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He was the world's greatest hero, but Captain Dynamo was not a faithful husband. Now he's dead and his family is trying to piece their lives together. As his enemies descend on his unprotected city. Captain Dynamo's widow rounds up his five illegitimate children, each of whom have inherited one of their father's super-powers. Can these total strangers come to terms with their powers, their father's legacy and each other as total chaos erupts?

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## Niceguyeddie says

Fans of Ult. Spidey, Invincible, and books of that like look no further. This book has a promising premise as well as a story that pleases... it's good.

Short and sweet set up for the story that still builds as the comic goes on. Twists, action, drama... all around good stuff.

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## Dale says

I picked up this first compilation of Dynamo 5 because I liked the high-concept: Captain Dynamo, a Superman-esque powerhouse, has passed away, but his legacy includes numerous illegitimate children from his many, many affairs. Of his wide array of powers, each of Captain Dynamo's kids inherits one, and together they form an unlikely crimefighting team, under the watchful eye of Captain Dynamo's still-grieving-but-much-cheated-upon widow. And if the series was just those characters going through the generic superhero playbook, I would probably find it amusing enough.

But fortunately it's got more going for it than that. The kids are all in their teens and early twenties and interact about the way you'd expect them to, having suddenly discovered who their father really was and that they have multiple half-siblings. And interwoven with the learning-how-to-use-their-powers-and-fight-as-a-team hijinks are government conspiracies, more of Captain Dynamo's secrets, and big plot twists in just about every issue. I wanted to check this out so that I could say that I had, but I'll almost certainly keep going with the next few volumes to see just how far they can keep pushing the envelope.

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## Sean says

Somehow Jay Faerber creates a comic that isn't dark, edgy, or gritty but is super fun and hip without being forced and cheesy. I had so much fun with this title. Interesting characters and story twists without being too involved. I'm so glad I picked this up. Can't wait to read the next one. Great stuff!

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## Gabriela.? says

La historia principal es muy original, y tenía el potencial para hacer de este cómic uno muy bueno. Pero conforme iba leyéndolo, se volvía predictivo; las acciones de los personajes o lo que iban a decir. Ahora, los personajes principales... Un asiático nerd, un chico blanco y rubio, popular y guapo, una chica gótica, un chico de raza negra cuyo pasado fue duro y además es ladysman, y por último, otra chica de color... todos estos personajes son un poco cliché y tal vez sus personalidades con sus apariencias son un estereotipo más, que para mí, fue un movimiento tonto. Me gustaron los atuendos de los otros súper-héroes y villanos, creo que fueron muy creativos, excepto por los poderes (menos Quake, que la verdad sí me gustó).

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## **Carl Siggins says**

Really enjoyed this story, the artwork was great and I liked the characters.

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## **Nathaniel Michael says**

Excellent artwork and an interesting story. The characters are original and believable. Though this was my first image comic, the setting felt familiar and the world inviting. I will certainly continue following dynamo 5's journeys.

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## **Marc Jentzsch says**

So rather than review each volume (there are 5), I'll just review this one.

Not a lot to say other than I liked the setup a lot. The characters are fun but not astounding and the action sequences seem like they're building to something more.

Obviously the character relationships are what make this book shine and it really seems to finally hit its stride about the time the team falls apart and the Firebirds (or should that be singular? a mother-daughter team with the same powers using the same name) are introduced. That's when secrets really start coming out and the action gets thick and fun. The character roster expands and diversifies and really improves the series.

I have to admit to not liking the change at the end of the 4th volume. For a book that prides itself on being about family relationships as well as superheroics, I expected it to pay a bit more attention to the psychological fallout of that change, yet everyone just adapts and acts like it's no big deal. Bridget (coincidentally my favorite) is the only one that really spends more than an offhand comment on it and even then adapts far better than I would have expected. I suspect that there was more to the change than the author was able to give us, though, and if he'd had time, would have explored at least part of it.

At any rate, it's fun to see the tie-ins with the Nobles and Invincible and the Savage Dragon's kids in the 5th volume and overall, I really appreciate what Faerber and company tried to do with this book.

Heavier than Takio, lighter than Invincible, Dynamo 5 is a fun book that didn't last nearly long enough.

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## **Kurt says**

I don't generally love Image comics, but I love this book. The basic concept is silly - a Superman type dies, and his wife discovers that he was a big jerk who slept around a lot and fathered a few illegitimate kids. So she rounds up five of the kids, shoots them with radiation, and grows herself a super-team in which each kid has one of Dad's five super-powers (strength/invulnerability, flight/speed, eye beams, telepathy, shape-changing). It's all a little convenient, and it really shouldn't work, but it does. The costumes look great -

colors and symbols to look like a team, but each actual costume is adapted to the wearer - and the kids interact well together. They have their own personalities and concerns, and while I wish they had shown a bit more reluctance to call each other family (especially the kids who thought they already knew their dads), I mostly love the way they come together as a team. There are some behind-the-scenes mysteries, but not to a level that drowns out the main stories, and this collection is really a collection of some well-done old-fashioned superhero stories with an unusual team concept.

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### **Joe Sergi says**

The basic plot is simple yet creative. Captain Dynamo was a great superhero with numerous abilities who protected Tower City. He married an intrepid reporter (and secret agent) named Maddie Warner. However, Captain Dynamo was also an unfaithful leech and constantly cheated on his wife, fathering numerous illegitimate children. After Dynamo is murdered, Maddie gathers five of these illegitimate children (each with a different aspect of Dynamo's powers) and forms Dynamo 5 to protect Tower City.

What makes the comic great is Faerber's excellent story telling and focus on the family dynamic aspect to the book. This is not new territory as Faerber, who is also the creator behind Noble Causes. I should mention that Image recently released two very affordable archive editions for Noble Causes (V.1 and v.2). Both are must reads and actually feature the first appearance (and death) of Captain Dynamo. I guess that makes Dynamo 5 a spin-off of Noble causes.

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### **Joe Santoro says**

This is one of a pile of different books that came out around this time that all follow under the basic premise 'what if the heroes aren't so heroic. In this one, the Superman stand-in (Captain Dynamo) dies (in bed.. poisoned by his mistress), and his widow finds he was.. less than faithful. In order to protect the city from the bad guys, she finds 5 illegitimate children of his and attempts to form them into a superhero team.

There's some fun juxtapositions in the cast (the football player has telepathy, the goth/actress girl the super strength) and it's well written with good characters. I'm not sure how much unique ground it can cover as a straight superhero book, but this first seven issues was a fun read, I'll definitely get the next one at some point.

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### **Jeremy says**

Okay, I only read the first issue in this collection, and it sucked. Maybe it got better by leaps and bounds, but the writing in the first issue was pedestrian, and the BIG plot twist was boring, added because it's the cool thing to do.

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### **Wayne says**

This is the best superhero team book today. Dynamo 5 is a creator-owned story, so there isn't decades of

continuity weighing it down. Just great characters, villains, plot twists and art that has the feel of a comic from the 80s.

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### **Brad says**

An enjoyable quasi-family soap opera that meshes the Superman myth with more modern broken families. Jay Faerber has been solid at super-soap operas for years on Noble Causes, and this looks to be more of the same mostly-light, cliffhanger-packed, inconsequential power-fantasy fun.

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### **Garrett says**

For what this is, this is awesome. It's not going to great depth, it's not probing continuity. Dynamo 5 tells you what it is right on the cover - it's a dynamic, action-oriented approach to superhero storytelling that is unburdened by a need to do anything more than tell a good superhero story. The 5 are five illegitimate children of Captain Dynamo, a recently deceased and seriously unfaithful superguy. The half-sibling element kills what might have been ponderous romantic tension, while their stranger relationship makes their team-building and maintenance interesting. Nice, clean art and forward storytelling.

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### **Jennifer says**

I know I'm several years late on this, but DUDE. This book is fantastic. A multi-ethnic, gender-balanced group of young long-lost siblings trying to become a family while fighting crime? I need more NOW.

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