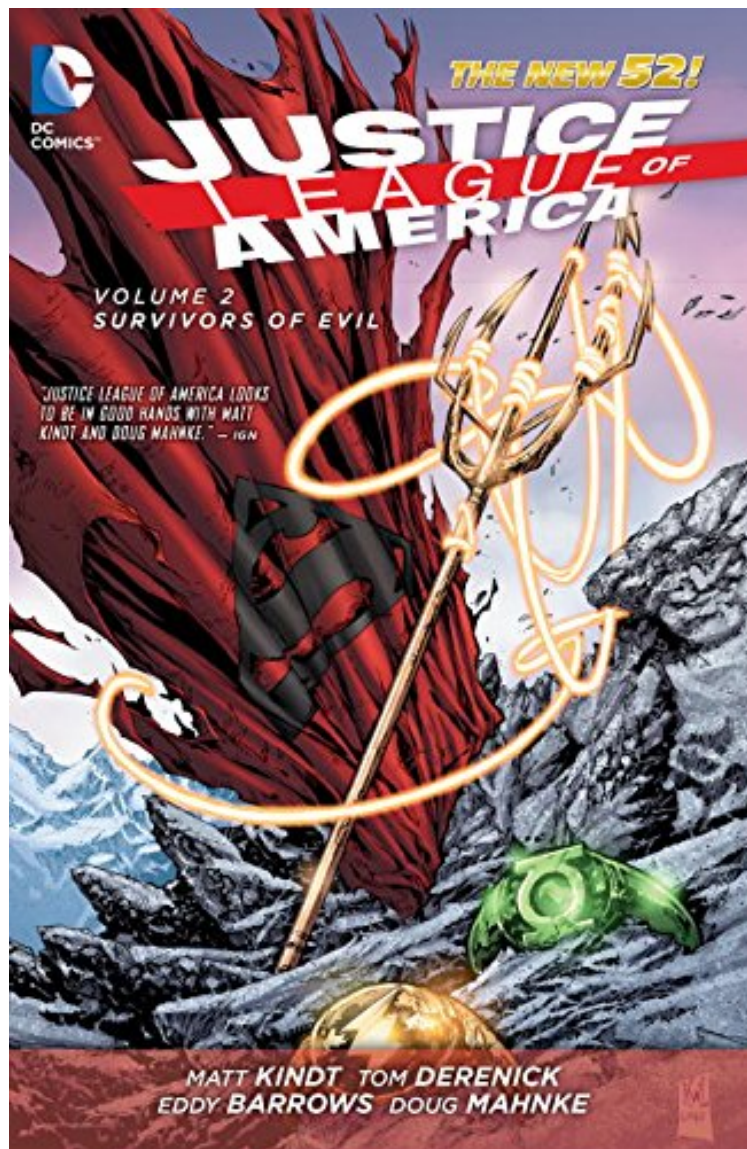


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**Matt Kindt : Justice League of America Vol. 2: Survivors of Evil (The New 52) (Jla (Justice League of America))** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Justice League of America Vol. 2: Survivors of Evil (The New 52) (Jla (Justice League of America)):

12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. A better title for this volume would have been, "Martian Manhunter and Stargirl: Getting to know each other" By Joseph I picked this volume up along with JL: Forever Heroes and Forever Evil thinking it would add a lot to the Forever Evil story and boy was I wrong... I picked this up expecting to see the JLA fighting all out against some villains, but instead what I got was a Martian Manhunter/ Stargirl team up story. Being a fan of the Manhunter and Stargirl, I didn't mind this. What I did mind, and have the biggest problem with, was the story. Without going into spoilers, the story is basically about Martian Manhunter and Stargirl attempting to break out of a prison that the Crime Syndicate put them and the other heroes in. Some members of the Justice League and Justice League of America make appearances in the volume, but not for long. A large part of the story includes Stargirl having flashbacks to when she first started being a super hero. This serves as an origin story for her and is done really well, but it just didn't fit right in a Forever Evil tie in story. I feel like I would have enjoyed this story more if it wasn't a Forever Evil tie in. All this story adds to Forever Evil is that it shows what Superman, and some of the other super heroes, are going through in prison while all the villains are doing the real butt-kicking in the main story line. That's being said, unless you are a fan of Martian Manhunter and Stargirl or you are looking for a good super hero duo book, I would not recommend buying this volume.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Forever Evil Tie-in that Focuses Entirely on Martian Manhunter and Stargirl By ClaireToldMeToChangeMyScreenName Survivors of Evil is a tie-in book for the Forever Evil story event that focuses almost entirely on Martian Manhunter and Stargirl. As two of my favorite B-tier DC heroes this was a great read for me, but the mileage you get out of the book depends on how much you enjoy these two characters (especially when you consider the New 52's unfortunate habit of making all the big characters have "dark" origin stories). Survivors of Evil dives deep into Stargirl's retconned history; no longer a member of the JSA like she was pre-New 52 the always hopeful teen hero keeps some of her history (having a former superhero's sidekick as a stepfather) but gets the "New 52 treatment" when we learn a super villain murdered her younger brother after their first fight for no real reason. As odd as it is to give another DC hero an unnecessarily tragic backstory, this book does do a great job of digging into what makes Manhunter and Stargirl tick. The book sees Stargirl and Manhunter as the only two DC heroes who manage to maintain their sanity after the members of the Justice League, the JLA, and the Justice League Dark are all sucked into the Firestorm Matrix after the arrival of the Crime Syndicate (again you have to read Trinity War and Forever Evil to get what's going on). We learn through these two characters that Despero has transformed Firestorm into a living prison for the various Leaguers and that each hero is trapped in a mental prison of their own making. The pair attempt to help free the other heroes from within Firestorm while trying to avoid Despero. The major strike against this book is the fact that we learn at the end that all of Stargirl and Manhunter's exploits were in their own minds (i.e. their version of the mental prison Despero creates) so it is a bit of a "it was all a dream" type story. It is a cheap storytelling move but not the worst I've ever seen (after all, if you've read Forever Evil's main story you know that it is Batman not Stargirl who frees the heroes stuck inside Firestorm). All in all a great character study of Manhunter and especially Stargirl and worth reading if you love the two characters.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Meh... 2 1/2 stars By jnick I picked up this volume expecting for it to be integral to the Forever Evil storyline. Not so much. While it does provide some insight into the fate of the world's greatest heroes after the Trinity War story line, the contribution was limited and could have been covered in one issue. The remainder was a drawn out get to know Stargirl storyline that ends up where it starts and thus adds little to the greater Forever Evil plot line. This is for New 52 HC collectors, but the rest can skip it.

As the smoke clears from the Trinity War, one thing looks disturbingly clear, the members of the Justice League of America are dead, betrayed by one of their own. But as with the Trinity War, all is not what it seems. Martian Manhunter and Star Girl have lived to fight another day and find themselves trapped on an alien world that is under the control of a group of super-villains. The key to their survival may lie in the hands of the super-villain Despero, but will these heroes be able to find it within themselves to trust someone who is supposed to be their mortal enemy? This volume collects issues #8-14.

Praise for Matt Kindt's Revolver: "A tight plot, believable characterization, and well-executed art means that Matt Kindt's won again." Comics Alliance About the Author Matt Kindt is the Harvey Award winning writer and artist of the comics and graphic novels MIND MGMT, Frankenstein: Agent of S.H.A.D.E., Revolver, 3 Story, Super Spy, 2 Sisters, and Pistolwhip. He has been nominated for 4 Eisner and 3 Harvey Awards (and won once). His work has been published in French, Spanish, Italian, and German.