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“GOLD, GUTS AND GROG,” Part One

Who are the Rat Queens? A pack of booze-guzzling, death-dealing battle maidens-for-hire, and they’re in the business of killing all gods’ creatures for profit.

It’s also a darkly comedic fantasy series starring Hannah the Rockabilly Elven Mage, Violet the Hipster Dwarven Fighter, Dee the Atheist Human Cleric and Betty the Hippy Hobbit Thief. This modern spin on an old school genre is a violent monster-killing epic that is like Buffy meets Tank Girl in a Lord of the Rings world on crack!

A new ongoing series from PETER PANZERFAUST’s KURTIS J. WIEBE and featuring a gorgeous incentive cover by SAGA’s FIONA STAPLES!

## Rat Queens #1 Details

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## From Reader Review Rat Queens #1 for online ebook

### Joanaf says

Adorei a arte e as personagens, mas gostava que tivessem desenvolvido um pouco mais a história. Até percebo que este volume seja um pouco mais introdutório, mas eu precisava de mais para ficar completamente agarrada. Contudo, vou querer continuar esta série, mas não imediatamente.

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### Nicolo Yu says

Rat Queens. This is a comic that would appeal the RPG-playing crowd. Reading this reminded me of the webcomic Table Titans. What makes this turn the table on conventions, if a little bit, is that this is a questing party of four women and they swear, drink and fight as much as the other parties do. Probably a tad too much that they are exiled to a quest to restore a semblance of peace to their town.

This title has been getting a lot rave reviews on the internet, but I'll reserve my judgment until I have read more issues of Rat Queens.

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### Gunnar Bangsmoen says

Strong women in a fantasy setting with strange artifacts, pompous bureaucrats, cool attitude, fantastic humor, sneaky assassins and a cliffhanger like no other. Of course I loved it! Highly recommended.

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### Thomas Wagner says

*(Read for the August #booktubeSFF Awards Readalong)*

A gleefully foul-mouthed, ultraviolent grrl-power piss-take on epic quest fantasy, in which the titular gang of snarky mercenary heroines try to figure out who's paying to have them (and other mercenary gangs) assassinated. Along the way they manage to piss off an entire orc army. Kurtis Wiebe devotes about 90% of his writing energies to attitude and about 10% to story, but he does have the sense of humor (a bit like *Borderlands* with *South Park* profanity levels) to pull it off. Roc Upchurch's art is much looser and sketchier than I usually like to see in a graphic novel, but it's a style that suits the irreverent, zero-fucks-given material and works especially well for action scenes. No depth to speak of, but has a lot of funny character moments amidst the mayhem.

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### Dario Vaccaro says

I've heard so much about "Rat Queens" I thought I should give it a try. The result is this: confusing story with way too many characters introduced at once; the cringiest jokes I've ever read in a comic fill most

pages; events follow one another at such a pace that it's impossible to appreciate them if something were to be appreciated about them. I don't necessarily dig the art too much either, but it has its merits, especially detail-wise and on the coloring front.

Not going to continue, at all.

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### **Sara says**

Son of a kitten...this was pretty good. I'm not 100% invested but I had a good time reading this. This would be an excellent RPG though.

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### **Gally says**

5/5 stars for Rat Queens, Vol. 1: Sass & Sorcery ~

*"Who are the Rat Queens? A pack of booze-guzzling, death-dealing battle maidens-for-hire, and they're in the business of killing all god's creatures for profit. It's also a darkly comedic sass-and-sorcery series starring Hannah the Rockabilly Elven Mage, Violet the Hipster Dwarven Fighter, Dee the Atheist Human Cleric and Betty the Hippy Smidgen Thief."*

If that description doesn't do anything for you, GTFO, because this badass comic series is for true fantasy/DnD fans.

Heroines with varying strengths and flaws instead of the typical extremes of "good over-the-top-cleavage model" and "evil over-the-top-cleavage model", heroines who get their asses kicked and have to manage to heal themselves instead of shrugging off stabs and arrow wounds like so many other comics/manga, a diverse caste with diverse body sizes (including black people and an Asian chick, for real), an intriguing story full of humor, and great full-color art complete this package. I couldn't ask for more.

Some of the negative reviews I've read are from people who just didn't get the fantasy/DnD references -- such as races, classes, gods, or lame-ass guys summoning lame-ass tentacles -- so it's just a matter of knowing what genre you're getting into here.

And to all the haters of this series, I defer to Hannah ~

My review of Rat Queens Free Preview

My review of Rat Queens, Vol. 1: Sass & Sorcery

### **Nicay ?The Nerdy side of a Queen says**

A great way to start the series! Though I don't want to set high expectations in this one, but I hope I will end up liking this one!

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### **Jessica says**

YES!

Rat Queens puts the "F" in a lot of cursing and witty wordplay----as well as fun.

Who wouldn't want to be in a town where there are amazing guilds filled with all types of characters from EVERY MAGICAL REALM in EXISTENCE. Maybe not every single one ----you never know, this could turn out to be like *Fables*---but the fantasy character/creature edition. Anyway, if you like to take a walk on the Lord of the Rings/Every Fantasy Guild Written Book/Most of the MMO/RPG you've EVER played----you'll mostly likely love (to put it mildly) this new series.

Guess what else is totally normal?! An all-star women cast of kick-ass heroines (with amazing fashion taste, I might add). Ethnic Characters---Say What?! Like---just the girl on the main cover---NO. Open the book! NOW. OMG---even better---GLBTQ! As a coming out story or identity crisis? NO. AS JUST A CHARACTER. I think it's to soon if that could be back story---but nevertheless---it "ain't" in the first five issues. :)

Let's review here:

- 1) Main & Side characters of different that are POC
- 2) Include some characters that are GLBTQ
- 3) Add some fantasy/magical elements that are from classic to pop culture
- 4) An all-star female cast that are amazing-party animals as well as talented fighters---or brawlers at times.

Look no further! I can't keep telling people about this comic series enough. NOW. To be fair, you may also get these questions (I work at a library, so I get them a lot) Does it have language and maybe graphic violence? Yes. Should this matter?

That is how passionately in love I am with this series.

Besides Saga---this is my current "must read series."

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### **SUSAN \*Nevertheless,she persisted\* says**

RAT QUEENS ROCKS!!!!!! They are funny,tough,irreverent and kick ass. I highly recommend Rat Queens.

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### **Caitlin Hoffer says**

it's like d&d with your friends and without pretension. and also, lesbians, people of color, empowered women and anything else you really want, including a really engaging story.

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### **Ginger Woods says**

Great artwork.

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### **DaViD '82 says**

První ?ísto série, která se záhy stala kultovní; sprostá na genderové konvence a žánrové fantasy klišé prost?ední?ek vzty?ující parta macho ožralky? na výprav? za škvárou a n?jakým tím fetem. Zpo?átku to p?sobí p?íliš na sílu, ale postupn? si to sedne a umí to být vskutku vtipné i nahláškované. Zdaleka nejlepší je však až "stripový" dov?tek, tam m? to pln? dostalo a p?esv?d?ilo, že celé sérii p?ecí jen šanci dát musím a to i navzdory tomu, že kresba (až na tvá?e postav) mi p?ijde echt hnusná a powerpointová.

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### **Gracie S says**

I swear to god, I'm not exaggerating. Rat Queens is EVERYTHING you want in a graphic novel and more. Definitely more. Just read it. Please. For the love of everything you hold dear.

The story is fast-paced, the characters are well-molded. It starts off simply enough, and you tend to expect something lukewarm but what you get is pure brilliance. The action scenes jump from the page, the dialogues are realistic and relatable. The humor is all-out but never in-your-face, and I absolutely love how badass the women are. Really, kudos to the writers for making this diverse in more ways than one.

Also, I love that they had a 'Jerry' moment. That just about killed me.

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**Heike Lttrr says**

What a cast of characters in this group of four that we meet! Each with very interesting back stories and full character, their rampage through adventure is really something to follow.

I think my favourite character, however, was Orc Dave, who grows bluebirds in his beard whenever he uses magic. Very cute.

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