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Scott Pilgrims Precious Little Boxset



Synopsis

Looking for the perfect entry point into the world of Scott Pilgrim? Well, this is it, buddy! All six volumes of Bryan Lee O'Malley's epic tale of a slacker's quest to win the heart of the girl of his dreams by defeating her seven evil ex-boyfriends! All together in a beautiful new slipcase! Also includes an exclusive poster featuring an all-new full color piece by Bryan Lee O'Malley!

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Customer Reviews

"Scott Pilgrim vs. the World," the striking film version of the inspired series by Bryan Lee O'Malley, had a disappointing run this year in terms of box office. Even with surprising critical support, the film fell below expectations from a money making standpoint. Now, as we are enjoying the DVD release, I think the world of Scott Pilgrim is about to explode as new fans to the irreverent charm of Scott and company discover the delightfully skewed source material. And I thought, I'd recap the highlights as I've gone back to appreciate the six volumes anew. Volume One: Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life. The 2004 introduction to Scott Pilgrim and his motley band of acquaintances sets the tone perfectly for all that is to follow. We meet the band and Scott's gay roommate, but it's Scott's love life that takes center stage (naturally)! His chaste courtship with the slightly obsessed Knives is hysterical--but everything changes when a bewitching delivery girl named Ramona literally invades his mind. Setting his heart on the mysterious Ramona, Scott soon discovers she has some pretty heavy baggage in the form of seven evil ex-boyfriends that need to be dispatched. A great start to an increasingly bizarre series! Volume Two: Scott Pilgrim vs. The World. The saga continued in 2005 with a chapter that provided numerous flashbacks developing some of Scott's formative

relationships. His deepening affection for Ramona serves to unleash the warrior in Knives. Even as the couple deal with Knives' new aggression, Ramona's second evil ex (a movie star, no less!) drops by and must be dealt with. That's no problem, really, when appealing to his pride and machismo--and his demise barely even registers in comparison to Scott's ex Envy reappearing.

The Scott Pilgrim series covers many universal themes--love, loss, and redemption--and wraps them up in a fun, bubblegum story filled with action, wacky characters, surreal humor, and numerous pop culture references. Sound bizarre? Well, it is, but it's also very heartfelt; the story examines the life of Canadian protagonist Scott Pilgrim and the relationship he develops with Ramona Flowers, a cool American girl he meets at a local party. He quickly falls for her, but dating this girl carries one nasty stipulation--he must defeat her previous seven evil boyfriends, or "evil exes," in combat before they can truly be together. Over the course of the six volume series, Scott faces down these brutes much like one encounters a boss at the end of each level in a video game. In fact, the entire story plays out much like a video game (Super Mario references and all), albeit with better writing than what is often found in that medium. No doubt, author Bryan Lee O'Malley's work here is an ingenious piece of fiction. Although his art is rough (especially in the early volumes), the high-level of emotion he is able to convey with his simple line work is incredible, making for characters that are far more endearing and expressive than they have any right to be. His depiction of the whimsical, almost magical world of Toronto is also sharp. In one sense, the city seems very mundane, with its denizens working dead-end jobs by day and simply hanging out at night. But then Scott will defeat an evil-ex, exploding him into a pile of coins, and then nonchalantly take a trip with Ramona Flowers through the sub-space highway, which is essentially an interdimensional warp zone that links to different areas of the city. (Again, Super Mario fans will understand.

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