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Essential Defenders Vol. 1 is one of the more invaluable manifestations of Marvel's budget Essentials series. It captures the formation and early stages of the Defenders, a "non-team" of heroes that didn't have a headquarters or a formal charter, and didn't even like to hang out together.

Publication history[edit] Marvel Feature 1 December , featuring the first appearance of the team. Cover art by Rich Buckler. The origin of the Defenders lies in two crossover story arcs by Roy Thomas prior to the official founding of the team. Strange series being canceled in the middle of a story arc , leaving Thomas no choice but to resolve the storyline in other series that he wrote. Strange teams with Sub-Mariner and the Hulk to protect the Earth from invasion by Lovecraftian interplanar beings known as the Undying Ones and their leader, the Nameless One. Barbara Norriss, later the host of the Valkyrie , first appears in this story. In the second arc, featured in Sub-Mariner 34â€”35 Februaryâ€”March , Namor enlists the aid of the Silver Surfer and the Hulk to stop a potentially devastating weather control experiment, inadvertently freeing a small island nation from a dictator and facing the Avengers under the name of the "Titans Three". Steve Gerber first worked on the characters in Giant-Size Defenders 3 January and became the writer of the main title with issue 20 the following month. David Anthony Kraft and Roger Slifer volunteered to write the series, but issue 45 had no written plot, having been drawn by Giffen following a story conference with Conway. Day of the Demons" storyline issues 58â€” DeMatteis took over the series with issue Coming from a background of writing eight-page horror shorts for DC Comics, DeMatteis found it a struggle to adapt to writing a page superhero comic on a monthly basis. Perlin later commented, "It turned out to be a real fun book because you got a chance to draw almost every character Marvel had at one time or another. While The Beast reforms the team as an official super-hero team complete with government clearance. I created a book that was exactly the kind of the thing that I hated to write. I made it into a standard superhero team Gillis has claimed that killing off the other members of the group was a directive from the editorial staff to free up the surviving members for usage in X-Factor, pointing out that he shortly after revived several of these seemingly-deceased members [1] in issues of Solo Avengers, in Strange Tales vol. Strange, Sorcerer Supreme Annual 2. The new team first appeared, unofficially, in Dr. Strange 50 and later Fantastic Four , before being officially introduced in Secret Defenders 1. This would last for the first several months of the title, before Doctor Strange was removed from the book, due to the character being reassigned to the " Midnight Sons " line at Marvel. After an arc where the supervillain Thanos organized a team of "Secret Defenders" for a mission, [43] leadership of the Secret Defenders passed to Doctor Druid [44] and the series itself abandoned the revolving door roster in favor of Druid and the Cognoscenti. The series was canceled with Secret Defenders These members were then mind controlled by Yandroth into forming the world-dominating "Order"; once the Order were freed from this control by their fellow heroes including their teammates Hellcat , Nighthawk , and Valkyrie , the Defenders apparently disbanded. A fill-in issue set between these two series was published in This series focuses mostly on humor [1] as the characters spend most of their time arguing with and criticizing one another. The series was later collected into both hardcover and trade paperback collections, entitled Defenders: The Defenders are assigned to New Jersey under the Fifty State Initiative , because the proximity to New York City demands more experienced heroes than can just be recruited from the ranks of Camp Hammond. The team reappears in the mini-series Vengeance The Offenders[edit] In the ongoing Hulk series Issues 10â€”12 , Red Hulk assembles a counter team of supervillains called the Offenders, which includes Baron Mordo , Terrax the Tamer , and Tiger Shark , and fights past versions of their enemies. Many past Defenders appear in the last issue. The new series follows the reunion of the Defenders in Fear Itself: The series was cancelled at issue Despite the prophecy supposedly being a hoax, the central storyline of the series involves a reunion of the original four Defenders setting off a chain of events leading to the destruction of the universe. In the final issue, Dr. Strange changes the past so that the reunion never happens, thus erasing all the events of the series. The Fearless Defenders[edit] Main article: Bunn said that he had wanted to write the series, which centers on a new team of Valkyrior , led by Valkyrie and Misty Knight , after writing Fear Itself: It was suggested to him

that it should run as a Defenders title, however Bunn explained that beyond the name there is "little connection" to the Defenders. They were defeated when Nitro exploded. List of Defenders members
Defenders membership was fluid, yet a few members were relatively constant: Membership was clearer in the New Defenders era when the team was more formally organized. At the end of its existence, the group had a somewhat regular composition including Cadaver, Sepulchre, Joshua Pryce, and Doctor Druid. Ultimate Marvel[edit] In the Ultimate Marvel universe, the Defenders are a group of amateur vigilantes who dress up as superheroes. None of them have superpowers, although they claim to be experienced in crimefighting. Henry Pym is invited to join them, and he accepts, adopting a new identity, Ant-Man, to avoid the potential legal problems of using his growth serum, as it has become the official property of the government. Since The Ultimates vol. New Ultimates 1 May with the original members now possessing superhuman abilities that fit their namesakes. The group is a resistance against Morgan le Fay who has conquered half of Earth. Fatal Frontier"[edit] In the Iron Man: After a brief fight over a misunderstanding, Rescue joins up with the Defenders. A variation of the Defenders resides in the Battleworld domain of Vision experiences a premonition of a group of enemies called the Defenders who he predicts will attack the Avengers. The Animated Series premiere episode "Night of the Lizard. An eight episode Defenders miniseries aired on Netflix during the summer of Douglas Petrie and Marco Ramirez served as the showrunners and Drew Goddard was the executive producer of the show. The show revolved around the team organizing to fight an enemy that threatens them all: Video games[edit] The four founding members of the Defenders each play a role in Marvel: The Silver Surfer can be unlocked with a special code available to those who pre-ordered the game through specific outlets or by completing all Comic Book Missions. Doctor Strange is a playable character in most platforms. In all other versions, Bruce Banner originally only appears as an NPC character who aids the heroes in defusing a gamma bomb, though the Hulk was subsequently released as an optional downloadable playable character in the Xbox version. Namor plays a prominent part in the storyline, when the player must assist in averting an uprising in Atlantis, rescuing Namor from the prison of air he has been trapped in and defeating the Atlanteans now under control of renegades such as Attuma and Tiger Shark. The Defenders appear in Marvel Avengers Academy.

Essential Defenders, Vol. 1 has ratings and 11 reviews. Mike said: Plot is pretty darned good. Dialogue, like all dialogue from this age, is atrocious.

Friday, 12 April Essential Defenders volume 1 The Defenders were very different from the teams that came before them. Instead they were a "non-team", a disparate group of individuals with no real organisation and no clear definition of membership, working together as needs be. The original Defenders ran from until , almost exactly matching the traditional dates for the Bronze Age of Comics. In a further twist the set-up stories included here cover the years where the beginning of the Bronze Age is unclear, whilst at the other end of the run the last twenty-seven issues, running in when the Bronze Age was winding down, saw the team heavily transformed into the "New Defenders". Few titles so perfectly match the period and show the various trends that ran through it. Early on in the run the Defenders clashed with the Avengers in what was at the time a lengthy crossover, and the issues from both series are included here. So what precisely is a "non-team"? The Defenders differ strongly from most Marvel teams in that there is no real formal organisation. Doctor Strange may see himself as the "leader" of the Defenders, but he commands far less authority over the others than the likes of Mr. Fantastic or Professor X over their respective teams. Despite the protests of Namor and the traditional "non-team" status of the Defenders, it is possible to identify some clear members. At this stage the members are all amongst the heroes most commonly associated with the team. The initial Undying Ones crossover with Strange, Namor and the Hulk is on firmer ground here as it is revisited early on in the series. The cover to this volume reuses that of Marvel Feature 1 and so we get just the other three heroes, thus doing a little bit to correct latter day revisionism. However over time Doctor Strange steadily works on developing a friendship with the Hulk to the point where at the end the Green Goliath is becoming more trusting and willing to stay around and work with the others. In contrast Namor is increasingly losing the battle against the Defenders becoming an ongoing team and being summoned against his will to help on missions, and so he withdraws altogether for the time being. Several other heroes fight alongside the Defenders in these issues. The Valkyrie is a sort-of new character, the result of a fusion of an alter ego previously used by the Enchantress with a mad human woman. At the end of the volume Nighthawk works with the team and joins on the very last page, taking the place of Namor and showing the first signs of the Defenders becoming a slightly more coherent team. Namorita pops up but only for a single issue when her cousin is transported away and she helps find him. Hawkeye works with the Defenders for several issues, but his own comments at first place him clearly as a guest star rather than a "member" and when he departs he comments on having only stayed around for a specific job rather than anything permanent. That job involves the Black Knight who is even more firmly in the guest star category, encountering the Defenders on an adventure where he gets turned to stone. Later his spirit is sent back in time and the team go after him, but he opts to stay in the past and so never really becomes a Defender in any way. The volume also contains a couple of encounters with the Avengers, but the two groups are clearly delineated throughout. The storyline itself was groundbreaking in being about the longest crossover to date in terms of both the number of issues and the publication time. The storyline itself is relatively simple with one villain tricking the Defenders into a quest for a powerful item and another villain tricking the Avengers into fighting them, with each team assuming the others have impure motives. When summarised it does feel a bit like a standard Justice League of America plot. The Defenders face many villains in the course of these adventures. The Undying Ones debuted in Doctor Strange but in the final issue , which starts this volume off. Once the Defenders proper get going, they fight a mixture of new and pre-existing foes. The New foes include Omegatron, a magical computer with a doomsday nuclear weapon attached, Necrodamus, a dark sorcerer, Calizuma, the leader of a group of warrior wizards, Cyrus Black, another evil sorcerer with a longstanding grudge against Doctor Strange, Chandu, a twelfth century mystic, and Nebulon the Celestial Man. Note just how many of these foes could easily have debuted in Doctor Strange had it still been running. The latter are evil copies of the Squadron Supreme and both are a deliberate erm Instead, the team continues facing predominantly magical and mythical foes, with a smattering of other fantastical and

cosmic types. The threats the team face are a mixture of the small and personal as well as the grand scale to the Earth or even the entire dimension. And the team may increasingly congeal as the series proceeds but there is still a lot of defending going on. This leads to a small personalised adventure in issue 11 as everyone is transported to the twelfth century Middle East during a Crusade. As mentioned above, Defenders ran for the duration of the Bronze Age. Looking at just the early issues here there are some signs of the changes but others would come later. The team itself is structurally very different from the more grand and formalised teams established in the Silver Age. The crossover with Avengers began a trend that would grow over times. Otherwise much of the emphasis of the series is on fantastical adventures rather than on more down to earth affairs. This is a volume that encompasses the team going through three different writers as one sets up the series, a second then has a year and a half long run albeit only eleven issues as the series was initially bimonthly before a third takes over for the last few issues. It had a good strong start.

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If you are coming to this for the Avengers/Defenders crossover, then pick up Essential Avengers Vol. 5 or the Avengers/Defenders War collection. Footnotes: Doctor Strange #, The Sub-Mariner #22, The Incredible Hulk #, and Marvel Feature #1 are also reprinted in Essential Doctor Strange Vol. 2.

The Defenders are dead! Long live the New Defenders! From the last run, Valkyrie, Gargoyle and Beast stick around, recruiting Angel, Iceman and Moondragon to join them in this journey. With the new team, the dynamics between the various members make for an interesting story, sometimes more interesting than the villain of the month that they would battle each month. Who will lead the team? Or is it Moondragon, who believes that everyone should bow down to the goddess that she believes herself to be? Regardless who leads the team, we see the story moving forward with hints of things to come. But before then, we get lots of adventures of the new Defenders. We even get some solo mini-series involving members of the team. What makes this Essential?: This is the most transformative era of the title that we have seen. For all of the talk about the Defenders not have a set roster, it was always some combination of the core line-up. So, for a change of pace with the characters, this is an interesting read. I personally would have rather seen the two mini-series dropped in favor of finding a way to get all of the remaining issues it ran until into this collection. DeMatteis and Peter Gillis have fun creating new adventures with these characters, with stellar art from the likes of Don Perlin and Alan Kubberberg, but these are not A-list characters to carry a book. During this run of Defenders issues, the covers reflected the title The New Defenders. However, the indicia in the original issues indicated that the official title still was The Defenders. Since this collection ends with issue , you could make the argument that Marvel collected all of the original issues in the Defenders series in this line of Essentials. If you like this volume, try: This entire series has never been reprinted, so you will need to hit the back-issue bins to find this. Gargoyle co-creator and writer J. DeMatteis, along with artist Mark Badger, finally had the chance to do a solo series featuring Isaac Christians. He returns to his hometown, Christiansboro, Virginia, where Chambers is tricked into returning to his original body. Unfortunately, that allows the one of the demons to return to the Gargoyle shell and begin an attack to destroy the town. This mini-series should have been collected in this volume, perhaps in place of the Beauty and the Beast series since that had been included in the Essential Dazzler Vol.

Chapter 4 : Essential Defenders Vol. 1 | Essential Showcase

Essential Defenders vol. 1 features some of the best characterization you'll ever find in a Marvel Essential edition, plus it features the historic beginning of a time-honored comic book team. Whether you approach this volume looking for history, strong art, tight continuity, "Shut up, Monkey!".

Valkyrie, Nebulon Story Continues In: More than men, these beings border on being forces of nature. Brought together against their wishes, these heroes unite as one to form the first non-team in comics history, the Defenders! A loose story line drifted across the three titles of the featured characters, all written by Roy Thomas, over a two year period before the trio of characters came together under the Defenders banner in Marvel Feature 1. Following three appearances in Marvel Feature, the Defenders graduated to their bi-monthly title. The Defenders did not have an organized charter and rules like the Avengers. They did not have matching uniforms like the Fantastic Four. Longtime members Valkyrie and Nighthawk soon appear, and the regular cast of characters is set for the next few years. This was one of the first major crossovers between two Marvel titles that last more than two or three issues. Hawkeye was hanging out with the Defenders at this time, so it made for a lot of interesting match-ups between the two teams Captain America vs. Valkyrie, Iron Man vs. The format for this storyline became the template for future crossover events for years to come. What makes this Essential?: For a team that was not officially a team, the Defenders have a long history in the Marvel Universe. I think if you are a fan of the team or the main characters especially Doctor Strange then give this volume a read. If you like this volume, try: Created by Kurt Busiek and Eric Larsen, this series once again reunited the core members of the team under a spell " Yandroth manipulated a spell so that Doctor Strange, the Hulk, the Sub-Mariner, and the Silver Surfer must reunite any time the world is in danger. This volume ran for 12 issues when it was then renamed The Order, which ran for six issues. These were numbered 1- 6, but they also continued the numbering from The Defenders with This story mixed a lot of humor into the action. Sadly, this volume has not been collected into any trade collections so you may need to dive into the back-issue bins to track this down.

Chapter 5 : Essential Defenders Vol. 7 | Essential Showcase

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