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# Faith Volume 1: Hollywood And Vine



## Synopsis

VALIANT'S MOST DEMANDED HERO STEPS OUT OF HARBINGER AND INTO AN ALL-NEW ADVENTURE! Orphaned at a young age, Faith Herbert - a psionically gifted "psiot" discovered by the Harbinger Foundation - has always aspired to greatness. But now this once ordinary teenager is taking control of her destiny and becoming the hard-hitting hero she's always known she can be - complete with a mild-mannered secret identity, unsuspecting colleagues, and a day job as a reporter that routinely throws into her harms way! Well, at least she thought it would! When she's not typing up listicles about cat videos, Faith makes a secret transformation to patrol the night as the City of Angels' own leading superhero - the sky-soaring Zephyr! But flying solo is going to be tougher than she ever thought when Zephyr uncovers a deep-rooted alien conspiracy. Two-bit burglars and car thieves are one thing, but when the world needs a hero to stave off an full-blown extraterrestrial invasion, will Faith find herself in over her head or ready for her biggest challenge yet? Rising star Jody Houser (Orphan Black) and explosive artists Francis Portela (Green Lantern) and Marguerite Sauvage (DC Comics Bombshells) pilot a new chapter for the high-flying hero that People Magazine calls "a superhero we can all admire." Collecting FAITH #1-4.

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## Customer Reviews

Valiant has done it yet again with this volume. We are treated to a stand alone story of Faith who Valiant fans will recognize from the Harbinger series. In this we see how an "untypical" super hero fits into the world and what she's capable of. The art has a different feel to it which seems to fit the

character perfectly. She is a young lady who grew up reading comics about super heroes and now she IS one herself. It's an absolute joy to see how she handles this life dream turned to reality as she battles the forces of the Vine, adversaries from the X O Manowar series of Valiant books. Fans of Harbinger will also get to see more of Faith's former love interest from the group, Torque as well. This book has something for every type of comic fan and while being a GREAT read, it simply adds to the building stellar reputation of Valiant as THE comic publisher to follow today!

I bought this for my sister and she loved it. "It's interesting. It's original. Clever, it's definitely clever, like clever lines. A superhero, yet I feel like I could identify with her from the art and writing, basically the way they are showing the character." She's never read a comic or graphic novel before and says "this one makes a fan out of me."

This new comic from Valiant is just brilliant - loveable new super-heroine 'Faith' Herbert kind of embodies the feelings that many comic readers have, within the pages of an actual comic; after all, who's never considered what it'd be like to become a super hero? In this comic Faith does just that, and quickly learns that being a superhero often isn't quite as easy or glossy as it is in comics. Obvious riffs on popular comic tropes as the character (a big fan of comics herself) blatantly adopts tactics that she's seen other heroes perform (such as her wig and glasses 'office disguise') don't seem out of place as they form a logical starting point for someone stepping into a new role for the first time. However, these situations are portrayed in a slightly more realistic manner as these tried-and-tested tropes prove more difficult to maintain in 'real life' than in the comics. Strong moral code here as Faith has her own self-imposed hero 'codes' that she uses to keep herself on the straight and narrow in her fight for true justice. This results in a character that earns respect right off the bat as she sticks to what she believes is 'right' and fights hard to make the world a better place, little by little as only an individual can. All in all this is offering from Valiant is a fresh and well-meaning addition to the massive 'superhero world' that's out there in popular media and the book is back to basics being free from any kind of previous versions of the character or retcons that make comics more convoluted than they need to be. Just looking forward to the next Faith installment from Valiant now!

I remember seeing the hype for 'Faith, Vol. 1: Hollywood and Vine' a few months ago at Emerald City Comic Con. The imagery alone seemed like an intriguing idea. A larger figured super hero to appeal to those with body image issues. The character is a spin-off character from another series, so

there is some pre-history before this issue starts. What you need to know is that Faith was once part of a team of "psiots," or super powered beings. She was once romantically linked to one of the members of that team, but he is now an ex. My review copy was the first two full issues and some pencilled panels from the third issue. Faith works as a reporter for a website that tries to get click-throughs for ad dollars, and works for a boss that doesn't like her (probably because of how she looks). Faith investigates an attack on other psiots, but at the same time, her boss wants her to do a smear campaign on her ex and his reality television show. I found it all about average. I get the appeal of the character, but I think I wanted more than what I saw in two issues. Maybe that happens in the later issues of this volume, but in two issues, there wasn't much to get me overly excited. Still, superheroes should come in all shapes and sizes (and everything else), so this is certainly a promising concept. I received a review copy of this graphic novel from Diamond Book Distributors, Valiant Entertainment LLC, and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this graphic novel.

We've had decades of grim super heroes, dark and tortured, fighting against their personal demons, and Faith is a refreshing break from thirty years of the Dark Knight and Watchmen imitations. Faith is genuinely a good person, she sees the best in others, she wants to help others because it's the right thing to do. She's also a HUGE GEEK...from comics to sci-fi shows...and this new series is loaded with pop-culture references. Jody Houser is brilliant, she captures Faith's voice perfectly. Faith knows comics and now she's a super hero, so she tries some things seen in comics, like having a job at a newspaper or changing from her secret identity into Zephyr to rescue her co-workers...but things in the real world don't always work the way they do in comics. Okay, Faith still is in a comic world, but Valiant is as close to the world outside your window as you can get, where danger is real and death is permanent. Faith has to struggle with how to deal with super villains in a real world where she doesn't want to kill anyone...it's an awesome book, a great introduction to Valiant. After 30+ years of reading grim and gritty comics, cheerful Faith surprised me by quickly becoming a favorite of mine...she's funny, she's sweet, she's super cool. Faith is the best!

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