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A Lucky Luke Adventure : Billy The Kid (Lucky Luke)



Synopsis

Lucky Luke is a one-hundred-percent real hero of the Old West. He is squarely on the side of the law and dedicates his life to seeing that justice is done. He travels around delivering it wherever he goes, accompanied by his faithful companion, Jolly Jumper. Arriving at Fort Weakling, he changes into a formidable bandit. Why? Does his meeting with Billy the Kid, a living legend of the Old West, influence him?

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Customer Reviews

The character of Lucky Luke became a myth thanks to Morris (his creator) and Goscinny. These two giants of the 9th art collaborated with passion for more than 20 years until the death of the famous scriptwriter. Goscinny is the author of the well-known *Astérix*, which he launched with Uderzo. He also co-authored *Iznogoud* with Tabary. In 1992, Morris received the 'Grand Prix Spécial 20^{ème} Anniversaire' from the international comics show at Angoulême, and in 1998, the French Minister of Culture decorated him with the rank of 'Officier des Arts et des Lettres'.

At last the English translations of the French Lucky Luke adventures are available in the U.S. Another great gift from France, which also gave us the Statue of Liberty. Lucky Luke: Billy the Kid is the first volume in a European comics series which appeared in oversized full color editions with no advertisements, in the format of a graphic novel. The best known series in that format is Tintin, the

Belgium comic which has long been available in the U.S. and a favorite worldwide. Lucky Luke is a lonesome, enigmatic cowboy who has run-ins with famous and infamous characters, as, in this volume, Billy the Kid. However, that is merely the point d'appui (point of departure) for Goscinny to spin his Lucian yarns, perfectly complemented by Morris' graphic pen. A note in this edition promises twelve Lucky Luke adventures due out in English by August 2008, although in 2004, there were already 63 comic albums available in German. Hopefully other European comics will not be long in showing up in English editions, such as those by Franquin. One of his best series is a Belgian comic published in French, called Spirou and Fantasio. This comic introduced Marsupilami, which Disney featured in a spin-off from its "Raw Toonage" cartoon series. The only adventure which made it into English, so far as I know, was Z is for Zorglub, published by Fantasy Flight Publishing in 1995. This is a series as engaging as Tintin, which will hopefully make it out in English soon. In 1994, there were 44 adventures of Spirou and Fantasio in French. Franquin also did a series called Gaston, about a teen inventor. There was also a spin-off called Le Petit Spirou, about Spirou as a kid, done in a slapstick, whimsical style. Numerous English readers have enjoyed the adventures of Tintin, and escapades of Asterix. Now with Lucky Luke becoming available, the time is right for a (welcome) invasion of European comics.

My son loves this book.

Grew up reading these (in different Language), and have tried to get my kids interested in Comics. This one did the trick. My daughter (9), didn't look up till she was done with it! Getting more.

Lucky Luke books can never go wrong. Add Billy the Kid to the list. This book is so much fun. You can always find something in the pages to amuse you. It could be the scared old man who reads made up stories to Billy the kid to save himself from getting shot or it could be Lucky Luke smacking the evil out of Billy the Kid, You will find something to laugh about. With excellent artwork in every single frame, this book is one of the Lucky Luke 'must haves'.

It is not fit in to HDX. Edges are coming at in correct places so reading becomes un-comfortable

Good book, brought back my childhood memories

My son absolutely adores this series. Going broke supporting his habit!

Fast, as described, and well packed!

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