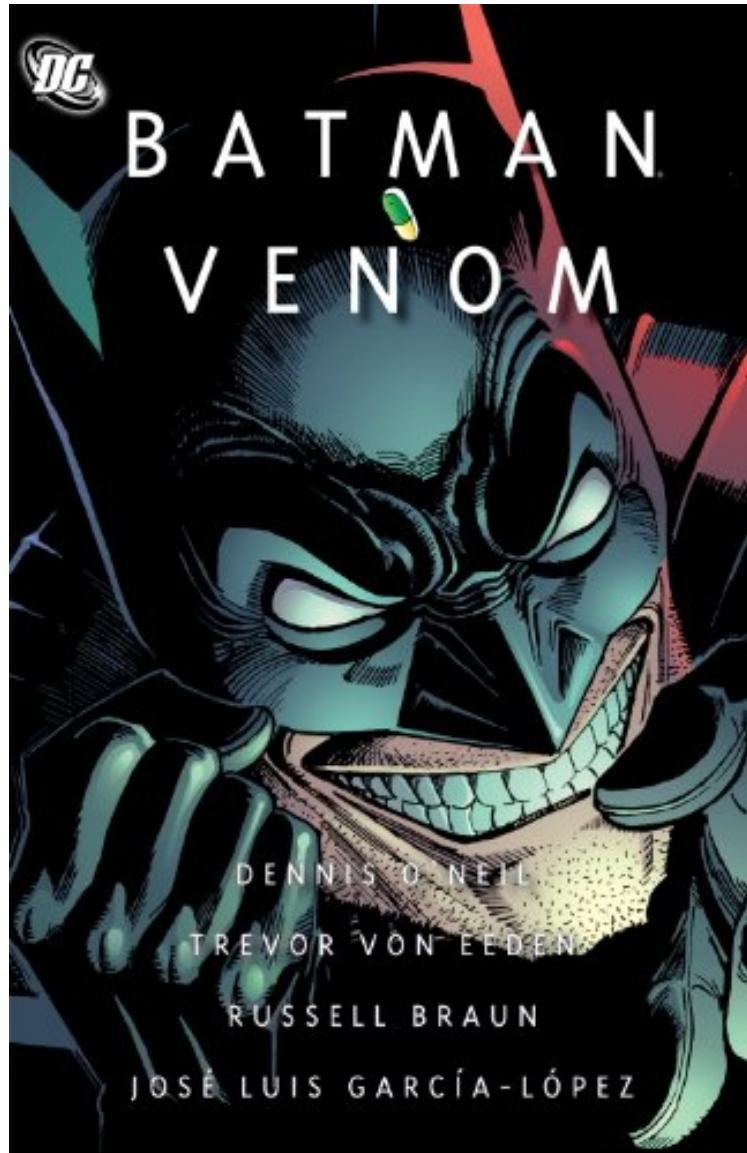


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**Dennis O'Neil : Batman: Venom** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Batman: Venom:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Less bat, more man....By GhostmonkeyThe beginnings of Batman have always been particularly interesting to me. Beginning with Batman Year One, there is something new, captivating and yet familiar about stories from the Dark Knight's early days. Legends of the Dark Knight began its run

around the same time as Year One and likewise tended to focus on adventures from the first several years of Batman's crusade. Although some story arcs weren't executed well, and others have aged poorly, a rotating cast of writers and illustrators kept flesh and blood pumping through this series and kept it generally fun-to-read. Hit and miss? Maybe. But when Legends of the Dark Knight was had a good story to tell and a capable team to pull it off, the results were superb. This collection, "Batman Venom" (not to be confused with the similarly named, dark-suited vigilante from those "other" guys), is one such story arc. Fans of Batman have seen the performance enhancing drug called Venom pop-up throughout the various comics, shows, and games over the years, most famously as the secret weapon/crutch of the back-breaking bruiser Bane. But it is here, in the shadowy pages of Legends, that we first get a taste of this nasty super-drug, learn of its origins, and witness its ability to possess even the most stalwart soul. If you have read the entire Knightfall story-line, or have any plans to, you should definitely pick this one up as well. The Venom plot-line really helps to provide understanding of the way that Bane operates and serves to make this an essential companion piece to the most famous Batman story of all time. Aside from its introduction of an important recurring plot device, Batman Venom stands up well on its own. While the artwork is fairly standard for the time (which is not a bad thing at all in my opinion), this comic is well drawn and returning readers will feel right at home in the dark, gritty atmosphere in which the Dark Knight resides. It is in the writing though, where this one really sets itself apart. Batman is generally portrayed as something less than a man. He is often caricature, a parody, an automaton, and even just a symbol, but rarely do we ever see the human being behind the mask. Even Bruce Wayne is little more than a cover identity for the angel of vengeance that Batman essentially has transformed himself into. In Batman Venom, there is so much more to be found beneath the cowl, even if we can only catch a glimpse through the ragged holes that the drug ends up tearing through Batman's psyche. We are all familiar with the omnipresent, all-knowing, awe-inspiring image that Wayne uses to strike fear into the hearts of criminals, but never before have we witnessed Batman in this way. Even through his toughest battles we have never seen him VULNERABLE. This is what makes Batman Venom so good. It isn't just a Batman story, or a prequel to a Bane story, it is a human story, and we can all relate.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book is awesome. I mean wow. By teamhex This book is awesome. I mean wow. This is a must read if you're going to start Knightfall. I read the Knightfall series first and regretted not knowing about this book ahead of time. It's a good read and shows Batman hooked on Venom. A good side of him we don't normally see and of course...the caped crusader always comes out on top in the end.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great story. By Rick Had read the original series when it came out and loved the story line. Not a DC fan overall but love a good story. Unfortunately they did not belong to me so I had to give them back to my friend... I know, Right!?!?! -. Great quality new book arrived with no bends or wrinkles.

A new edition of the classic Batman tale by writer Dennis O'Neil that introduces the strength-enhancing drug Venom. After Batman fails to save a young girl, he begins taking the drug in order to lift his limitations; however, when the Dark Knight becomes addicted to the substance, his entire life begins to spiral out of control. The drug Venom later goes on to play a major role in the KNIGHTFALL storyline that sees the villain Bane breaking Batman's back.

About the Author Dennis "Denny" O'Neil is a comic book writer and editor, principally for Marvel Comics and DC Comics in the 1970s. His best works include Green Lantern/Green Arrow and Batman with Neal Adams, The Shadow with Mike Kaluta and The Question with Denys Cowan, all of which were hailed for sophisticated stories that expanded the artistic potential of the mainstream portion of the medium. As an editor, he is principally known for editing Batman. His 1970s run on Batman is perhaps his most well known endeavour, turning Batman from the campiness of the 1960s TV show, to "The Batman", getting back to the character's darker roots and emphasizing his detective skills. This grimmer and more sophisticated Dark Knight, as well as new villains such as Ra's Al Ghul, brought back Batman from the verge of pop culture oblivion. His work would influence later incarnations of Batman, from the seminal comic "Batman: The Dark Knight Returns" by Frank Miller, to the movie Batman Begins in 2005.