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Kaguya-sama: Love Is War Aka Akasaka 2018-07-03 Will Kaguya and Miyuki share the shelter of an umbrella in a storm? Is carrying a knife dripping with blood proof that Kaguya is trying to kill a member of the student council? How will Kaguya react when Chika introduces her to potty humor? Then, Chika must intervene when Miyuki dispenses bad advice on a topic he knows nothing about, Miyuki tries to develop his kinesthetic intelligence, and Kaguya and her personal assistant play a practical joke on Miyuki that has dire consequences. Caffeine is required drinking. -- VIZ Media

NEKOMONOGATARI (BLACK) NISIOISIN 2019-06-05 Following up on the high note of family ties on which the previous installment concluded, but preceding it chronologically, we find Araragi and his little sister Tsukihi, the heroine of the last volume, in full sibling rivalry mode as they bicker about love. The conversation that cannot end unfolds in its unabashed original glory herein. Like KIZUMONOGATARI, which delved into our narrator's disastrous spring break, Cat Tale (Black) is a prequel about another catastrophe, mentioned often yet never recounted even in a foregoing chapter dedicated to Miss H.: namely, the model student's rampage over Golden Week, a string of holidays starting at the end of April. Closing out what has come to be known as the "First Season" of the series, this episode of 'GATARI, as rich as ever in silly banter and poignant profundities, richer than usual in snide meta comments about the anime, will make you laugh and cry, or just put a grownup smile on your face, maybe, but is guaranteed to stay with you forever.

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Konosuba: God's Blessing on This Wonderful World!, Vol. 4 (light novel) Natsume Akatsuki 2017-12-19 IT'S TIME FOR REST, RELAXATION...AND RELIGION?! Kazuma and crew have made it through the winter in one piece (for the most part), and they're in dire need of a break...and for stressed and tired adventurers, there's only one place to go—the hot springs! With open-air baths and beautiful mountain scenery, Arcanletia has everything they need for a relaxing vacation. Not only that, but rumor has it the Demon King's army is avoiding the place. The reports also say it's because Aqua's Axis Church scared them off, but her loyal followers can't be that bad, right...?

NEKOMONOGATARI (WHITE) NISIOISIN 2019-10-08 Launching into new territory that the author hadn't mapped out when he embarked on the series, NEKOMONOGATARI (White) tells the tale of heroine Tsubasa Hanekawa from her own perspective, in her own voice—if that can hold true for a damaged soul who, depending on who you're asking, suffers from a split personality or a supernatural aberration. The bone-chilling brokenness of her household, where father and mother and daughter keep three separate sets of cookware in the same kitchen and only ever prepare their own meals, and the profound darkness nurtured in the genius schoolgirl's heart, come to life, if that is the word, through her self-vivisection. As for our customary unreliable narrator, Araragi, we seem to learn revealing tidbits about him now that we have an outside view of him at last, while his lady friends Senjogahara, Hachikuji, et al, freed from his predilection for proudly inane banter, show subtly new faces to us via their female interlocutor. Welcome to the Second Season.

A Certain Magical Index, Vol. 3 (light novel) Kazuma Kamachi 2016-02-23 Touma Kamijou is the unluckiest boy in Academy City. Having settled the magical side of his problems for a while, the scientific side of things starts to heat up when Touma's rival-turned-friend Mikoto meets her own clone. That's only the beginning of a chain of events that leads Touma and Mikoto to face their deadliest foe yet. Kazuma Kamachi's smash-hit light novel series continues!

BAKEMONOGATARI (manga) 4 NISIOISIN 2020-06-23 "'I love you.'" "I smelt for you, Senjogahara." Koyomi accepts Hitagi's feelings and solves Mayoi Hachikuji's dilemma. Everything starts to look up...until a mysterious raincoat busts him up out of nowhere...!"

The Bleeding Worlds Book One Justus R. Stone 2012-10-30 Seventeen year old Gwynn Dormath likes to keep his head down. He's been hurt in the past, and he figures if the world doesn't notice him, he's less likely to lose anything more. Trouble is, the girl he's crushed on for the past couple years suddenly decides to ask him out for Halloween. Despite all the alarms going off in his

head, he says yes. It sucks when the alarms are right. A prank literally explodes and Gwynn finds himself imbued with powers he doesn't understand and can't control. So much for going unnoticed. Gods of old, angels of death, and creatures of myth start arriving in Gwynn's small suburban town, and they're all focusing on him. He's no hero. He has no love for the world. But he just might be the only one who can save it.

Konosuba: God's Blessing on This Wonderful World!, Vol. 5 (light novel) Natsume Akatsuki 2018-04-24 After Kazuma and crew's less-than-relaxing vacation, Yunyun burst onto the scene with shocking news-the Crimson Magic Clan is in danger, and she wants to bear his children to save it! Kazuma returns with her to the village, but the situation isn't quite what he expected...

Francis of the Filth George Miller 2017-09-11 The tiers are shifting. The omniverses are under attack. And only one man has the chromosomes to make things right. Or does he? Filthy Frank begins life as the harmless creator of extinction level radioactive weapons, but is taken far into the deepest recesses of the omniverses to learn how everything came to be and how everything will be. If it were only that simple. He and his group of deviant disciples are chased from realm to realm by murderous chimpillas and treacherous peace lords, as he seeks to understand the dark secrets of the omniverses. An encounter with the Ultimate God might be his only chance, but Frank must first survive not only those who fight for evil but his own struggle for good as well. If only his chromosomes would stop multiplying...

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BAKEMONOGATARI (manga), volume 11 Oh! Great 2021-11-09 Having defeated Dramaturgy, Koyomi must now face the half-vampire vampire-hunter, Episode. This newest opponent is no match for Koyomi's full vampiric abilities, but what Episode lacks in power he makes up for in strategy. Brute strength may not cut it for Koyomi this time, so he'll have to use his head or lose it...

ONIMONOGATARI NISIOISIN 2019-10-08 It, like the dark that makes up most of the

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cosmos, is not an aberration. Nonbeing can swallow you whole, yet if anything, it's the anti-aberration. Darkness, in fact, is the Law, an executioner from whom a mark can try to run and hide, but only for so long. When it comes calling, the fortunate just might have the time to say goodbye. And the Darkness is—here now. Before ever visiting Japan to find a place to die, four centuries, indeed, before her failed suicide attempt, the legendary vampire Kisshot literally stepped foot on the land of the rising sun with an epic jump that ended a lonely sojourn in Antarctica. It was back in those days that the proud noble created her first thrall. It was then, too, that she first met the Darkness. Having messed with a more recent past with her help, and returning to the present to reunite with two more characters that look like little girls but are actually his elders, Thrall No. 2 Araragi reclaims the mic only to cede it in large part to the bloodsucking demon who goes by “Shinobu” these days. Her story, though, may not even be the most poignant one told herein.

KABUKIMONOGATARI NISI0ISIN 2019-10-08 How far does one go to help a lost child? In the case of returning narrator Araragi, the answer is too far, across the veil of time. Dutifully (if unknowingly) following up on Hachikuji's cheeky foreshadowing, he concerns himself with his young lady friend and her fate in this installment of the cult-hit series, heroically unable, once again, to find his own way home. Thus the tale is also, or more so, about the journey itself, the dark honeymoon of a trip he takes into the past with the dweller in his shadow, Shinobu. Even among a cast that routinely disrespects chronology with their meta-commentary, she takes the cake, or the donut, by rewinding the clock for a perverse road movie, one that by and large goes nowhere, spatially. It's Kabuki not as in the theater, but with the character for “tilt”—as in a slanted attitude toward the world, the posture of a bohemian. Or, perhaps, of a legendary vampire who once sought death, and of a high school senior who once tuned out life doing their dandy best to attend to an embarrassing wealth of aberrations in a provincial town.

Pretty Boy Detective Club, volume 3 NISI0ISIN 2021-04-27 From the renowned author NISI0ISIN, the creator of BAKEMONOGATARI, Zaregoto Series and KATANAGATARI. Comes a new, innovative mystery series, Pretty Boy Detective Club! Mayumi Dojima is finally a full-fledged member of the Pretty Boy Detective Club, known to her compatriots as Mayumi the Seer, she of the beautiful eyes. Summoned suddenly to the disused art room that serves as the club's headquarters, Mayumi is pressed into service to assist with an ambitious redecorating project. But when they discover a secret room containing thirty-three mysterious canvases, the Pretty Boys are faced with their most perplexing puzzle yet. Who is responsible for these strange paintings, and are they connected to an impossible kidnapping that took place at Yubiwa Academy seven years ago? The third installment of the Pretty Boy series offers a beautiful mystery with an even more beautiful solution! Best-selling author NISI0ISIN (Monogatari series, Decapitation, Katanagatari) brings his trademark blend of wit, wordplay, adventure, and cracked philosophy to a new mystery series for fans of all ages.

KIZUMONOGATARI NISIOISIN 2015-12-15 Around midnight, under a lonely street lamp in a provincial town in Japan, lies a white woman, a blonde, alone, robbed of all four limbs, yet undead. Indeed, a rumor's been circulating among the local girls that a vampire has come to their backwater, of all places. Koyomi Araragi, who prefers to avoid having friends because they'd lower his "intensity as a human," is naturally skeptical. Yet it is to him that the bloodsucking demon, a concept "dated twice over," beckons on the first day of spring break as he makes his way home with a fresh loot of morally compromising periodicals. Always disarmingly candid, often hilariously playful, and sometimes devastatingly moving, *KIZUMONOGATARI: Wound Tale* is the perfect gateway into the world of author NISIOISIN, the bestselling young novelist in Japan today. The prequel to *BAKEMONOGATARI* ("Monster Tale"), this is where the legendary *MONOGATARI* series, whose anime adaptations have enjoyed international popularity and critical acclaim, begins. A theatrical feature based on *KIZUMONOGATARI* is due to be released in Japan in January 2016.

The Billionaire Next Door Jessica Lemmon 2016-10-25 Can't Buy Me Love It's Tag Crane's job to be the life of the party. Traveling from one exotic locale to another is just part of running the luxurious Crane Hotel empire. But even paradise isn't perfect. Devising a new business strategy is keeping Tag up at night-and so is the Great Dane barking at all hours in the apartment below his. To muzzle the problem, Tag charges downstairs . . . right into the most beautiful, blond distraction he's ever seen. Dog-sitting by day, bartending by night. It's not exactly the life Rachel Foster dreamed of. But when Tag Crane rushes in, all mountain-man shoulders and obscenely sexy smile, needing her help for the Crane Hotels, it's a fantasy come true. What's the harm in a fun no-strings fling? Only a fool would give her heart to a billionaire player like Tag-until suddenly the one man who can't be caught is the one flirting with forever . . .

TSUKIMONOGATARI NISIOISIN 2019-10-08 Launching the third or "Final Season" of the international cult-hit series, *Possession Tale* returns the narrator's headset back to high school senior and amateur savior Koyomi Araragi, who used to eschew friendship once upon a time because it'd lower his "intensity as a human"—a loner's misgiving that was perhaps on the mark in a different way than he intended. At issue now is not the precarious fate of one of his cherished confrères, or rather consœurs, whom he'd aid, sight unseen, with a monster's resilience, but his own aberrant state and its prolonged abuse. If everything comes with a bill, and if no man is an island, then is the price of self-sacrificing amity—and the bloodshed it ironically occasions—becoming inhuman for good? That being said! Our hero, whose first name means "calendar" but who has none in his room, sees no need to rush, so, on our way to the profound mysteries of the superhuman aspect, expect a super-shallow deconstruction of the alarm clock. On hand this volume to (hardly ever) humor his humor: his little sisters, a living doll of a corpse, and its violent mistress.

Seraph of the End: Guren Ichinose, Resurrection at Nineteen Takaya Kagami
2019-12-31 From the popular *Seraph of the End* series comes the latest prequel

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of the manga! After the events of Seraph of the End: Catastrophe at Sixteen... Guren Ichinose has committed a grievous sin—by bringing his friends back to life, he has violated the iron-clad taboo against human resurrection, and the Seraph of the End has brought the human race to its knees. The only survivors are demons and children, and those few who remain are threatened by rampaging monsters and callous vampires rounding up human beings like cattle. Faced with overwhelming despair, the survivors band together in hopes of reviving their world. Tormented by the sin he has committed and unable to share the burden with his friends, Guren sets out on a new journey amid the ruins of the world he himself destroyed. But is he man or demon, savior or angel of death? Not even he knows for sure.

OWARIMONOGATARI, Part 3 NISIOISIN 2020-10-27 From the best selling novel series comes the latest book of the final season of the Monogatari Series. No good deed goes unpunished, they say, and so does friendship and lowering your intensity as a human, they don't say—alas, for all his literally painful hustle and inveterate need to save others, our brave fool of a hero ends up in hell, a conception of the inferno in its full Buddhist glory, and muses (lol) if there's a return ticket. Told in three chapters, the final part of End Tale concludes the story proper and resolves the series' panoply of ongoing mysteries: the dues of a do-gooder for relying on a power not his own, the identity of a shady transfer student, the outcome of a class president's questing abroad, and even the true name of a park. Araragi, indeed, is the one who knows, but along the way he meets old faces, really every last one of them, who aid him on his journey for understanding, and perhaps for salvation, and you for one might not be surprised if he had another rendezvous with an erstwhile "cloistered princess" before it—guess what it is—sees an end.

Naruto: Naruto's Story--Family Day Akira Higashiyama, Takashi Yano, Shin Towada, Jun Esaka, Mirei Miyamoto 2020-08-04 To celebrate Family Day, Konohagakure's new holiday, Naruto and his daughter, Himawari, are on the hunt for an elusive must-have item. Hinata wants to make the day memorable for her family, and even Sasuke makes special time with his daughter, Sarada, and his wife, Sakura! At the end of the day, will Family Day be a success? -- VIZ Media

OWARIMONOGATARI, Part 2 NISIOISIN 2020-08-25 When an old flame who gave up on life and chose to go up in flames—because he wanted to leave you but couldn't—comes crawling back after four hundred years, you might not appreciate it, especially if you're in a new relationship. But nothing's ever simple between people, and that's even truer between monsters. For the first time in months, our heroic loser Araragi is human, parted by previous events from the ex-legendary vampire bound to his shadow. Before he, the second-ever thrall of the former Kissshot, can resume his partnership with the donut-loving waif that she's turned into, she must make a choice—about that first-ever. Before the End Tale can end, some loose ends must be tied, and in this volume, the fixer Gaen calls in her favor, requesting an introduction to her niece; the errand of the amulet that Araragi ran with Kanbaru comes into crisp focus; and the time-traveling and -spanning Dandy and Demon Tales see their devastating resolution.

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OWARIMONOGATARI, Part 3 NISIOISIN 2021-01-26 During his third year in high school, Koyomi Araragi is introduced to a transfer student named Ougi Oshino. Ougi tells Koyomi that there is something odd about Naoestu High School... a secret room on that's not on the map. What will Koyomi and Ougi find in this hidden room?

KOYOMIMONOGATARI, Part 1 NISIOISIN 2019-06-17 Presented in two parts with covers that will form a diptych, Calendar Tale, narrated by our titular hero, sends us to various earlier points in the story where certain events had yet to occur—when, for instance, the shady “expert” Oshino was still in town, and the ex-legendary vampire Shinobu hadn't tired of sulking in a corner. Weaving in a motif of ways, paths, roads, and streets—walks of life—the nostalgic vignettes hark back to the “case files” feel of the series-launching Monster Tale, but with a twist. Not all oddities are supernatural: stones and flowers; sand and water; the wind and the tree can just be plain weird without being aberrations. In this installment, say hello from the future to class president among class presidents Hanekawa, acid-tongued girlfriend Senjogahara, cheeky lost child Hachikuji, smutty athlete Kanbaru, pathologically shy Sengoku, and justice-loving martial artist Karen, young ladies who love to make our young man sweat.

KATANAGATARI, 3 NISIOISIN 2019-11-26 From NISIOISIN, the renowned author that brought you the Monogatari Series and Zaregoto Series, comes his samurai action adventure story. Swordless “swordsmen” Shichika and self-described “schemer” Togame are on a quest to obtain twelve peculiar masterpiece blades. Pitting the former against his sister, who has acquired one of the legendary weapons, and the latter against a rival at court, Princess Negative, this hardcover edition, featuring a gatefold color insert, beautiful interior art, and copious bilingual footnotes, is the third of a quartet collecting a best-selling series from the former homeland of samurais and ninjas.

KOIMONOGATARI NISIOISIN 2019-01-29 Circling back to a middle school girl's apotheosis, if we can call it that, in Otorimonogatari, and the mortal threat

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it poses to the hero and his girl, this "Season Two" finale is narrated, for the first time in the series, by a grown-up—but if the word conjures a sense of reliability, of stability and certainty to you, dear reader, then the lesson to take home from this is to trust no one. Because the teller of the tale, who has been summoned by the heroine to defuse the situation, despite having been her nemesis since the very outset of the series, is—in the absence of the equally shady adult, Oshino, who at least was an expert—none other than his college frenemy, the fake ghostbuster who doesn't believe in ghosts, the shameless swindler Deishu Kaiki. And it is indeed a con that he agrees to perpetrate, uncharacteristically pro bono, on a wrathful god—a mythic undertaking if true, which it may be, when a liar among liars holds that his story, like any other, is all a lie. But maybe not, when a man who claims to be wise in the ways of the world sounds just as self-conscious as his adolescent counterparts or a Russian anti-hero.

Colorful Dreams 2019-10-29 From VOFAN, the star illustrator of the Monogatari series of novels written by NISIOISIN, comes a full-color artbook of his best personal works. Praised by the fans around the world as "The Magician of Light and Shadow from Taiwan", VOFAN is famous for using a vibrant art style combined with unique camera techniques in his art. As the main illustrator for NISIOISIN's novel series for over a decade, VOFAN has illustrated more than 30 book covers and has created dozens of original character designs. Beside his extensive illustration works for NISIOISIN, VOFAN has illustrated magazine covers such as Famitsu and Fancy Frontier Magazine. VOFAN is also the main character designer for the popular Playstation 3 RPG Time and Eternity.

Imperfect Girl NISIOISIN 2018 The improbable imprisonment that transformed "I" into a novelist continues into a third, fourth and fifth day. "U" obsesses over formalities, as "I" quietly coaxes her into taking care of herself. As this bizarre farce of a kidnapping stretches towards the inevitable breaking point, "I" starts to discover the truth about "U", a truth he should never have learned...

Voices of a Distant Star Makoto Shinkai 2019-07-30 Award-winning director and author Makoto Shinkai offers a romantic sci-fi tale about young love and space adventure, based on his animated film. This new novel gives readers more insight into Mikako and Noboru's relationship. Fans of the original series will again be immersed in the beautiful world of Shinkai. The word, "world"... I vaguely thought it meant anywhere there was cell phone reception. It's the year 2046. Mikako Nagamine and Noboru Terao are middle school classmates, tentatively sharing an unspoken first love—but unbeknownst to him, Mikako has been recruited into the UN Space Force, and instead of going on to high school, will join the spacecraft Lysithea to search for alien Tarsians. As she travels further and further to the outer reaches of the solar system, the time it takes for a text message to reach the Earth grows longer and longer. Back on Earth, time passes normally for Noboru, but as the years pass he still can't forget the voice on the other side of the cell phone... Steeped in nostalgia and memory, Arata Kanoh brings to the page the award-winning OVA by acclaimed filmmaker

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Makoto Shinkai, director of *She and Her Cat*, *The Place Promised in Our Early Days*, *Garden of Words*, *5 Centimeters per Second*, and the highest-grossing anime film of all time, *Your Name*. Arata Kanoh is a writer who has produced novelizations of Makoto Shinkai's other works, including *5 Centimeters Per Second* (also available from Vertical).

HANAMONOGATARI NISIOISIN 2019-10-08 Our sorry hero, his reformed girlfriend, and the amnesiac class president have all graduated from their high school out in the boondocks, and self-described Sapphist and ex-basketball ace Kanbaru, retired by reason of an "injury," is starting her senior year and the narrator of this volume—her voice far more introspective than the smutty jock's we thought we knew. Bereft of the company of her beloved mentors, the only other person around her with any working knowledge of aberrations the junior Ogi Oshino, apparently a relative of the Hawaiian-shirted folklorist, she feels a bit alone and blue, and sick with dread that the devil residing in her left arm courtesy of the Monkey's Paw might act up again while she sleeps. Investigating a rumor that she fears might lead back to her, the former star ends up peering into an abyss of negativity called Roka—a "wax flower" to take the characters' meaning. Trapped in a pit the like of which could only be escaped by the one girl who was able to pull off slam-dunks in her basketball nationals, can the penitent Kanbaru, however, still be aggressive?

ZOKU OWARIMONOGATARI NISIOISIN 2021-03-16 Just when we thought the darkness menacing the town had been identified, named, and tamed, clear and unclear mysteries of seasons past looming or surfacing, then resolving, not without tears, not without bittersweetness, of course, but satisfyingly, in a tripartite finale, all loose ends tied up into, or at least with, a bow... The End Tale continues—if only for one last time, in a bonus stage for the ages, as our softie of a protagonist who wished for all parties involved, including himself, maturely enough, to end up happy, sees his reflected image freeze in a mirror and regretfully, regrettably, reaches for it to find himself through the looking glass.

In an alternate reality where bits of the world have been flipped around, the hero comes face to face with the hidden side(s) of familiar faces, along with author NISIOISIN, whose bravura attempt to reimagine character possibilities concludes, with signature flair, the MONOGATARI series proper—thank you for reading.

Puella Magi Madoka Magica, Vol. 1 Magica Quartet, 2015-06-23 When a new girl joins her class, Madoka Kaname feels she recognizes the mysterious, dark-haired transfer student from one of her dreams...a dream where she is approached by a cat-like creature who offers Madoka an opportunity to change destiny. Madoka had always thought magic was the stuff of fantasy...until she sees the transfer student fighting with the very cat-being from her dream! And just like in Madoka's dream, the cat gives her a choice: Will Madoka become a Puella Magi in exchange for her dearest desire? What will be the cost of having her wish come true?

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The Intrigues of Haruhi Suzumiya (light novel) Nagaru Tanigawa 2012-09-04 After closing a time loop fiasco in *The Disappearance of Haruhi Suzumiya* (Vol. 5), our protagonist Kyon is ready to start a new year with a blank slate--no time travel, no apocalyptic worries, and maybe some actual peace and quiet with the SOS Brigade, a club comprised of his high school's most extraordinary students. Their leader is Haruhi, a bold, brash girl who doesn't realize that she's actually a powerful goddess whose moods can easily change the balance of the universe. Just as Kyon starts to get comfortable, he gets a visit from his friend Mikuru. Except this isn't his Mikuru; it's a Mikuru from eight days in the future! Time traveling shenanigans start all over again as Kyon, guided by the future Mikuru, attempts to stop a terrible future from becoming a reality.

Pretty Boy Detective Club: The Dark Star that Shines for You Alone NISIOISIN 2021-02-09 “I really have to give this book the highest marks I can... I could say buy this if you like Nisioisin or if you like mysteries or if you like amazing characters but I don't think it's for just any one type of person. Let

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me say, if you're reading this review: This book is for you... As far as the translation goes, I think they nailed it... To put it frankly, out of all Nisioisin's English releases, this is one of his top. To put it even simpler: It's beautiful. Five Out of Five Beautiful Dark Shining Stars." – No Good Nerds "The translation reads well with no issues to note... There is plenty to like and, as always, the author delivers an engrossing story with witty dialogue and interesting characters. I'm looking forward to seeing what kind of mysteries the Pretty Boy Detective Club tackle in the volumes to follow... Overall, Pretty Boy Detective Club offers another satisfying read for fans of NISIOISIN's works." – Anime UK News

Astonishing Times Frank Barbiere 2022-08-02 A modern superhero story that celebrates the genre and redefines heroes for a new generation. In a world where superheroes are common place, Noah Sans, a young reporter trying to live up to the legacy of his father, investigates a mystery involving missing superheroes that quickly turns into a thrilling conspiracy. Noah Sans, a young reporter living in the shadow of his father, lives in a world full of superheroes—but no one seems to care. After a world changing event called The Cataclysm, people moved on, and now heroes are old news. But when Noah begins investigating a mysterious murder, he comes face to face with his most revered heroes and is forced to confront a secret past that could change the world forever. *Astonishing Times* is a love letter to the medium of comics and a celebration of superheroes old and new. Award-winning writer Frank J. Barbiere returns to creator-owned comics alongside Arris Quinones, host of YouTube's *Variant*, to craft a modern classic that redefines superheroes for a new era with stunning art by Ruairí Coleman and color artist Lauren Affe. Together, the team hopes to inspire a new generation of fans young and old, and remind us all that heroes are everywhere. Collects *Astonishing Times* #1–#5.

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