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# Punisher MAX Vol. 1: In The Beginning



## Synopsis

Prepare to be punished! For the first time ever, Marvel's one-man-army takes center stage in a no-holds-barred Mature Readers series! Writer Garth Ennis and artist Lewis LaRosa take Punisher to the MAX - literally - as the hunter becomes the hunted! Frank Castle's old associate Micro is back, and he's after Frank. But first, he's got an offer for Frank that he'd better not refuse. Get ready for blazing bullets, bloodbaths, and bold beginnings! Collects Punisher MAX #1-6.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is truly what the Punisher series should have been from the beginning; dark, realistic, and violent. Many see the Punisher MAX series as the true story and universe of the Punisher. Its focus on realism is what separates it from other Punisher series. Punisher has no super powers and there are no super villains in this book. It's all about Frank Castle fighting against the evil that still exist in our society; murderers, rapists, kidnappers, etc... Definitely a recommended read if you're looking for something that has cool artwork with a story that focuses on realism rather than characters with super powers.

This is a top-notch Punisher story. Micro, Castle's assistant from many years ago, has shown up with an unnamed group that is looking to take the Punisher down. At the same time, a crew from the Boston-by-way-of-NYC-exile mobsters are also trying to hunt Frank down. Castle is a 55 year old Vietnam Vet (they have stayed true to the 1976 murder, rather than retcon him to being a Gulf War

Vet) who is still fast, strong, angry and incredibly focused. Garth Ennis does a bang up job on the writing - plot, pacing, dialogue, tone, humor, the whole damn thing. The artwork by Larosa and Palmer is fantastic, particularly the upclose shots of Castle. You will be pleased.

Garth Ennis created his version of the Punisher, that honestly, more than likely fits into the same concept that all of us as fans have created in our minds. Frank Castle seeks punishment on those related to the goons that have screwed his life up for ever. The CIA tries to protect Frank's old 'sidekick' while hunting him down with a delta team in the process. Only to realize the mafia has sent their own goons out to do some retaliation for themselves! Even if either party does find Frank, do they honestly think he will surrender without a fight? Good luck! Story is decent and the art is done very well, blood is shed, and this book is very vulgar! Just how most Punisher fans should want it! 4.5/5 stars for me!

I could not put this down, I blasted right through this roller coaster of thrills, suspense, gore and humor. This take on the Punisher is so amazingly good. The story is top notch and the art style makes you feel the grit and the pain. Days later I was telling myself, "man that was a good movie." but no it was a damn comic! It was so immersive that it felt like I watched a freaking MOVIE! In all my years I have never had a comic do that to me. This is a masterpiece, a must read/own/recommend do yourself a favor and get Punisher MAX

The comic is fantastic. I am new to Punisher, because the movies consistently made the character's plight and methods laughable. This series gets off to a great start with massive, calculated violence that I look forward to in the rest of the series. The seller didn't pack the comic as well as I'd prefer -- especially given that this is a first print, otherwise I wouldn't have cared. There was some damage to the corner of the comic, but it's not like it's worth anything more than what I paid for.

Punisher Max: Vol 1 is a great hardcover collection of the first two trades of Garth Ennis and his great but long run on the Punisher (and this is coming from someone who generally doesn't like his work) The first story is one that deals with a special task force that wants to recruit the infamous Punisher to kill criminals for them and one of its members is also long time supporting member Micro. As well as the mob who wants to go after him. It's the better of the two story-lines and I love the way that it defines who exactly Garth Ennis Punisher is. Not to mention the art is awesomely gritty. The second part of this collection is Kitchen Irish with the Punisher having to deal with multiple

rival gangs that are all battling throughout Hell's Kitchen. The story focuses way more on the gangs than Frank and they aren't very compelling criminals making you wish for something to happen. The art is somewhat cartoonish as well and isn't as good as the art in the first half. But it's not bad or anything just a change of pace in comparison to the other volume.

All I have to say is WOW!!! I hated The Punisher movie starring Tom Jane. It was a typical Hollywood POS! It almost killed my hopes of a good Punisher character/story. But this book is everything I had hoped for. For years I never got to see one of my favorite Marvel Characters as he is supposed to be shown. Blood and guts yes but there is also a awesome story to match the beauty that is illustrated in The Punisher Vol 1. Readers will be treated to early battles and wont have to wait too long for Castle to do what he does best. I waited a while to make sure that this is what I wanted and I a so upset with myself that I waited to get this!! I will start collecting the other Vol VERY soon and I will watch for more from this series! If you are a square then you wont like this book but if you think outside the box and love to have a story toss you around and spit you back out then this is it! All you need is right here! BLOOD, GUNS, THE MOB, CASTLE! If you were thinkning about purchasing this book then stop thinkning and buy it already, you WILL NOT be dissapointed! LOOK FOR PUNISHER: WAR ZONE coming to theaters SOON!!!

Loves it and can't wait to read it.

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