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In the intense action-adventure OUTSIDERS: LOOKING FOR TROUBLE. Green Arrow's former sidekick, Arsenal, creates a new superhero team as a proactive force against the villains of the world. Recruiting both battle-tested veterans and inexperienced rookies, the expert archer forms a volatile team of personalities and powers that includes Thunder, the density-controlling daughter of Black Lightning, Metamorpho, a shape-shifting elemental man, Grace, a super-strong female bouncer. Indigo, a futuristic cyborg girl, Jade, the powerful girlfriend of Green Lantern, and Nightwing, the former Robin the Boy Wonder. But now, before the team can get acquainted, they must first defend Manhattan from a coordinated gorilla invasion and rescue President Lex Luthor from the clutches of the Joker.

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Abigail says

Not bad. I have a ton more single issues that I own, so I'll probably keep going. Angry!Dick was interesting yet understandable considering the circumstances surrounding the formation of the Outsiders. I really read this in case parts of this series will be used for Young Justice season 3. I wonder if the idea of a team (ie. that covert ops team they showed) that hunts down the criminals in a preventative measure will be used.

ChrisVigilante says

I really enjoyed this team. More than I thought I would. I really am here for Thunder and Grace. Let's be honest but I like seeing Nightwing and Arsenal coming back from tragedy and doing what they do best. They pull together a great team. one that is going to do the work I can't see other teams doing. They are the hunters. They are going to save everyone and might be hated by many along the way.

The dynamics are rough and I love that. These people don't work well together right away personality wise. That's okay. They still going to get things done.

THunder's powers are so cool. Really love seeing her grow on this team. This is my first time reading a comic with her but I love her character on the show Black Lightning. Excited to read more of her. Same for Grace. She's so badass. Ready for more.

Grodd's storyline was interesting. Great villain. Didn't expect Joker and Lex Luthor to be thrown in right off the back as well. Brother Blood or whatever was an ok villain. I think it was a lot out the gate honestly. A bit too much.

Very interested in seeing more from this team. Will be reading the next volumes soon. Also, the last panel of this volume had me shook to my core. I would read it tonight if I wasn't in the middle of some other reads right now.

Ernest says

This was fun and interesting, imparting information to those who might not be familiar with some characters without making it an entire exposition scene. Despite an interesting premise, I don't know whether it is enough for me to seek out the other stories, but it was a good story well told.

Veronica says

Love, love, love this.

James DeSantis says

Nightwing leading a team of fighters after the loss of two friends? Uhhhh yes!

This is basically a hit team. One who hunt and take down villains, hard and fast. They don't care about press or good looks, this isn't the Teen Titans or even The Titans, these are the team who handles shit others can't. Nightwing, at first reluctantly, joins Roy as they build a new team of superheroes. This has multiple personalities and powers ranging from robotic warrior to lightning's daughter who can take a lot of damage and dish it back. This is broken into two arcs and then a one shot.

Good: Really love the dialogue back and forth between everyone. It feels like a team but a really shaky one. Not everyone just getting together and working well because they're heroes. I also thought there were stakes, as one of the main heroes gets injured REALLY badly. I also think it deals well with finding your place as heroes like these don't always fit into normal teams. Art is solid too, with some over the top fight scenes, including a fun and crazy plane crash.

Bad: The villains could have been better. Adding Joker and Grodd in for big names was okay but felt bit forced. I didn't love Black Voodoo either, he was kind of lame.

Overall, super fun. I hope this series continues as I heard great things for Titans, the followup series I plan on reading. I really love a lot of Judd Winick work. I hope he returns one day to create more. A 4 out of 5.

Nicholas Palmieri says

Judd Winick created a great cast and concept here. The team is composed of Thunder and Grace Choi, who he created for the series, Indigo, who he created for "Titans/Young Justice: Graduation Day" but repurposes here, and a version of Metamorpho that for all intents and purposes is an original creation, as you see by the end of this volume, plus Jade, who he was essentially the sole writer of for the years leading up to this and for the few years after, Arsenal, who was at the time only appearing in this series and occasionally Green Arrow (also written by Winick), and Nightwing, an iconic character to ground the team. That's four characters who Winick created, two with whom he had free creative rein, and one iconic character. As such, the book comes off as Winick doing whatever he wants, and it's a major improvement over anything else he'd written for DC up to this point. The stories are plot-centric, but there's no lack of fun character moments, and the art is a nice mix of realistic and stylized that works well for the title.

If you're looking for something deep and insightful, this isn't the place. But if you want some covert-ops, action-heavy, "edgy" superheroics, it's all right here. Looking forward to volume 2!

Lono says

I picked up **Outsiders: Looking For Trouble** because I'm a fan of both Judd Winick's Batman stuff and most things Nightwing. This is some of Winick's early work with DC comics and it does come off a bit

rough around the edges or dated at times. Enjoyed most of the bits with Nightwing and Arsenal. Their relationship is key to the series. Grace is a badass. And there is a twist involving Metamorpho towards the end of the book that was sorta cool. Not crazy about most of the remaining supporting cast though. **Most** of the villains are 2nd or 3rd stringers that I never heard of. The entire "cult" storyline was just weak.

The art in this volume is a collaboration of several different artists. Ivan Reis's contribution appealed the most to my tastes out of the bunch. Unfortunately he only draws a small portion of the book. Tom Raney is just alright and I did not care for Chriscross (that is how he spells it) at all.

Overall, it had enough fun moments that I will return for the next volume in the hopes that Winick builds on that foundation and there will be some villains I give a shit about. I believe new artists start rotating in after the next collected edition, so hopefully the art improves as well.

Kathleen says

I love the idea--hunters instead of firefighters--and the characters, especially Nightwing and Roy "Arsenal" nee "Speedy" Harper. I love that Arsenal put together the team and does the leg work to find targets, but Dick is still the leader. I even love that the Outsiders is very specifically a job and not a family like the Titans were. All that said, Roy really needs to get rid of the soul patch.

Rob McMonigal says

Date read is pretty much a guess. Winick takes the other half of the Titans mess and turns it into something really strong--Nightwing and Speedy try to make a team of mercenaries that will work "outside" the system, whether it's going after Gorilla Grodd or Brother Blood. This is a team designed to only function as a work group--so why are so many family members already getting hurt?

Join Winick as he proves he's a really good writer as he puts Nightwing, Arsenel, Jade, Metamorpho, and some others through their paces in this start to a great series that apparently got whacked by Crisis recently and is now in the hands of the Bat. Definitely recommended.

Joe Garcia says

Fast paced and delightfully fun, The Outsiders are a great duo with Judd Winick. While a strange assemble the group members all have their own charm my personal favorite being Metamorpho and Grace Choi. Each issue has just the right amount of dialogue and action to keep it well paced, and makes you want to not put it down. Some of the major villains like Joker and Brother Blood felt a little out of character in terms of dialogue but other than that small bit I highly recommend The Outsiders. Hopefully we see them soon in the new 52!

Sophia says

This was a good fist series to introduce the new characters and the new team. The kind of sad thing is that I read about the original Outsiders team and none of them are in this new team (so basically, did I waste my time reading about an old team that doesn't have any connection to the new one - maybe but I still liked the stories). I very much liked that they explained why they created the team and their intentions for the team. It was interesting to see how these characters interacted with each other and the building of trust between them. Overall, a good story line that really introduces each of the new members of the Outsiders.

Kara says

It's not bad. I borrowed this from a friend who said it's one of his favorites. The dialogue was witty, and I love the range of characters and fast paced action. Might read the second volume because why not? Opinion: not amazing, but not bad for a new series.

Koen says

Quirky at times, but fun and action packed!

It's nice to see some other superheroes instead of the "regular" ones ;)

Good thing that Nightwing is leading the team though.. Don't think that anybody else could be the TL at this point..

Hope that on the DC road that I'm walking on (following a specific timeline that i've found), I will come in touch with more from The Outsiders

Chelsea says

This was pretty great.

Admittedly, I don't know much about the Teen Titans run that sets this up. I don't know much about the Teen Titans, period.

The Good:

- This a new turn for Dick Grayson. My husband is usually super bubbly and sassy. In this book, he's dealing with a world of guilt after losing Donna in an avoidable incident. He's short tempered, impatient and doing his best to avoid attachments. Roy has to work really hard to get him on board. It was really interesting to see this side of him. He's actually quite brutal in some ways. He's a lot angrier and he seems a lot rougher with the bad guys.
- Related to above: Dick beating up Brother Blood after Roy's shooting was such an interesting scene.
- Anissa/Thunder: I really liked her! I liked the concept of her powers and that she struggled with getting her father to accept her. I can't wait to see more of her!
- I loved Grace (and had a bit of a crush on her, not gonna lie). I like how matter of fact she is and that she kind of tells everyone exactly what's on her mind. I loved her chemistry with Anissa.
- Roy: I've only read bits and pieces of him in Red Hood and the Outlaws and saw him in Young Justice.

He's an interesting guy. I like his personality and I felt for him at the end of this book. He reminds me of Ollie in the way they do their jobs. He really wanted to put the team together so this whole thing is kind of his baby.

- The plot lines were interesting. I liked the quipping for the most part. Really enjoyed Luthor taunting Joker with "Does it big you that Batman will always love Catwoman more than you? He's never going to take you to prom."

The Bad:

- I couldn't really find anything wrong with this, to be honest.
- I wasn't the biggest fan of the art
- There was some slutshaming going on and I felt like there were too many jokes at Indigo's expense. I know she's not human but it still seemed unnecessarily rude at times.

So, overall, it's a recommend from me. I came into this and the only 2 characters I really knew anything about were Dick and Roy and I never felt lost or confused. The plot is entertaining, the team dynamic is interesting and Winick is one of my favorites from DC.

4 stars.

Patrick says

You know what? That was a pretty good read. There was lull or two in a few of the issues, but I'm really digging some of the more out-there characters. The straight-forward or paint-by-numbers ones are fine, but Indigo and a couple of others get me thinking a bit.

I'm looking forward to the next installment.
