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Paul Levitz : The Legion of Super-Heroes: The Great Darkness Saga before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Legion of Super-Heroes: The Great Darkness Saga:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Classic Legion StoryBy thirdtwinIf you're a Legion fan or just like team books this edition has a massive slab of storyline under two covers- since that is the case it's a nice place for even new fans to start their reading experience as the story here is fairly direct (considering the groups long history) and anyone can enjoy it without having to have decades of background knowledge to understand what's going on- which is a problem for new readers with some titles. The art and coloring are also top notch in this reprint edition so won't

distract the reader from the storyline. Good for new comers and long time fans alike. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. They don't make them like this anymore...By Mauricio P A MacedoExcelent book. A timeless tale delivering the best the Legion mythology has, without ever being confusing to those uninitiated. Fantastic artwork with exciting and dynamic storytelling. Creators really at the top of their game. Younger readers complain about expository dialogue and wordy books, however, it's impressive the amount of developments that Levitz and Giffen manage to insert in these few issues. In the age of decompression, the central tale of this book would have taken 25 issues instead of 5 and not every single character would have recieved as much attention and development as they did in this tale. Can't recommend it enough. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Not Quite Great Enough, but CloseBy Dave RobinsonI've been a Legion fan since 1973, and I was really looking forward to this. I thoroughly enjoyed the story, but two things forced me to knock it down a star. First, the coloring: the modern colors on glossy paper looked horribly garish in comparison to my singles. The second thing that bothered me is that the backup story from issue 291, which was originally illustrated by Howard Bender, was replaced by the Giffen-drawn version that was included in the original trade. Giffen's art had changed drastically in the intervening period, and the redrawn story looks completely out of place. I think this book would have looked much better on matte paper and without the redrawn sequence. The story is still great, the packaging leads something to be desired.

The godlike Darkseid emerges in the 30th century with an ingenious plot to finally conquer the universe in Paul Levitz and Keith Giffen's timeless Legion of Super-Heroes epic! Using his faithful minions to acquire all of the mystic artifacts of the time, Darkseid gains mental control over a race of three billion all-powerful beings. Now, as their universe teeters on the edge of Armageddon, the Legion of Super-Heroes amass their own army of every champion who ever held the status of Legionnaire to stand against the Dark Lord and his invincible soldiers. But as the Legion suffers defeat after defeat, they realize that salvation and victory rest in the hands of a mysterious baby that has aged into adulthood before their very eyes! This is the perfect edition of the classic Levitz storyline that was decades ahead of its time and still stands as one of DC's most enthralling superhero tales! Collects LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #284-296 and ANNUAL #1.

.com It's pretty hard to argue with comic books in trade paperback form. The price is good, and the convenience of having a bunch of stories or a whole story arc in one volume is unbeatable. Still, there's something to be said for having read the Legion of Super-Heroes' Great Darkness Saga back in the '80s, when the mystery gradually unfolded of a super-villain who seemed to be able to take the best of what the 30th-century megagroup had to offer and give it back with spades. Back then, you could devour each issue then agonize for a month while waiting for the next clue of the identity of the mysterious and powerful master. In trade paperback, however, there's no waiting, and you can spoil the mystery just by taking a look at the cover. Regardless, this epic by Paul Levitz and Keith Giffen was the best of the modern Legion stories, and one of their best ever. It encompasses issues 287 and 290-294, plus the later Annual 3 that serves as an epilogue to the main story. If you're just picking it the Legion for the first time, not all the details of the characters will make sense (e.g., the problems of Chameleon Boy, the triangle of Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, and Timber Wolf), but the power of the main story is strong enough to carry the reader through. --David Horiuchi