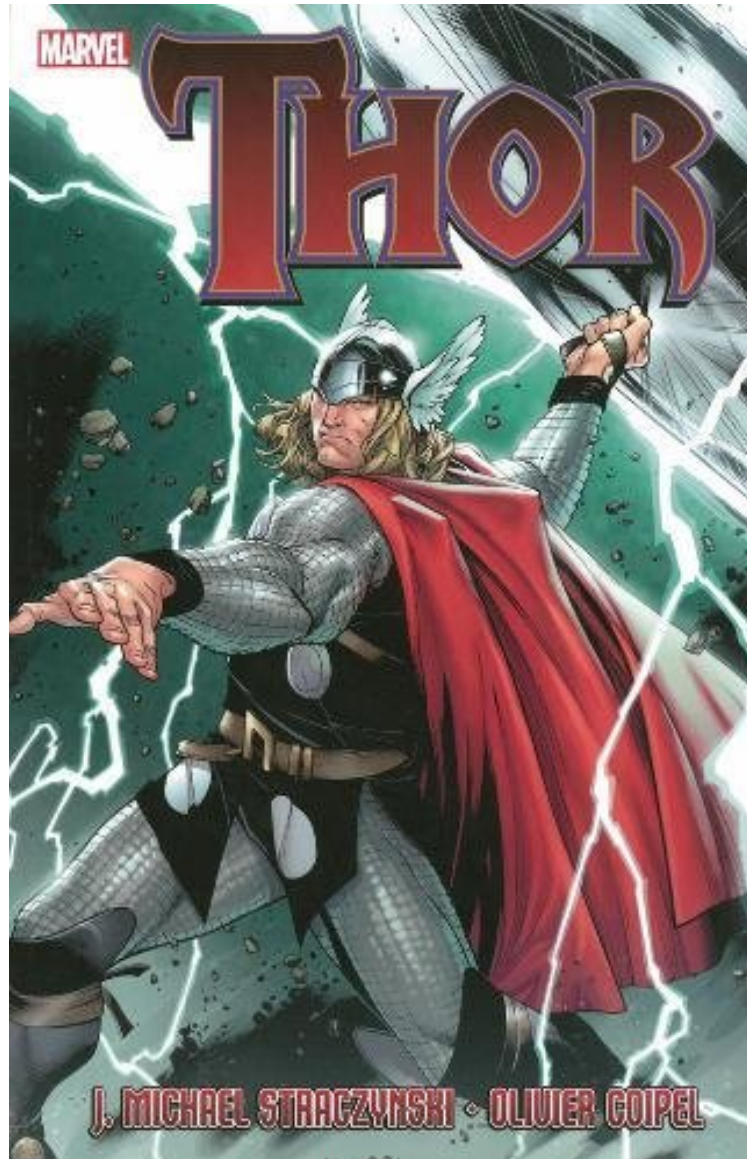


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J. Michael Straczynski : Thor, Vol. 1 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Thor, Vol. 1:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. The God of Thunder in all his gloryBy JmaynardThis is the kind of book that gets a person excited about superheroes, no doubt about it. I started with Journey into Mystery, Vol. 1: Fear Itself as a starting point for Marvel comics (after loving the film, The Avengers). I was immediately hooked and

wanted to see how we got to that point. I decided to skip over House of M and Civil War, as those stories seemed too dark, and I didn't want to go too far back. I had read great reviews about Straczynski's reintroduction of Thor, which also introduced Lady Loki, and decided to jump to this point. Though the story is fairly well contained, it is helpful to know something of what happened before, especially in Civil War. So, I recommend newbie readers like me hit Wikipedia to get an overview of those prior major events. This book opens with the human Donald Blake, who once hosted Thor's spirit, calling the God of Thunder from the Void of nothingness. The cycle of endless Raganaroks had been broken, but humanity still needs the gods. Thor chooses to be reborn, and he uses his power to rebuild Asgard - in Oklahoma! He then begins searching the world for his people, bound within humans waiting to be awakened. He intended not to awaken certain Asgardians, Loki, Enchantress, et al, but while engaged in battle was forced to awaken everyone at once. Loki is somehow reborn as a woman, and Sif cannot be found. The stage is set. The most exciting part of this book is the clash between Thor and Iron Man, when Thor reveals just how powerful he is - that he had always held back before. He's ticked off at Tony for using his genetic code to make a "fake" Thor and passing him off as the real deal during the Civil War. Overall, this is a fantastic (re)introduction of Thor. The story is engrossing, and I love the artwork. Thor is totally bad a@@, and the fights scenes are expertly rendered and thrilling. Highly recommended! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Can I give it 6 stars? By Bethany I picked this up without the background of the previous Avengers books, but was able to figure out enough context to get what was going on. Love the writing, love the mood, love the artwork! 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. First time Thor reader By Cameron Thor had always been a visually striking character to me; the lightning motif, the giant hammer, the war helmet. But I've never been one for ancient mythology, so I always put off reading any thunder god stories. With the film adaptation of the character within one year at the time of this review, I finally decided to pick something up. With the low price and great reviews, I started here. This book was fantastic. JMS' story is about Thor trying to pick up the pieces of his life after an absence in the 616 universe. He rebuilds Asgard, looks for old friends, and tries to make sense of what has happened since he's been gone. The best chapter would have to be issue #3, where Thor visits a section of New Orleans, still stricken by the effects of Hurricane Katrina. He realizes that if he were around, he could have stopped the storm and saved countless lives. He also questions why did no other superhero do anything. Issue #3 is also where Iron Man shows up and wants to talk to Thor. Thor is quite aware that Stark made a Thor clone for his own personal use, and Thor isn't happy with it at all. Without giving too much away, Thor, quite easily, gives Iron Man what must be the most embarrassing defeat he's ever gone through. If you hate Iron Man, you'll love it. Even if you do like Iron Man, like me, you'll love how badass Thor comes off there. If you never knew just how powerful Thor or his trademark weapon Mjolnir are, this book gives great examples, and you get a real sense of it early on. The god of thunder has to be hands down one of the most powerful characters ever created. I was in awe looking at what this guy could do. A lot of people have complained that the book is slow placed and needs more action. I do not agree with either statement. It's just fine with it's compelling story telling and exciting action sequences. In fact, it's great. If you've ever thought about reading Thor, this would be a great start.

Thor is back! And in a story only J. Michael Straczynski could tell! Returned to the pantheon of great Marvel heroes, the Asgardian God of Thunder is reunited with the mortal form of Dr. Don Blake. Together, they must reckon with the legacy of the mythic Norse kingdom and the awakening of its immortal heroes - but in a world that may not want them back! Collecting: Thor #1-6