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A new beginning for Invincible as things take a turn down a dark path. Everything changes as Invincible is betrayed by one of his own. You won't want to miss this volume! Collects Invincible #109-114.

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## From Reader Review Invincible, Vol. 20: Friends for online ebook

### Lucas Brown says

Right, that's it. I'm done with this series. I can't take any more. Invincible has continued to try and bring higher-minded ideas and bloodier, more massive fights to its superhero universe and it's finally gone too far. The main character being raped? Ripping a leg off a pregnant woman? Slaughtering the heroic cast en masse? No.

It's sad that the series had come to this. I used to recommend it so highly. Volumes 16-19 were just okay, but this will be my last.

Shame, really.

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### Paz R.M. says

[ROBOT (hide spoiler)]

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### Sebastian Song says

Trust is tested to its limit as our heroes battle their beliefs and actions.

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### Francisco Silva says

Invincible fue uno de los 3 cómics con los que me enganché a este mundillo por allá el 2012. Que creo fue cuando en la página de La Comiquera recomendaron ciertas series para adentrarse en esto.

Lo había dejado de lado para ponerme al día de un tirón ya que Kirkman tiende a dar la paja estirando sus series caleta ( como The Walking Dead por ejemplo). Así que acá vamos:

Este tomo lo leí por números hace casi 4 años pero en su momento no lo resumí por acá, aunque ya sabiendo los giros el impacto es mucho menor: la violación a Mark me sigue pareciendo explícita y que se queda en eso no más, como que el tratamiento es un poco superficial. El twist de Robot sigue siendo rotundamente sangriento y lógico a su manera (ya se venía preparando y no es tirado de las mechas). Es de esos instantes que te dejan frío -como La Boda Roja por ejemplo- y todo se va poniendo más desolador mientras avanza.

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### Jessica says

Not that this series wasn't already for adults, this volume has really reaffirmed that age recommendation. At the end of Volume 19, Invincible had defeated a long time nemesis and been betrayed by a friend. All

seemed like it could be lost, but of course our titular hero has pulled through (would they have to change the name of the comic?). A lot of relationships changed, though some changes didn't even last through these collected issues. As with any dark superhero comic, characters die (and boy do they in this volume!) and some important alliances have shifted unexpectedly. I'm trying to be vague and unspoilerly here. One bummer - Eve is skinny again (albeit super skinny and it is commented upon). Additionally there is an instance of female-upon-male rape that is near-graphically depicted and seemed almost off-tone to me. I'm interested to see the effects of that storyline continue as Kirkman and co. seem to be building it up to something.

As I haven't reviewed many volumes of Invincible on here, I'll note some general things. I love how the coloring is bright and saturated; it contrasts the dark and violent tone of the book. Characters are beaten to bloody pulps (often) and even killed (sometimes), while wearing bright, colorful outfits and on lush grassy fields against a bright blue sky. It's a lovely contradiction. It does make this comic a bit hard to deal with in respect to age appropriateness - it's bright and cartoony like a children's comic but the content becomes rather adult within just a few volumes. The violence is very visible on the page, with mashed in faces and total physical destruction. There's sexual content and jokes (barely off the page), and language (iirc). For adults, I would highly recommend this comic overall. The motivations of characters - "good" and "evil" - are always described in detail and much of the comic is devoted to the reasoning behind the actions of key characters. This volume has come back around to enjoyable, which is sort of surprising for a 20th! I'm looking forward to #21.

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### **Marc Pastor says**

Feia molt temps que havia deixat Invencible de banda. La sèrie no havia punxat, però sí que notaba un desgast i la fórmula es repetia.

Després del descans, va i em trobo aquest volum absolutament excepcional.

Les històries fan un tomb dramàticuíssim, mor gairebé tothom de les formes més cruels, hi ha traicions i hi ha derrotes.

Kirkman agafa el rusc i el sacseja. I les picades són de les que fan mal.

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### **Alex Escalante says**

[Robot (hide spoiler)]

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### **Michael Church says**

This totally would have been 5 stars except for the art. I'm a big fan of Ryan Ottley, but his work here got...sloppy or something. Many times, especially early on, there are faces that are contorted in very weird ways. It seemed like it happened more on the women, too. It really stood out and I know that he's done better in the past.

Otherwise? WHAT A RIDE! The last volume had an amazing cliffhanger that left me on the edge of my seat. This picks up exactly where that left off and doesn't slow down for a minute (after the first issue which did kind of drag in a necessary sort of way). There is too much that I could spoil, but know this is the kind of

thing you will only see in Invincible. Nothing is sacred. There were a lot of jaw dropping moments and even a really intense event for Mark that played out through an entire issue. It was intense and something very rarely explored. I hope they use it effectively going forward and make the right kind of statement with it.

Obviously, this isn't at all new reader friendly. No kid gloves for people who are coming late to the party, but for those that have been on board for awhile, it's another epic adventure.

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### **Ryan Trepanier says**

I think I'm due for a review. My...God... I cannot believe how this series has maintained momentum throughout. I'd say it's probably even gaining momentum for me. I didn't know how it would be able to continue after the Viltrumite war, but amazingly, it's gotten better since then. I am no longer worried about how Kirkman is going to end this. I have complete faith it'll be satisfying (or unsatisfying in a satisfying way if that makes any sense at all).

I am in the home stretch now and I can see the finish line. I want it to finish and I also don't want it to finish. It'll be nice to be free to read something else, but my Reading Challenge is certainly happy I've tackled this entire series in the last couple of months.

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### **Maria Kramer says**

[Mark gets raped. That is...not something you see often with male superheroes. (hide spoiler)]

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### **James DeSantis says**

This is the BEST fucking volume since Conquest showed up. Holy smokes, this shit is insane.

Spoilers from last volume but Mark was trapped in the other dimension. He's able to stay there a few months, get everything up and running, and splits back to his dimension. Six months later....oh no. But everything seems normal until he shows up back at his home.

Shit goes insane from there. A certain someone comes to visit him and forces him to do unspeakable things. Then Mark confronts Robot but shit does NOT go the way he expected. People begin dying left and right. MARK RUN! NO! OMG! DEATH EVERYWHERE! Ugh this was so hard to read yet I couldn't stop once I started.

This was heartbreaking, intense, well paced, and fucking insane. This made me want to read the next volume right away because it's so fucking good. This is why I keep Invincible so high on my list. Because of volumes like this.

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## **Drown Hollum says**

Volume 19 left us in a dark new place for Invincible and co. and things only go downhill from there. Mark has the absolute worst day ever, and if you've been following the series, you know that really means something. Volume 20 is the darkest, most intense, status quo challenging chapter in Invincible history yet. Be prepared for the worst.

That said, of course, the series continues to be brilliantly written, and expertly drawn by Kirkman and Ottley. The plotting in Invincible is incredible, and impressively amps up with every new story arc. With the new conflict, volume 20 reads as one of the smoothest, most engaging Invincible stories yet.

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## **Timothy Boyd says**

Another very well written collected volume if this comic series. Nice story line that continues to build on the past history of the series. but a warning don't get too attached to any of the secondary characters and you never know will get maimed or killed. Superheroing is a dangerous business in the Invincible universe. Recommended

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## **Brian says**

I like that I never know where this book is going.

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## **Aldo Haegemans says**

What a trip! Just insane!!!! More of this Please

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