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Jim Shooter : Secret Wars II before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Secret Wars II:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Save your money By John Kohl I really didnt enjoy this series. Ive gone back and read many of the classic stories from the 80s like Secret Wars (original), infinity crisis, etc. This one was very weak and very shallow. It was only a trunk from which all other crossover stories could be branched off of. The books only had enough story to meagerly link one crossover issue to another or to act as a teaser for another series

crossover. The actual story of the Beyonder's fulfillment could (and should) have been condensed to two issues. I recall the same feeling of buyer's remorse when I actually bought every crossover issue of the Inferno plot line from a few years after this one was released. The story did have impact on the three main X titles of the day, but the Thor, Fantastic Four, Power Pack, etc. issues were a very weak tie-in and contributed nothing to the actual plot line. Similar to this, the limited series had some effect on the major Avengers family of titles. But this series itself in a vacuum is not worth the money and certainly not worth the time spent reading. 21 of 22 people found the following review helpful. Secret Wars 2 - Reliving 80s Comics Glory! By JohnFondly I remember the Marvel Secret Wars storylines during the mid-80s, when I was first getting into comics. Not having money, I'd get what was available at the library, so it was great to experience all major heroes/villains in a few short issues--a feat which otherwise would take years and many separate titles. The Secret Wars II sequel, nicely collected in this paperback, fanned out across many other titles, but the mainline 9-issue story is here. Those who didn't want the 2009 hardcover omnibus, Secret Wars II Omnibus (which includes all cross-overs), will find this edition to their liking. But note that, due to the cross-over nature that was the intent of SW2, some scenes in the mainline series seem "cut" and disjointed, but with a short caption explanation. The first Secret Wars was essentially an all-action shoot-em-up. In this sequel, the omnipotent Beyonder (instigator of the 1st series) comes to Earth to learn more about this intangible element "desire" which drives all men. As such, SW2 plays more like a treatise on philosophy: how does one who is omnipotent find satisfaction? For me, a pre-teen barely in junior high, this was pretty awesome stuff. (Having cut my teeth on this, I remember years later scoffing at the movie Dogma, which others thought so profound.) There is also much humor early in the series as a naive Beyonder appears out of nowhere in Steve Rogers' (Capt. Amer.) body, asking Peter Parker, "Why is eating?" or munches on a glass bottle of soda or chops carrots in a blender whilst driving a Lamborghini...in the sky! Ah, the Bronze Age of 80s comics! An age when the story reigned supreme and art sometimes took a back seat. Compared to modern comics, the art of SW2 might be deemed less-than-quality--indeed, there is one issue where a hot-dog vendor randomly acquires a brown suit jacket for a single panel, then goes back to his apron! There are other such goofs, but for me that only adds to the charm (though it still loses a star for lack of quality control in the art dept.). But what stories! Each issue of SW2 is packed with lots to read on every page, such that a single issue would take me about 25min. to read, compared at 6-7min. for modern comics. SW2 is definitely an acquired taste. And I would like to say this book is for fans only, but the thing is, how does one become a fan of anything without experiencing it for the first time? If you find modern comics to be bland, story-wise, SW2 is definitely worth checking out. If you only want to look at pretty pictures, and find captions, speech balloons, ideas and literacy a distraction, you'd best keep looking. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Beyonder goes to the bathroom. By Jason C. Thurston The Beyonder learns to poop from Spider-Man.

Last time Earth's heroes encountered the Beyonder, they fought for their lives. This time, they fight for all existence! A year after kidnapping the most powerful beings on Earth and pitting them against one another in a "Secret War" on a distant world, the omnipotent Beyonder comes to Earth to continue his study of humanity. However, a being so powerful and so naive is a dangerous combination. As the Beyonder's understanding slowly grows, so too do his own desires - and even the lord of lies, Mephisto, fears what the Beyonder might finally decide he desires. Because if the Beyonder decides he wants to end all that is, even the combined might of the universe's cosmic powers might not be enough to stop him! Collecting SECRET WARS II #1-9.