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**Bill Parker : Shazam!: A Celebration of 75 Years** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Shazam!: A Celebration of 75 Years:

81 of 81 people found the following review helpful. A Sampling of Captain Marvel ComicsBy David SwanI really didnt know what to expect with this book given the paucity of product description. It is purportedly a celebration of the 75th anniversary of Capt. Marvel and I was hoping it was more than just reprints of stories. Now dont get me wrong. I wasnt asking for new comic material and I love reading old Capt. Marvel stories which rarely get reprinted.

Its just that with 400 pages I was hoping for maybe 30 or 40 new pages of text celebrating The Worlds Mightiest Mortal but alas. It is all old reprinted material. Even the rather short section introductions are reprinted. In the case of the first introduction it was taken from Volume 1 of the Shazam Archives. Now I love Capt. Marvel and this is a fine selection of stories but as a celebration its somewhat lacking. If youre a fan of the character or love comics this is a terrific price for 400 pages of material but the price may be low because there is nothing new here. So here is exactly what you get "Introducing Captain Marvel" - Whiz Comics #2 (1940) Origin Story "The Vengeful Four" - Whiz Comics #21 (1941) First Appearance of Marvel Lieutenants "Captain Marvel Introduces Mary Marvel" - Captain Marvel Adventures #18 (1942) First Appearance of Mary Marvel "Baffin Land" - Captain Marvel Jr. #12 (1943) Appearance of Capt. Nazi "Mr. Mind's Movie Madness/Peril Behind the Camera" - Captain Marvel Adventures #38-39 (1944) Although just two chapters in the 25 chapter long Monster Society of Evil storyline the chapters are self contained enough for the reader to enjoy. "The Mighty Marvels Join Forces!" - Marvel Family #1 (1945) First Appearance of Black Adam "Phantom of the Forest" - Hoppy the Marvel Bunny (1946) "King Kull and the Seven Sins" - Captain Marvel Adventures #137 (1952) "Captain Marvel Battles the World" - Captain Marvel Adventures #148 (1953) "Make Way for Captain Thunder" - Superman #276 (1974) "In the Beginning/The World's Wickedest Plan" - Shazam #1 (1973) The true introduction of Capt. Marvel to DC comics. Art by C.C. Beck "Ibac Meets Aunt Minerva" - Shazam #29 (1977) "The Snatching of Billy Batson" - World's Finest #275 (1982) "Superman and Shazam" - DC Comics Presents #49 (1982) Superman and Captain Marvel battle Black Adam "Where Dreams End" - L.E.G.I.O.N. #31 (1991) Captain Marvel battles Lobo "Things Change/The Arson Fiend" - The Power of Shazam #1-2 (1995) "Yeah - This is a Face Only a Mother Could Love" - The Power of Shazam #33 (1997) An odd choice for inclusion. Billy/Capt. Marvel attempt to restore the horribly scared face of a young burn victim (a result of The Arson Fiend's actions) but the whole story comes off as tremendously tone deaf to people with facial disfigurements. The title of the story pretty much says it all. "Oh Captain, My Captain" - Action Comics #768 (2000) Very weird story with some dodgy art. If it's representational of the era this was not a good time for Capt. Marvel. "Enlightenment" - JSA #48 (2003) Story doesn't even include an appearance by Capt. Marvel but it's still good. "NXIB GZPVH GSV XZVP" - Shazam, The Monster Society of Evil #2 (2007) This is just one issue from a four issue limited series by Jeff Smith "Shazam!" - Justice League #21 (2013) This is the last part of a continuing story line where Captain Marvel (I refuse to call him Shazam) battles against Black Adam 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Excellent presentation, mediocre selection. By RichMAs a Captain Marvel fan, it's hard not to be excited by any new collection of stories. And this collection is presented beautifully, on glossy paper with vibrant colors, looking better than they did when first published. Like they say about pizza-- when it's good, it's great, and even when it's bad, it's still pretty good. The disappointment in this book is that it could have been so much more. There is virtually no new content (the forward is a reprint, no interviews, commentary on the stories, etc). In their goal to show the full 75 years of Captain Marvel's existence, the editors have included a LOT of post-1970's content, which suffers in comparison to the 1940's and 1950's stuff, which there isn't enough of. And while curiosities like "Make Way for Captain Thunder!" are fun, it doesn't really belong in this book. Still, there's a lot to like in this book. The Lieutenant Marvels origin story remains a favorite, and the Jerry Ordway and Jeff Smith content is pretty good stuff. And the price is reasonable for a glossy package like this. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Almost a 5. SHAZAM! By Paul S. Power I would have given this book 5 stars. The reason why I didn't is this. I hate it when the old Fawcett, Captain MARVEL stories are reprinted without being retouched or printed from bad copies of those old stories. DC should spend some money to restore the panels, to give the comic book fan a better product. Come on DC give these old comics some respect that they deserve. Go purchase golden age copies of the Captain MARVEL, WHIZ comic books and scan directly from them. We'd thank you for it. Spend some money and don't be so bloody cheap. If it's a celebration. Then do it in style. The overall book design is very nice. So don't be cheap.

2015 marks the 75th anniversary of Shazam! DC Comics is proud to present this new hardcover anthology collecting some of Shazam's greatest stories.