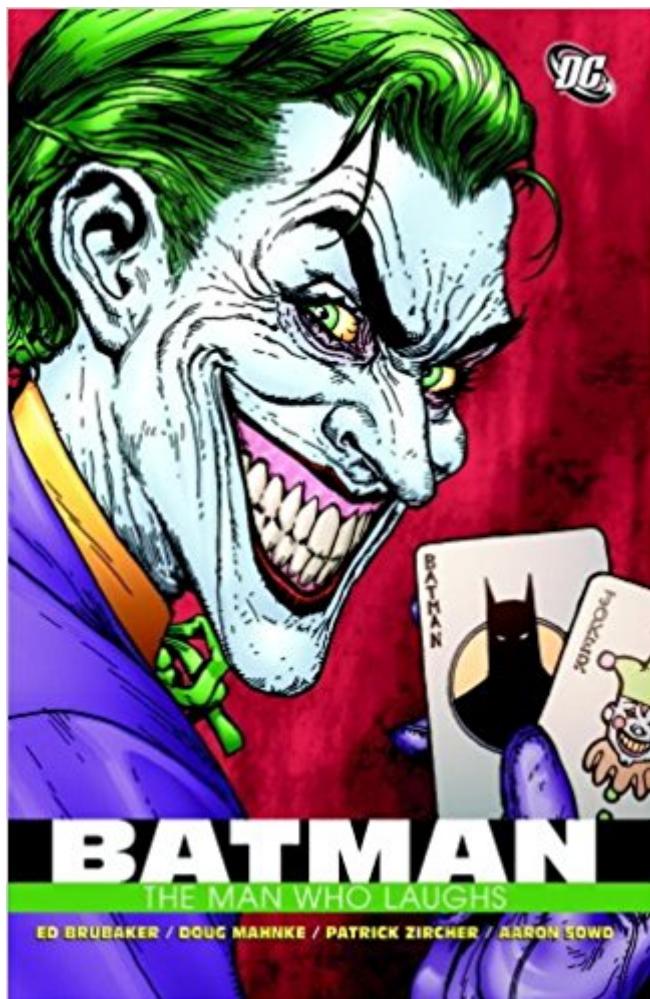


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# Batman: The Man Who Laughs



## Synopsis

Witness Batman's first encounter with The Joker in this volume collecting the graphic novel BATMAN: THE MAN WHO LAUGHS, by Ed Brubaker and Doug Mahnke! This collection also includes DETECTIVE COMICS #784-786, a murder mystery tale guest-starring Green Lantern Alan Scott.

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## Customer Reviews

Ed Brubaker takes on Batman's Clown Prince of Crime with another old school style foe the Made of Wood killer in this wonderful Batman comic. NOTE: This is actually two stories with Brubaker's take on The Joker's origin story, which is very similar in concept to Alan Moore's The Killing Joke, with the difference being the motivations of The Joker. Brubaker is exploring the concept of a killer's mind. What makes them kill and what can heroes do about it? The second story is a genius detective noir style story about an old Green Lantern killer called Made of Wood. It's all clues and mysteries that Batman must take on! I found myself thoroughly enjoying both tales. While drawing on old comics and previous Batman books, Brubaker truly captures the consciousness of the criminally insane! It's all very clever and well plotted with art that keeps getting better as the stories evolve. Check out Batman: The Man Who Laughs.

I'm still pretty new to the Batman comic universe and was really interested to read Batman's first encounter with the clown prince of crime. I'll first start with the illustrations.. they look awesome! This is page after page of eye candy. It really helped bring the story to life. As for the story, I thought it

was pretty good. Now keep in mind this story follows Batman's first encounter with the Joker and isn't so much a Joker origin story. It is hinted at but not covered in any form of depth. My only complaint was the ending. It wasn't bad it just felt like it built up this epic story and it sort of just ended without much of a climax. That being said I still really enjoyed it. Now the second story that is featured is "Made of Wood". This seems like an odd story to place after "The Man Who Laughs" because it isn't related to that story (aside from Batman of course) and it takes place many years after. So it is certainly a jump in time. I also wasn't aware of Green Lantern's ties to Gotham (Was never interested in GL) I'm sure someone is now shouting at their computer screen that I'm some poseur, haha, I fully disclosed previously I'm new to the Batman Comic universe. Anyway, I actually really enjoyed the story and it looks great just like "The Man Who Laughs". It just felt like a odd pairing but maybe I'm not versed enough in the DC universe to understand this decision. So overall I felt this was a nice graphic novel and would highly recommend it to ANY Joker fan. I'm giving it a 4/5 because the story dipped just a little on the anti-climactic side and "Made of Wood" felt out of place. It's worth owning and checking out but it's not something I see myself pulling off my shelf and rereading on a regular basis.

I Just started reading Batman comics having started with nothing except the movies. I read Year One first and was recommended this as second step. The Man Who Laughs is basically a spiritual sequel to Year One, adding elements of the Batman mythos I hoped to see, like Bruce's relationship with Gordon and the batcave and the spotlight bat symbol. The Man Who Laughs is a pretty solid joker story, kind of straightforward, I would rate it a 4/5 story-wise. If you're starting out like me and you want some early-career, first Joker encounter, this is where to go. It's a quick read, about 40-50 pages. As a note, the art is very nice and detailed - the joker on the cover creeps me out so much I don't keep the book in my room at night! What makes this a 5/5 book is the second story, which you wouldn't know is there until you open it! This book includes another Batman story called "Made of Wood", by the same author, but it's about Batman fighting alongside golden age Green Lantern! "The Man Who Laughs" is satisfying, but Made of Wood is outstanding! Very pleasantly surprised cause I never imagined myself liking Green Lantern. I guess it's mostly just a detective story but I thought it had a nice fulfilling ending, which I appreciated. I honestly would have considered the \$10 price tag to be almost a rip-off if it weren't for this second comic installment. If you're on the fence about getting it, buy it at least for the second comic! Overall both stories have my approval and recommendation. I look forward to reading more of Batman's story!

Perfect introduction to the Joker. Great squeal to year one. I actually enjoyed Man Who Laughs more than Miller's Year One. The second half of this book is Made of Wood, a pleasant surprise, I didn't expect a non-joker related title in the book but it's a great story

I've always heard good things about this book, but it just wasn't in my wheelhouse. Typical Joker story, art wasn't up to par. Also the Green Lantern story just felt out of place here.

I love, love, love this comic! A interesting origin story of the Joker. I honestly think that I like this origin story of The Joker, more than I do The Killing Joke. Don't get me wrong, The Killing Joke is amazing! The remastered copy really sticks out in the sense of colors, art and the unique take on The Joker and how he became the Joker. The Man Who Laughs starts out with him already as The Joker, but it was the public that gave him the name "Joker"! Which I thought was interesting. What I also loved about this comic is that fact that he killed so much and so easily. He killed someone as commonly as a person would drink a cup of coffee or do there laundry lol.

The most disappointing thing about this was the length, too short. Helps that you get the "Made of Wood" story as well.

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