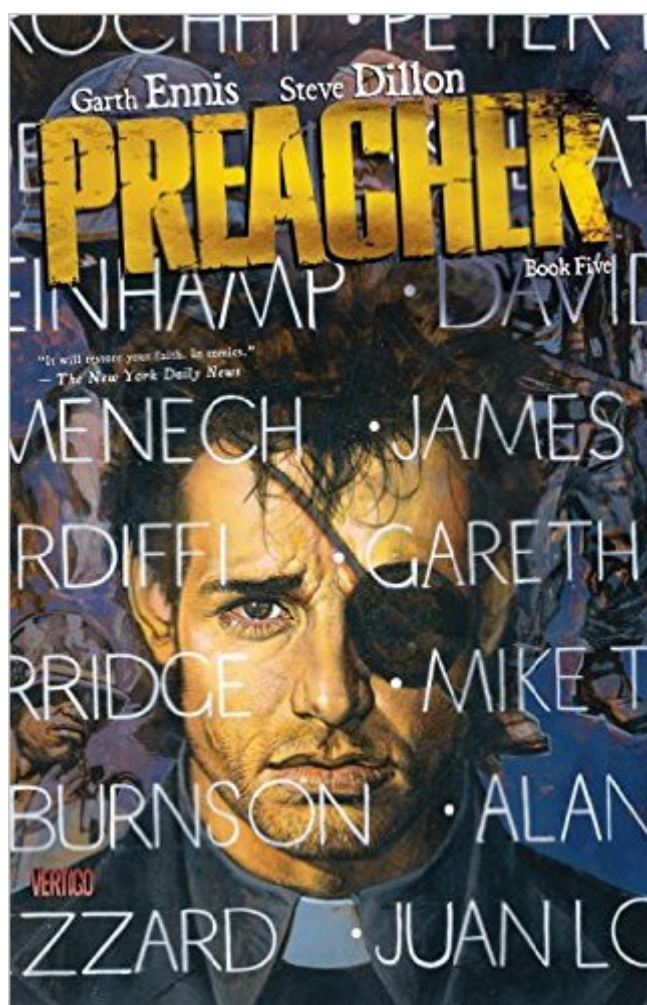


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Preacher Book Five



Synopsis

Writer Garth Ennis's violent, scabrous journey across America's religious landscape continues in this fifth hardcover volume. Preacher Jesse Custer's dark journey to find God, accompanied by his gun-toting girlfriend and Irish vampire buddy, continues as Jesse becomes the sheriff of a troubled Texas town. Then, he decides it's high time to renew his quest to find God and hold him accountable for all of his actions. But before he can continue down that path, he must reunite with his girlfriend, Tulip.

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Customer Reviews

I've complained in my past few reviews about Preacher devoting too much time to flashbacks and side stories that don't really advance the plot. And so we come upon volume five, a book devoted almost entirely to flashbacks and side stories that don't really advance the plot. And you know what? It doesn't matter. Needing to take a break from his quest to find God and do some soul searching, Jesse Custer goes to the town of Salvation, Texas and becomes the sheriff. His time as a cop takes up more than half the volume, and it works. The characters and dialogue shine in this collection of Preacher, creating the best collection in the series thus far. Well, time to end this.

Instead of focusing on the story for this particular volume I'll just go ahead and touch on some of the high points of this series as a whole and this particular collection of trades. First of all, I'm a HUGE fan of how DC/Vertigo have been collecting two of the original trade paperbacks in collected "Book" editions for Preacher, Ex Machina, and now 100 Bullets. You're basically getting a trade for free

everytime you buy one of these new "Book" editions and they have fantastic paper quality that improves over the original TPs. Some of the bonus content of the trades is left out for these editions which is kind of a drag, but honestly the pros far outweigh the cons of these new editions. I really can't say enough about how much I love Preacher. This was the series that helped get me back into comics after taking almost 20 years away from the medium and being able to start and finish the series within a few months has been such a blast. For those that are unfamiliar, Preacher debuted during the mid 90s when comics had seen a huge slump in sales and it's not surprising to read how many writers and artists theorize that Preacher was highly instrumental in keeping the comics industry afloat during this time. Whether you're a long time collector or new to the medium, Preacher (and specifically these editions) are must haves.

From the very first issue, Preacher captivated me in a way few graphic novels have. I read every single issue of this story within a matter of weeks, I could not get enough. The story follows Jesse, a preacher in Texas, who gets invoked with a spirit that may make him the most powerful being in existence. The characters are beautifully flawed, the themes of religion, right and wrong, are mixed with Movie Westerns and Secret Societies. Once you start Preacher, you are in it for the whole 75 issues. You will be glad you went on this journey! The hardcovers are beautiful and a must-have for you to enjoy reading over and over again.

After Herr Starr had monument valley nuked, our team is split up. Cassidy is with tulip, Jesse is with a dog skeeter and adventures continue. Jesse, Cindy, Amy, skeeter and more are in this volume. Jesse becomes a sheriff and get the sand comics of a small town where he goes up against Odin Quincannon. Well stop reading this and go get the volume!

Great series but the current publication run is in Books not Volumes and is complete at Book 6. Don't make my mistake and order older volumes 7 - 9 thinking you need them to complete the saga.

The Preacher saga is an important one in the development of "serious" comics, and it contains some great characters, but the story goes on a bit too long and meanders a lot. The story also veers so deep into the macabre that it sometimes becomes a bit silly. Cassidy is a great character, but why are there vampires in this universe? How could Angelville exist as such a hell on earth for so long? If the Grail is so all-powerful, why does Starr have such a hard time keeping things in check? And A**face -- totally irrelevant to the rest of the story, just Ennis's chance to add another exhibit to

his freakshow. In some respects, Jesse and Tulip are actually the weakest characters in the series. Jesse is vengeance personified, but he's an ultraviolent and unreflective man. He's intended to be a sort of modern cowboy, but he often seems rather shallow. Tulip exists mainly as the completion of Jesse -- she's most interesting when she's not with him, and can emerge as her own character.

Continues the incredible series with even more character development and twists that will leave you more emotional than any of the other installments in the series. The paperback is great too.

*** REVIEW of Preacher Book Five ***I'm reading the series again for the first time as I'm watching the AMC series.

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