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The Massive Volume 3: Longship



Synopsis

In *The Massive Volume 3: A Longship*, Callum Israel and Ninth Wave go head to head with a disgraced comrade threatening nuclear war, a rogue faction of the US Navy working as pirates in New York Harbor, and a colony of Norwegian whalers who hunt in the Viking tradition. Collects issues #13- #18 of *The Massive*. Written by *New York Times* bestselling author Brian Wood.

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Customer Reviews

Multiple Eisner Award-nominee Brian Wood released his first series, *Channel Zero*, to considerable critical acclaim in 1997 and has gone on to create hard-hitting original series such as *DMZ*, *Northlanders*, *The Couriers*, and *The Massive*. Adding to that body of work, he's also written some of the biggest titles in pop culture, with work on *Star Wars*, *Conan The Barbarian*, *Lord Of The Rings*, and *The X-Men*. Brian lives with his wife and two children in Brooklyn, NY. The author lives in Brooklyn, N.Y..

This is a very good dystopian story that was written by Brian Wood and illustrated by Kristian Donaldson and Garry Brown. It takes place in the 2010s, shortly after over a dozen different natural and man-made disasters occur in a year's time and leave the Earth in a state of death, disaster, and famine. The first volume established the characters and set the tone. The second and third volumes

are outstanding stories and are all around well crafted. The Massive is the larger of two ships that make up the Ninth Wave - a pacifist group that is dedicated to protecting the seas from environmental problems. The Massive has gone missing, and the Kapital is searching for it. This story follows the Captain and crew of the Kapital. In the post crash world, the command and crew of the Kapital debate their role and if they need to change tactics. Callum Israel, a Bangladeshi, is the Captain. He is a former mercenary soldier who has now become a pacifist. The first mate is Mag, another former mercenary who was a child soldier in Pakistan. He is anything but a pacifist. Mary rounds out the command staff. Her nationality is unknown (as is her age and powers...it seems like she has powers). She is romantically involved with Callum, but she is also provides strong moral support and believes that the Earth can be made better. Other characters are Lars the Scandinavian pilot, Ryan the young idealistic American woman, and Georg the lifelong Russian warrior whose entire life has been seeped in violence. There are two stories in this volume. Georg stole a nuclear sub from the rig-station off of the Indian sub-continent and has been leading the Kapital on a chase around the world. This comes to a climax in NYC (which is underwater up to near the top of the Brooklyn Bridge) when the Kapital, the sub and some remnants of the US Navy all find themselves in the bay and at odds with each other. The second story takes place in Norway. A number of villages are killing whales, but they are doing so for subsistence living. Callum is against this, and a few crew members state that this was one of the original missions of the Ninth Wave. Mag argues against fighting - "they eat 10 whales a year" and they are not doing it for profit. The debates are interesting. As with the last volume, I side with Mag.

This five-volume graphic novel series follows the crew of the Kapital, a ship that's roaming a future world where sea levels have inundated most of the coastlines and sent nations and newly formed city-states spasming into survival mode. The ship belongs to a direct action environmental group, captained by a former mercenary, who suddenly have to confront what it means to be environmentalists at the end of the world. Take away: As these volumes rolled out starting in 2013 and ended in 2015, I couldn't wait to get a hold of each and every one. You shouldn't wait, either. http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/rmoore/climate_change_literature_that.html

I was skeptical as to where Wood might take this series before I bought this but ten pages in I was already hooked. Not only does longship keep you interested with more back stories of its characters, but it keeps the low-intensity conflict of post crash earth pumping like storm swells off the shores of Bali. There were times during this read that I was so caught up in the plot that I could

have suffered a few crotch punches from an over medicated seven year old in a Christmas eve shopping mall before realizing what was happening. Overall, great read. Can't wait to see where Wood goes with the next one.

as already said for some of the other issues, great read, great series, important topic very well treated avoiding kitschy story lines.

The story is great, cant wait to see where its going! The artwork is exceptional, it's definitely my favorite style.

Great! I'm collecting the series.

Love this series! Complex characters (for a comic) and well written and paced.

Georg has a nuclear submarine. Mag has demons in his past and Georg is one of them. Callum Israel wants to scuttle the sub but catching it won't be easy once it gets into the fouled waters that used to be New York City. The American military, which may or may not be under the control of the American government, wants Callum to surrender, but Callum regards them as pirates who are trying to steal his ship. This volume gives Callum a chance to drive the Kapital down the streets of Manhattan, which is pretty cool. It also fills in Georg's backstory, explains his relationship to Mag, and sends the story in a new direction. The world that Callum is trying to save is a mess. Is it about to end? Will anyone survive? The real question is, will the crew members of the Kapital survive each other? In the volume's second story, we get some history, pre- and post-crash, of Callum's environmental activism with Ninth Wave. Brian Wood does a nuanced take on the tension between "save the whales" and the need to put food on the table, particularly when hunters are after a species of whale that is not endangered. When the story moves to the present, the reader wonders whether Callum is saving whales, settling an old grudge, or meeting his destiny. And we are left, as always, wondering what the future holds. The Massive is full of surprises -- we're always learning new things about the characters (although too little about the mysterious Mary) -- but the biggest surprise is that the quality of the writing is so consistent. OK, maybe it's not a surprise because Brian Wood is just that good. And as always, the art complements the story perfectly.

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