CLEMENTINE BOOK ONE

Historical fiction

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Genre(s):

Contemporary

Action/adventure

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Romance

Mystery

Nonfiction

Rating (o stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)

This story follows Clementine, a main character from The Walking Dead video game. She leaves everyone she knows at the end of the game, to go off on her own to avoid getting hurt. A series of events leads her to adventure on a snowy mountain, where she tries her best to help others. Clementine learns more about other teenagers and becomes vulnerable with her past. She has new allies, new challenges, and potential love.

Other:

Within the graphic novel, if it stood as its original source of media, it is a mediocre story that has strange pacing, especially in the introduction, and dialogue that seems like a rough draft. At first, I liked the art style but over time it made things unclear, and I was unsure of what was happening during some parts. In general, creating a graphic novel based on a game that revolves around choices is a surprising decision to make, and within this comic, Clementine does not have any character growth compared to where she left off in the games, if anything her character gets worse. A concern is that at the end of the The Walking Dead game, Clementine has the potential to be with a love interest and within this book, the same thing happens with someone else. So either the book follows Clementine not having a love interest in the video game, or questionable things happen despite her being with someone else.

As its own story, Clementine Book One does not contain a bad storyline or art by any means, I don't think this graphic novel works for the character Clementine. Readers looking into this book may be The Walking Dead, fans or of the video game. As a fan of both, I would recommend this book to people who are interested in the apocalyptic world, but not to anyone who is looking for more content on Clementine. There are interesting aspects, that can be very interesting for people who are just getting into The Walking Dead universe or who enjoy zombies. While I personally don't think this book is good based on Clementine, the story is not bad, it is just not up to my expectations of a comic that follows such a well-loved series.

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