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From all-star comic talents Frank Miller, Geoff Johns, Jim Lee, Jeph Loeb, Scott Snyder, Greg Capullo and more, these stories tackle the oldest fan debate in comics: *Who would win—Superman or Batman?*

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## From Reader Review Batman vs. Superman: The Greatest Battles for online ebook

### Anne says

This is a decent compilation of Batman/Superman stuff. Most of it I'd already seen before, but there were a couple of new (to me) stories in here.

My favorite was the one with the two little boys (one a Superfan, one a Batfan) arguing over who would win in a fight. Turns out, Bruce & Clark are listening in...

*Dawwww!*

There's a *classic* battle...

*Although, to be honest, this peek at the story didn't make me want to read the whole volume. Sorry, guys.*

I thought the 'fight' at the beginning of Justice League, Vol. 1: Origin was an odd choice, even though I really loved that book. But I just didn't think there was enough of a one-on-one battle between Batman and Superman for it to count. I mean, *yes*, Superman **was** fighting Batman, but he was also fighting Flash & Green Lantern at the same time.

Whatever.

For those of you who are Snyder fans, they also included the fairly recent fight with Superman, when he was on Joker Toxin.

*\*vomits\**

*Again, Batman also has to fight Wonder Woman, Flash, and Aquaman. So...*

Remember when Ivy got Clark with her poison kiss?

And then Selina (under Batman's orders) (view spoiler) to snap him out of it?

Bwahahaha!

Good one, Bruce!

While this isn't at all necessary, I think it would make a nice gift for the DC fan in your life.

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### Joanna says

Who wins in a fight?

The answer is always the same.

Neither of us.

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### **Miloš says**

Confused. jumping from one story to another. Some really nice drawings and some strange one. but mostly nice read

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### **Dan says**

I was afraid this was going to be bad, but it was surprisingly good. Nice compilation of battles.

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### **Ashly Lynn says**

#### **Synopsis**

A collection of 6 stories (comics) where the famous duo have a battle of some sort for one reason or another.

#### ***Batman vs. Superman: The Greatest Battles* collected by Frank Miller**

★★★

Genre: Comic Book/Science Fiction/Superhero Collection

Release Date: December 2015

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On My Shelf: No

Overall, I wasn't overly impressed with this collection. But, there were some inclusions that I really liked, so to give them the praise they deserve, I'll be reviewing each story briefly/individually below.

#### **“The Battle” from *Batman #612 (2003)* by Jeph Loeb, Jim Lee, Scott Williams, Alex Sinclair, and Richard Starkings**

★★★★★

This was *by far* my favorite story, and I'm not surprised since I'm a huge fan of Loeb's work (i.e. *The Long Halloween*).

How could I not love this, though, when Catwoman makes an appearance and even Superdog is in it briefly?? I was just all around in love with this opening comic and wanted to keep reading the story.

The art was beautiful, the plot was awesome, and the characters were spot on. The collection is almost worth buying solely to read this story.

#### **“One Night in Gotham City” from *Man of Steel #3 (1986)* by John Byrne, Dick Giordano, Tom Ziuko, and John Costanza**

★★★★½

I really enjoyed this story too. I thought the fight between Batman and Superman was totally believable and I enjoyed watching everything unfold. The plot was intriguing and kept me glued to the page.

I also thought the characterization was perfect in this story. And, the villain was totally radical. She was so over-the-top, but it *worked*. The only thing that I didn't like as much with this story was the art, but just by a smidge of a degree that didn't really have any effect on my overall rating.

**“Who Would Win?” from Superman/Batman #78 (2011) by Joe and Jack Kelly, Ed Benes, Pete Pantazis, and Steve Wands**

★★★½

This one was just alright for me. I really enjoyed the concept of it, but didn't find that it had enough intensity to hold its own as an actual stand-alone comic story. I laughed and thought the ending was marvelous, but overall this one was just a bit above okay for me.

I had to add the extra half star, though, because the art was *super* pretty, and I loved the vibrancy of the panels. Benes and Pantazis' work really upped this comic for me.

**“Justice League” Part 2 from Justice League #2 (2011) by Geoff Johns, Jim Lee, Scott Williams, Alex Sinclair, and Patrick Brosseau**

★★★★½

This one was super fun, but I felt that it should have been a longer feature. Maybe part 1 could have been included? The story kind of just jumped into the Batman vs. Superman fight without giving any explanation as to why. I wasn't totally lost, but I feel like this could have been a 5 star rating out of me.

I was only going to give it 4, but I had to bump it up to that half because of, like the story above, *that artwork tho*. Wowowowowowow. I'm in love with this drawing and coloring work.

This story definitely left me wanting more, and I especially liked that The Flash was in this one.

**“Batman: Endgame” Parts 1 & 2 from Batman #35-36 (2014) by Scott Snyder, Greg Capullo, Danny Miki, FCO Plascencia, and Steve Wands**

★★★★

This was an enjoyable read and I don't really have any major complaints. The art was pleasant, the characters were great, and the plot was reasonable. The reason I rated it 4 instead of 5, though, was that the plot was sort of hard to follow at times. I feel like if I had read more of this series I wouldn't have had this problem, so it didn't really affect my reading experience.

I'll probably check out this series and start from the beginning because I did really like this feature.

**“The Dark Knight Falls.” from Batman: The Dark Knight #4 (1986) by Frank Miller, Klaus Janson, Lynn Varley, and John Costanza**



No. Just No.

I was confused as to why this was included in this collection as it didn't really fit well with the other features, but then I realized that Frank Miller, who collected these battles, wrote this specific comic.

I'm sorry to say I didn't enjoy this one at all. I nearly gave up on it at least 12.2 times. I should have. This story did not make sense as I feel it's been taken out of context and needs the full storyline to make sense. I had absolutely no idea what was happen and could not enjoy this one.

Also, the writing seemed to be saying too much and nothing at all. I really dislike (~~this is me nicely saying hate.~~) it when there is extra text added to fill empty space. It just slows the reader down and is completely unnecessary to the plotline. Speaking of the plot, I didn't like this one. I also didn't like the art.

I just didn't like anything about this story. I noticed my library has the full collection, but I won't ever be pulling it off the shelf. Having this comic end this collection just left a sour taste in my mouth and really did not work for me.

## Overall

This was an alright collection, but I think I would recommend skipping purchasing this and simply seeking out the specific comic runs as a whole that are only featured in this.

Review originally published on my Wordpress blog Dreaming Through Literature.

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## John Yelverton says

The graphic novel is a compendium of the greatest battles and confrontations between the Man of Steel and the Dark Knight and their various outcomes due to various circumstances.

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## M says

Just in time for the feature film, DC Comics released a collection of Batman/Superman brawls from various eras. The opening feature hails from the Hush storyline, as the Dark Knight must contend with a Superman under the thrall of Poison Ivy. The next feature comes from the Man of Steel miniseries, featuring the heroes meeting up for the first time to stop the crazed crook Magpie. Two kids debate who would win in a theoretical battle during the Superman/Batman issue, while the New 52 gets represented in the second issue of the relaunched Justice League. The Joker gets his hands on the entire League in the Batman issue - featuring the debut of the "Justice Buster" suit - while the classic Dark Knight Returns battle is the coda of the volume. The mixture of the stories covers a wide breadth of the DC Universe, and helps capture some of the fun of classic comics while highlighting the grit of the modern era. Batman vs. Superman works as a film promotion, but is truly more style than substance.

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## **Xiomy's Book Tales says**

Even though these stories have been previously told, I enjoyed every single one because from aside like 2 stories never have read the others.

So you're given 6 different battles that draw inspiration from numerous things:

1-The Battle: really enjoyed this one, all I'm going to say is Kryptonite Ring, what!

2- One Night in Gotham City: it was okay

3- Who would win?: Absolutely loved this one! Two kids creating distinctive scenarios of who would actually win in the ultimate fight.

4- Justice League: really enjoyed this one also its a DCAU called War (that movie is amazing)

5- Batman Endgame: I really need to look for the rest of this series, it was so good and I want to know what happens.

6- The Dark Knight Falls: brilliant it is also inspiration for the Batman v Superman Dawn of Justice movie

The writing was enjoyable and these snippets made you want more.

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## **Nash says**

This book collects 6 of the fights that Batman and Superman have had through comic book history, it makes for a good companion to the Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice Film. I am unaware if these 6 pieces are the ones they gathered inspiration from to make the movie but it sure does seem that way. This is something that I really enjoyed reading, but the reason why I don't give it the full five stars is that all of these battles are from other story arcs and can be found in other trade paperbacks, which means that for this "Greatest Battles" volume the original stories got cut short and that can leave the reader very confused and with little to no idea of what is going on because they don't have the full picture. But since I don't plan on getting the full graphic novels these fights are from anytime soon, I got this. Personally don't regret it. Really recommend it if you don't have the individual stories already and don't plan on getting them for a while like I am.

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## **Alvin Ian says**

I do not know about the 'Greatest' part but it is really a collection of fights between Batman and Superman, taken from various DC Comics story arcs of recent years (1986-2014).  
(Maybe, there is not enough Batman-Superman duels from their almost eighty years of existence.)

The book starts with 'The Battle' from Batman issue #612 (2003), then goes nostalgic (read: John Byrne & Dick Giordano) with 'One Night in Gotham City' from Man of Steel issue #03 (1986). The third story is an adorable fan service: 'Who Would Win?' from Superman/Batman issue #78 (2011); maybe, the finest tale in the collection.

But the next two stories becomes a rumble with the Justice League members: 'Justice League' part 02 from Justice League issue #02 (2011) and 'Batman: Endgame' parts 01 & 02 from Batman issues #35-36 (2014). It ends with a chapter taken from a classic graphic novel (that defined the medium): 'The Dark Knight Falls' from Batman: The Dark Knight Returns #04 (1986).

? Because the pages is not numbered, I counted the pages to 150 (minus the cover arts which divides the collected stories); all in glossy paper (nice!).

? I am biased because I am A Dark Knight fan; but contrary to my love of DKR graphic novel, I like the 'Who Would Win?' story the most. I love the classic fight (of DKR) when it is connected to the original novel.

? Do I recommend it? For one of the fine story inside, YES; but as a collected whole, NO. Do I recommend it over the movie (Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice)? Still NO but I recommend to seek the real story arcs these tales where taken from to appreciate the real work.

? I do not indicate when I started and finished a book because I devour a book slowly; I read sparingly in my free time.

I do hope you like my review. Ciao!

10/15/2016.

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### **Keith Moser says**

Picked this up from my online library/Hoopla app because it looked interesting & I barely ever borrow my allotted titles every month... Not sure if the collection was created to benefit from the recent BVS film or if it's been around for years (Edit: looks like it was published in late 2015, so probably a cash grab/movie tie-in), but school kids have debated who would win for decades so I thought it would be a fun collection to read. I'll review the stories as they are presented. Because every story is one (or two) comic book issues, it's hard to do much without spoiling something so beware:

(view spoiler)

Average of everything: 3\* exactly, although that final story left such a bad taste in my mouth, it almost drags the whole thing down another star...

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### **Sandy Shaller says**

I'm not an enormous fan of graphic novels, but periodically my junior high school self emerges and those

wonderful colorful covers and superheroes get my adrenalin going.

I enjoyed "Batman vs. Superman," but it didn't quite give me the rush I was looking for, nor did it take the characters to a place where I learned more about them or cared about them any more than I already do.

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### **David says**

Hunh. Rather slim selection of choices. And bits I've all read rather recently. So disappointingly not something I'd want to re-read so soon. This dip into the book was a mere thumb through. Nothing older than the Frank Miller cut which is very odd for this type of book from DC. Nothing from the Curt Swan era? I feel ripped off.

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### **Sarah says**

This is a really solid compilation of Batman v. Superman stories. Several I had already read, so those I just skimmed through and enjoyed my favorite parts (except for the one from "The Dark Knight Returns," because I actually didn't care for that entire arc), but the new ones were really enjoyable. The one from the 80s was definitely drenched in that decade, but it was interesting to see both Superman and Batman work together while also forming first impressions and sizing each other up. The Justice League one was interesting because it was obviously what the "War" movie was based on. I also liked the humor in that one, thanks to Flash and GL. But my favorite, hands down, was "Who Would Win?" from the Superman/Batman series. Seeing a couple of kids "argue" over who would beat who (with the two Justice Leaguers secretly listening in) was a really fun, cute, and humorous idea. So many comics are very serious. And while that often makes for some intense, compelling stories, it's always nice when the writers take some time to just have fun with these characters too.

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### **Lashaan Balasingam (Bookidote) says**

You can find my review of this graphic novel at:

<https://bookidote.wordpress.com/2016/...>

Yours truly,

Lashaan

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Some of these battles were pretty well-thought stories. Definitely has me pumped to see the upcoming movie! :D

P.S. A full review is to come!

Yours truly,

Lashaan

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