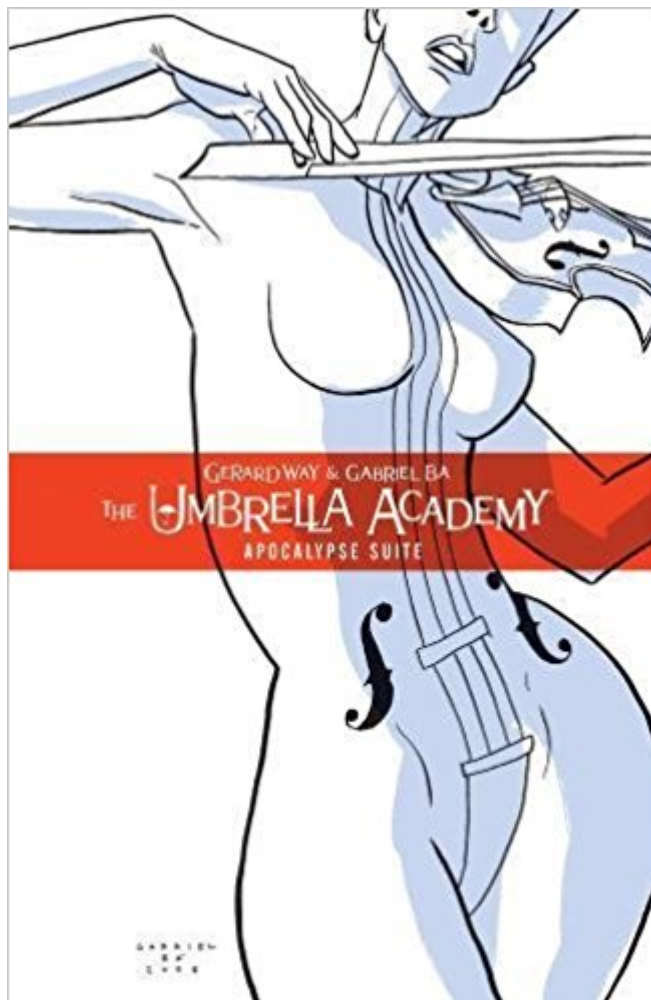


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# The Umbrella Academy, Vol. 1



## Synopsis

In an inexplicable worldwide event, forty-seven extraordinary children were spontaneously born to women who'd previously shown no signs of pregnancy. Millionaire inventor Reginald Hargreeves adopted seven of the children; when asked why, his only explanation was, "To save the world." These seven children form the Umbrella Academy, a dysfunctional family of superheroes with bizarre powers. Their first adventure at the age of ten pits them against an erratic and deadly Eiffel Tower, piloted by the fearsome zombie-robot Gustave Eiffel. Nearly a decade later, the team disbands, but when Hargreeves unexpectedly dies, these disgruntled siblings reunite just in time to save the world once again.

— This volume collects the first six-issue series, as well as out-of-print short stories and an expanded sketchbook section featuring work by Gabriel Bá, James Jean, and Gerard Way.

— "Flawless" — stylish, imaginative.

— Newsarama — Listed as one of the Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens by the Young Adult Library Service Association (YALSA).

— .com's #1 Graphic Novel of 2008!

— A New York Times bestseller!

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## Customer Reviews

The newest superhero kids on the block are just that — kids. At least they start out kids in the first Umbrella Academy collection, written by the lead singer of My Chemical Romance (Way) and superbly illustrated by Brazilian graphic artist Ba. When the diminutive orphans turned masked

crime fighters first appear in the public arena, with their wealthy patron, Sir Reginald Hargreeves, keeping watch, their nemesis is a mobile, death-ray-zapping Eiffel Tower. Twenty years later, it takes Hargreeves's death to bring the gang members, now grown and separated by their own idiosyncratic ambitions, back together to face a new enemy: estranged sister Vanya, the only one of them presumed to be powerless. Newly gifted with destructive powers by a race of robotic aliens, Vanya will stop at nothing to destroy the world unless her siblings stop her. Way and Ba provide all the ingredients of a superhero team to rival the X-Men and make its colorful adventures a hit. --Carl Hays

My daughter is a big fan of Gerald (sp) and as he has branched out to do graphic novels, a passion of his--fans are enjoying his work. They still love his music, of course...but he really is GOOD when it comes to his other works. THIS included!

After reading Killjoys and Sp//dr by Gerard Way, I was anxious to dive into his main and largest work The Umbrella Academy. Gerard writes amazing, colorful, and insightful lyrics for MCR so I wanted to see what his writing skills were. Umbrella academy is a crazy ride into a world where Planet of the Apes meets X Men (in a way). Gerard does a great job telling the story and giving each character a heart, personality, and reason for being. I'm reading Dallas now, and can't wait to see what he does in Umbrella Academy 2.

Gerard has always been a god among men with his writing, and delivered by the artistic stylings of Gabriel Ba, it really was a banger. I've loaned this to several of my friends, who also love it, and we all intend on reading further into the series. It made me laugh, it made me cry, and most of all it made me think . . . a lot. Really, if you have the money and any sort of interest in the series whatsoever, PURCHASE THIS COMIC. You won't ever regret it.

Loved this comic. Will be picking up the next volume and will purchase the new comics that are coming out later this year. Had a great time going into the world Gerard Way has created. Gabriel Ba translates so much meaning and drama into the corresponding visuals. The colors stand out and it's a fun, dramatic comic read. Great recommendation for fans of X-Men, Doom Patrol. This is a team that I am invested in from the first issue. Great job for everyone involved.

Love this book

a piece of work, i had no doubts when buying it since i usually keep up to date on comics. for me i wasn't expecting any lack of perfections and i'm saving for the second volume.

I bought this to add to a collection that I am starting. It was wrapped very nicely so that it would not get damaged in shipping. When it had arrived I was very eager to open and take a peak at the storyline and illustration and though I did not plan to read through the whole thing I could not put it back down. Very well written and Illustrated!

One of the best and original comics in my collection. Not quite as good as volume 2 but you need to read this. I am waiting with enraptured anticipation for volume 3 of Umbrella Academy even after several years. Fun, very violent, and a bizarre twist on super hero comics.

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