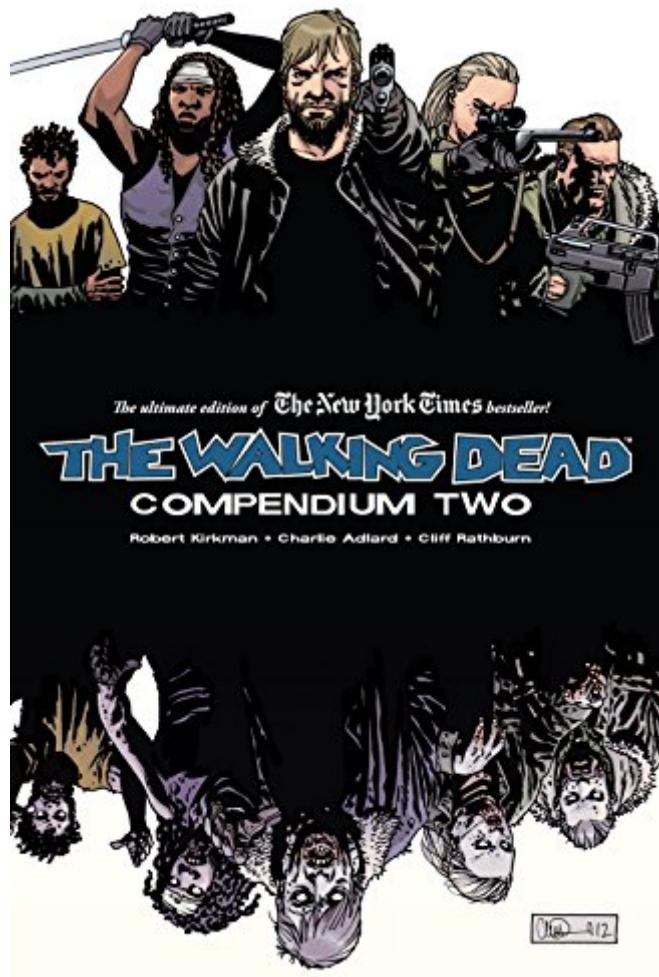


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# The Walking Dead Compendium Vol. 2



## **Synopsis**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Kirkman's frighteningly realized world of the zombie apocalypse hits its stride in the second compendium of this graphic serial. The ground rules have now been firmly established: a mysterious viral infection has turned most of humanity into shambling hordes of ravenous creatures. Society has collapsed, resources are scarce and no where is really safe. Desperate choices have to be made at every turn. Beloved characters can and do die with heart-breaking frequency. And every day, horrible things happen to fundamentally decent people; man, woman and child. And then there's this chillingly unique spin on the time-worn zombie trope: in Kirkman's universe every living soul is already infected. Regardless of how they die, everyone is doomed to rise as a zombie. The only thing that can spare you that grim fate is a well-placed blow or shot to the brain. But throughout it all, Kirkman keeps us focused on one central premise: in the time of the apocalypse when the dead roam the earth, it is the living that one must truly fear; not the undead. Thus the titular conceit

refers not to the undead ghouls, but the hapless survivors themselves; constantly on the move, always one step away from death, and steadily losing the last shreds of their humanity. The survivors are already walking corpses save one scant biological distinction. What does it mean to be human when survival often comes only at the expense of others? Who are the real monsters when both the living and undead prey upon those struggling to survive? This central theme is the essential genius of this comic series, beautifully illustrated in lavish, gruesome detail, peppered with chilling dialog and some of the tightest, most soul-searing plotting outside a Cormac McCarthy novel. This is a very dark, very adult "comic" series; but it has profoundly insightful things to say about the nature of humanity.

Ok so I did not get into the comics until after the second season was over. By that time the comics were jumping in price due to the popularity of the series. I ended up buying a few of the graphic novels and it started getting pricey. I was able to borrow from a friend to get up to where this compendium two starts and purchased this which was much more cost effective. As expected, it is awesome! It is very well written, gripping and drawn exceptionally well. It is an easy read but it is so compelling. I enjoy comparing the comics to the tv series. I am so pumped to get the 3rd which I am ordering now...I need some TWD fix until the next season starts up again...in October. :( It is really cool to see the differences and also some back stories on some of the characters that they don't show you on TV.

If you are a fan of The Walking Dead, you need to read this Compendium. For one, it's awesome. For two, it's the most cost-effective way of reading all the issues. I am eagerly awaiting Compendium Three. I found The Walking Dead at the end of the TV show's 2nd season. After catching up on that, I started looking for more Walking Dead material to keep me occupied. Now, if you are not familiar with The Walking Dead in print, it is different from the TV show. Or shall I say, the TV show is different from the print version, since it's the print version that came first. This does not bother me in the least, or cause any kind of confusion. I actually sort of like it because it means I get that much more entertainment from it.

Kirkman's second compendium drives the story of Rick and his group further into the darkness of humanity after the apocalypse. The second compendium, much like the first one, is a page turner as Rick Grimes's character continues to develop. I like the depth and range of characters developed in The Walking Dead from Rick as the quasi-sheriff from High Noon who stands for morals and beliefs

from a bygone world, the ultra-comic heroine in Michonne and especially Carl as he struggles to mature in a world where innocence is stolen and day-to-day survival is the unwritten code. Kirkman explores what really matters in humanity in *The Walking Dead* as the group searches for something more than survival--to be humane.

If you read and liked compendium 1 you won't regret this purchase. The price is so much better than purchasing the volumes/issues independently. If you're not a comic reader (like I wasn't until I became obsessed with *TWD* tv show) it can be really confusing figuring out what you need to read to keep up to date with the comics since this comic is still being produced. After this you want to start reading Volume 17 and up, or else you have to wait for the 3rd compendium but that might not be out for another 6 months/year at least.

Really nothing like the AMC series but gives you a different insight into the characters than just watching the series on TV. I started with Compendium two cause I couldn't wait to see what was going to happen in the latest season. Loved this and the artwork.

Zombies! Bought Compendium one, loved it....waited patiently for compendium two! Got it today and already made a good dent in it! Would like it better in a digital version though, I just prefer reading on my iPad, and I really don't buy actual books anymore....with the exception of these two :)

I love this compendium. The writing and artwork are terrific. So nice to get all these issues in 1 book. Just wish that it was in color.

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