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Moon Girl And Devil Dinosaur Vol. 1: BFF



Synopsis

LUNELLA LAFAYETTE is a preteen super genius who wants to change the world-but learned the hard way that it takes MORE than just big brains. Fearful of the monstrous INHUMAN genes inside her, life is turned upside down when a savage, red-scaled tyrant is teleported from prehistoric past to a far-flung future we call TODAY. The pair are many things, and together the most amazing Marvel Team-Up. COLLECTING: MOON GIRL AND DEVIL DINOSAUR 1-6

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Customer Reviews

I have very little knowledge about Devil Dinosaur other than he is a creation of the late-great Jack Kirby. Aside from the occasional appearance here and there, he's one of the lesser Marvel characters. As with every relaunch in the big two DC and Marvel, which this case is All-New, All-Different Marvel, is the release of some oddball series. Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur are the oddball choice. So for me, I'm going into this comic almost blind of what it is. To put it simply, it's a girl and her giant t-rex taking on bad guys. Simple enough. What makes it interesting? It's entirely around all-ages and its simple charm. MOON GIRL AND DEVIL DINOSAUR VOL.1: BFF collects issues #1-6. Lunella Lafayette is a 9-year old girl genius who is far too smart and mature for her age, so she is picked on at school from her fellow classmates and misunderstood from her teachers. Hence the nickname "Moon Girl". She also knows she has the genetic trait of the mutant-alien race of an Inhuman, so she's freaking out knowing if she touches the Terrigen Mist, she'll become one of them. In using a device, she

found, Lunella accidentally opens up a portal to "Dinosaur World", an alternative Earth inhabited by dinosaurs and humanoids coexisting in prehistoric times. The hero of Dinosaur World, the appropriately named Devil Dinosaur, crosses over to Lunella's universe. Now Lunella has to hide and control DD, while looking for solutions to reversing the Inhuman gene from herself and others. Not to mention some evil humanoids from Dinosaur World want the device from Lunella for their own agenda. Beyond my over bloated summary of the book, it's pretty much a whole story about a girl and her pet dinosaur. It's a simple premise, but writers Amy Reeder and Brandon Montclare make for a sweet and charming series appeal to all ages and do so with low level character like DD and a new character like Lunella. With all the hoopla at Marvel lately replacing older characters with younger ones for diversity reasons, it still shows a new face like Lunella can work in this ever changing Marvel landscape. And does Lunella and DD make a good pairing here as complete opposites, yet find out more about each other where you warm up to them as both rub off each other. Lunella is all about brains over brawn and finding out how to fix her dilemma over other people, but thanks to DD it shows her more about how she really feels for others by using her mind for inventions and helping others. The same thing applies for DD who starts out wild, but becomes a likable big dog with his emotions showing care for Lunella and helping others. It's a charming duo once they start getting to know each other, even with evil humanoids running around New York and a cameo appearance from Totally Awesome Hulk. There's a good helping of action and character moments to make a positive book here. Art is solely handled by relatively new penciller Natacha Bustos. It's good art that is partially clean and sketchy, yet matches the tone and style for all ages. There's no blood or real-like violence here, even with all the destruction DD causes throughout New York. I'm most impressed with the subtle expressions the characters give off, conveying the reactions of DD since he can't speak. So it's cute to see the interaction of Lunella and DD by their expressions. As much as I liked this book, I never really warmed up to it until issues #3. This is due to Lunella coming off at first glance snobby, cold, and belligerent to just about everyone, including her own parents and DD. I guess also it doesn't help Lunella is now the smartest character in the Marvel Universe and I did not find her to come off as that, nor brilliant. That's the problem with writing characters who are supposed to be smart but they are not written in such a way to really sell it. I get it this is supposed to be like a genius is to people and far mature for her age, but I didn't like her until she started opening up about herself the second half of the book to the characters and the readers. It's sort of the same thing for DD who is hostile and doesn't appear smart, but he too was likable after a while. Probably this is intentional to

dislike them both at first as they gel after a few issues? And the last piece here is the cliffhanger ending. It's not bad, but it does make one ponder where this might be going. Even with the rocky characters of Lunella and DD the first half (again, it might be purposeful), MOON GIRL AND DEVIL DINOSAUR VOL.1: BFF is an amusing all ages comic with a new character like Lunella and her charming Jack Kirby creation Devil Dinosaur, who steals most of the scenes. It's a positive message for kids and appeals in light-hearted antics like other Marvel series Squirrel Girl, Patsy Walker AKA Hellcat!, and Gwen-Pool (and oddly enough they each star female characters). It may not be change anything drastic in the Marvel Universe, but it's still a unique series in its own right.

I like comics. I'll rephrase that statement. I like good comics. I stumbled upon Devil Dinosaur in the Planet Hulk series from 2015 where he was teamed with Captain America. After reading the first three issues I did an internet search on the character and liked the premise. I am an older fan in my late 40's and now I purchase a lot of collected trade paperbacks as it suits my reading habits better and is more affordable than chasing individual issues with variant covers. This is a good entertaining read. The art is not my taste but I love how Devil Dinosaur is rendered and colored. You do not need to know anything about the characters to read this. It's a great starting point for someone taking a chance on this book. I'm not familiar with the Terrigen virus but it's really does not effect your enjoyment of the story. The character, Lunella is a refreshing change from the Super-Hero stuff I grew up with and I will purchase volume 2 when it becomes available. I purchased my copy at my local comic shop for \$17.99 and I see that it costs \$12 and change on . Great deal! I enjoyed the comic/trade enough that I also purchased the original Devil Dinosaur trade by Jack Kirby. That arrived today and so far I have read the first issue and that's good too. It contains all nine issues from that run in 1979 .The reason I mention that is because I mentioned that the art in the Moongirl and Devil Dinosaur trade was not my taste. It's a little too stylized and meant for children. That's not a bad thing because Jack Kirby's art is definitely stylized and I like it. Take my art review with a grain of salt because I'm probably too old to appreciate newer styles. It did not take away from my enjoyment and I highly recommend this book. It's a safe read for kids and you won't get lost in continuity as the story is a starting point. Enjoy!

The illustrations are awesome, colorful and vivid. I love the story and seeing a character who looks like me. I would have loved having something like this growing up. Well done!

I bought this for my 8-year old daughter who loves all things super heroes. The price was a little steep, but I loved the idea of the super-smart Moon Girl and wanted to see if she did, too. I was surprised when she started to read it but lost interest rather quickly. In fact, she received three graphic novels and this comic book for her birthday about two weeks ago - and she's finished reading the graphic novels but has yet to pick up Moon Girl again. Maybe she's too young...not sure. I'll update once she decides to give it another try.

Yes!! My daughter (age 9) and I both really enjoyed volume one. Except for the ending! Now we can't wait to read volume two. I love this character and her inventive brain. More comics like this one please!

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