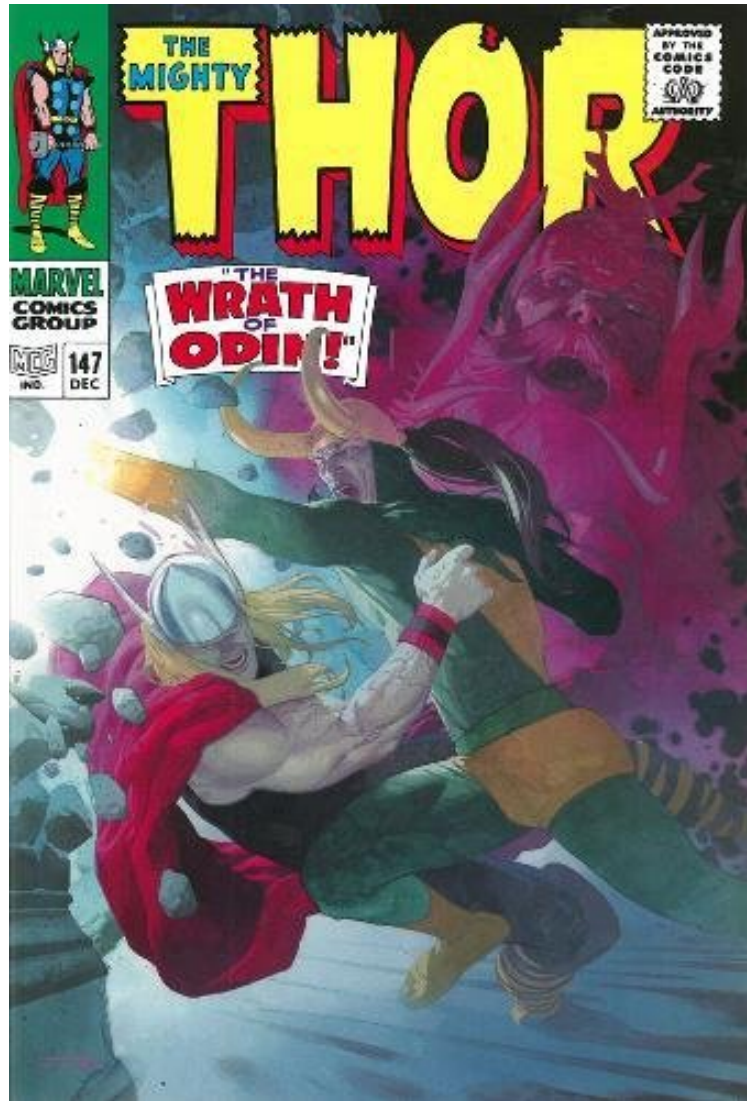


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Stan Lee : The Mighty Thor Omnibus - Volume 2 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Mighty Thor Omnibus - Volume 2:

38 of 38 people found the following review helpful. Lighting Strikes A Second Time By Jonathan Balofsky This is the 2nd silver age thor omnibus and what a treat it is. The stories are grand and the villains mostly memorable and the characters fun. This was arguably when Kirby and lee began to hit their peak on Thor. We get characters such as Ego the living Planet, the wrecker and the norn queen. We say goodbye to some characters and say hello to new ones like lady Sif. Sure some of the writing seems weird by today's standards but for its time this was amazing and does hold up

today. In fact I would say this volume's material holds up much better than the first where Lee and Kirby were still finding their footing. It's here that Thor moves beyond being Marvel's attempt to have a Superman character and truly because the Norse Thor as a superhero. We get more godly villains and more innovative ideas. The aforementioned Ego the Living Planet being a concept done well before Green Lantern had a similar idea. The stories have a more epic scale and it's easy to get pulled into them. More importantly the line art is reproduced better in this omnibus than the Masterworks reprints. Reproduced from recovered Photostats (the equivalent of master tapes for the art), the images here are noticeably improved over the Masterworks to an astounding degree. This is really the definitive reproduction of these comics. Now, while some are complaining about the paper being thinner, I myself have had no problem while looking through it. I find the books more manageable this way and while they are smaller, I can store them easier now. Not everyone will feel this way of course but it's how I feel. For extras there are various reprint covers from over the years, the repainted covers that were in the paperback editions of the Thor Masterworks and notably two unused Kirby covers that are really interesting to see. Also included are the letters pages from the individual issues which is a really nice touch and helps you understand the readership of the time better. The book is sewn and has a sturdy binding and will hold up well. All in all this a great purchase and worthy addition to anyone's comic library.

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Jack Kirby's finest work on Thor has never looked better. By R. Gale This omnibus represents the best run of Jack Kirby's work on Thor -- Stan Lee's as well -- and the reproduction is gorgeous, a significant improvement over the Masterworks reprints. Inker Vince Colletta, who inked all but one of the stories in this volume, has had a spotty reputation due to the fact that he sometimes erased Kirby's pencils. This has been variously attributed to laziness, to being in a time crunch to make a deadline, and/or to his artistic sense of not overloading the panels with extraneous information. Probably all three explanations applied at various times. Regardless, IMO, no other inker was more perfectly suited to Kirby's Thor. Colletta's delicate line work and feathered inking, reminiscent of Hal Foster, has often looked muddy in previous reprints, but it's beautifully rendered and restored in this collection. If there is one criticism, it's that this and the previous Kirby Thor Omnibus repeat the continuity of the Masterworks Volumes, as opposed to being designed for the optimal reading experience. This Omnibus would have been absolute perfection if it had begun with issue 114 instead of 121. But that's water under the bridge, and this book definitely belongs in the library of every Marvel fan. This and Walter Simonson's Thor Omnibus contain the very best Thor runs ever, and this, along with FF Omnibus #2, contain Jack Kirby's very best work at Marvel (or anywhere else). True, the writing is slightly awkward at times, but it's balanced by some great writing, wonderful character bits and many memorable moments. Like the Masterworks editions, #146-#152 do not contain the Inhumans backup feature -- a good call, as they don't belong here. The letters pages are included and a few other bonuses as well. I did not find any problem with the binding or the thinner paper. The thinner paper is totally opaque, and makes the volume easier to handle. Highly recommended!

12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Who Dares Defy The Omnibus? By Aaron Stack For most serious Marvel Silver Age enthusiasts the Stan Lee Jack Kirby issues of Thor are considered a high water mark in their legendary collaborations together. Thor Omnibus Vol.2 is as good as it gets in my humble opinion. The Kirby action sequences explode from the page while the Lee's Shakespearean inspired dialogue adds gravity to each panel. The material holds up well over forty plus years later. In regards to the Omnibus presentation: The sewn binding appears to be sturdy and the paper seems to be thinner than the previous volume despite a similar page count (it's most noticeable if you put both volumes next to each other). The extras include various reprint covers, 2 unused Kirby covers, and the repainted covers from the Thor Marvel Masterworks TPB Editions. The edition features the Esad Ribic reimagining of Thor 147 as opposed to the original Kirby interpretation. Overall I give this Omnibus 5 stars and to be honest I could easily do that JUST based on the quality of the issues collected alone. For pre-sold Thor aficionado like me it's icing on the cake that the quality of the restoration, binding, and overall value are also 5 stars. Marvel Omnibus department does it again!

A masterpiece of immortal action, cosmic scope, and boundless drama, Stan and Jack's Thor collaborations mark a cornerstone of the Marvel Universe - and that's no small accomplishment coming from the imaginations of the most celebrated creators in comics! This second Omnibus edition brings you milestone stories including the first appearances of Ego the Living Planet, Ulik the Troll and the Wrecker; battles with the Absorbing Man, the Destroyer and the Super-Skrull; adventures into Pluto's underworld and atop the High Evolutionary's Wundagore Mountain; the debut of Lady Sif as Thor's love interest; and classic tales featuring Thor and Hercules. Backed up by "Tales of Asgard" and featuring each issue's original letter's page, it's an extravaganza on an Asgardian scale! COLLECTING: Journey Into Mystery (1952) 121-125, Thor (1966) 126-152, Thor Annual (1966) 2, Not Brand Echh (1967) 3