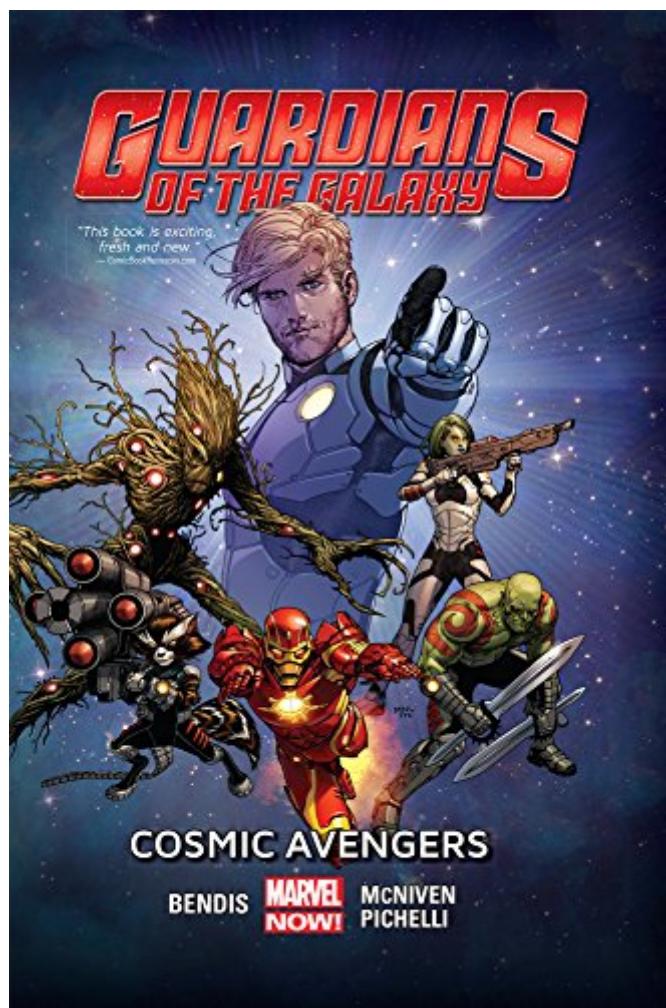


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# Guardians Of The Galaxy, Vol. 1: Cosmic Avengers



## **Synopsis**

The Guardians of the Galaxy are imposing a new rule: Earth is off limits! What has made this world so important? Join Star-Lord, Groot, Rocket Raccoon, Iron Man and more as they fight the foes no single planet's heroes could withstand!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Enjoyed

As described.

I saw the movie first so was expecting something more funny. This explains the back stories better than the movie, but is night and day different from it.

Well...the art was nice. That's about the only redeeming element of the story proper - brief as it is - contained in this collection. As a narrative, this feels entirely incomplete. There's no sense of theme, really, but that could be overlooked if Bendis had done what he normally does amazingly: character

development and dialogue. The titular team is tragically underdeveloped. Peter (and his father, I should note) gets an interesting little back-story in the first issue, but for the most part we are given no reasoning for why this group of aliens has dedicated themselves to protecting the earth. Worse yet, none of them - with the slight exception of Star Lord - is given any time to act like a character with, ya know, thoughts and dialogue. These Guardians are primarily weapons with the ability to communicate battle banter and tactical direction. Rocket's wit from the Abnett days is reduced to variations of "Kablooey, murdered you." Drax and Gamora are completely replaceable 'warrior' cut outs. Whether or not Bendis intended it, J'Son - Peter Quill's Spartax father - probably boasts the closest thing the collection has to a character arc. His intro - a meet-cute and romance with the spunky Ms. Quill - is by far the most charming component of the book, and it contrasts distinctly with his later presence as the manipulative antagonist of a king, making readers question his character in a more nuanced manner. Oh - also - Iron Man is in this book. Is he necessary? Not even a little bit, unless your goal is to get buy-in for a lesser-known franchise which happens to be getting a cinematic reimagining by tying it to a well established character in both comics and the cinematic universe. Like I said, though, Pichelli's art is beautiful. Her action is both detailed and kinetic, which is good because - of course - the vast majority of the book is action. It's a shame her ability to convey emotion through faces is barely put to use here. In addition to the primary story arc, the collection also includes a few shorts about Drax, Groot, Rocket and Gamora, all of which are illustrated in distinctly different styles. Each of these stories - none longer than 9 pages - convey better character tales than the primary narrative, which I'm not sure is a testament to Bendis (and subsequently an indictment of his editors) or the opposite. I was hoping for a space adventure like Star Wars, complete with interacting alien cultures, wise-cracking heroes, impressive battles, etc. All that stuff is here, I should say - it's just tragically underdeveloped. I'll remain a Bendis fan, but my time with his Guardians will most likely be limited.

It's really good! I'm not crazy about Rocket like everyone else seems to be, I didn't really like him back in the day either and I think he's a bit too mouthy rather than comedy relief but he's just getting started so I'm sure Bendis will mellow him out a bit once he's established.

Bought it for my cousin and it was a great read! Since the movie came out, Guardians of The Galaxy has become well-known and popular. I would recommend this to any Avengers fans.

I am an addict to the Guardians tale for some reason. I cannot place it, but it seems I have followed

the series through all its forms and now am entering into the Guardians of the Infinite series. Good read...well done!

Too bad I finished the book. All the characters, the story line, the lines are perfect. Excellent After having seen GOTG movie.

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