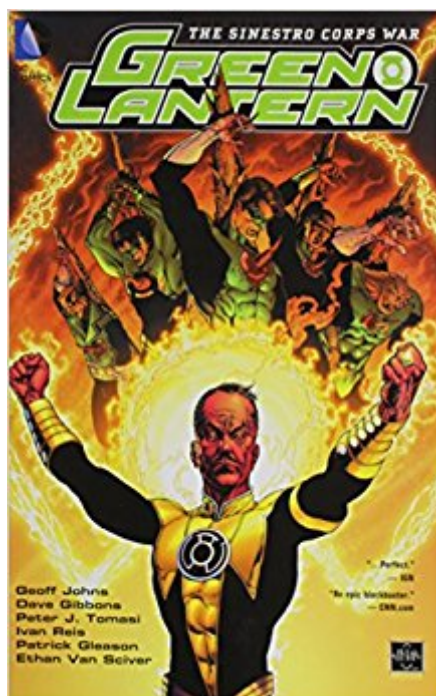


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Sinestro -- Hal Jordan's former mentor and arch-nemesis -- has gathered an army of soldiers fueled by the fear they instill in others, consisting of Arkillo, Karu-Sil, the Cyborg-Superman, and hundreds more of the most terrifying villains the universe has ever seen! Former Green Lantern Kyle Rayner has been possessed by the entity known as Parallax and now assists the Sinestro Corps in cutting a swath of evil across the universe. Trapped in the depths of the Sinestro Corps' Citadel and face-to-face with the Guardian of Sinestro's army of fear, Hal Jordan must find the will-power to battle these terrible foes. And as one of the Book of Oa's prophecies comes true, the Green Lantern Corps makes a last stand that reveals the reincarnation of one of their fold!

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Customer Reviews

This has to be one of the densest stories published in the DC line. So much happens on every page! I was a bit overwhelmed and had to rely on a Wiki to make sure I hadn't missed anything important. And yet, very clearly, this was just a stage setter... the book is littered with references to the Blackest Night event that is gathering on the horizon, past "Final Crisis". I think Final Crisis itself was seeded in this story as well, if the return of some infamous baddies from prior crises is any indication. :) I dare say no more for fear of spoilers... The fact that so much plot is squeezed into so few pages does have some bad effects however. The art felt frantic to me at times, and some panels, while gorgeous, need several minutes of consideration before you get everything that's going on. Some major events in the plot could well have been several TPBs on their own, but are dealt with quickly (Parallax taking over and leaving another Green Lantern for example). I for one

thought this story would've been better told over maybe 1.5x the issues that it was? Anyway, this makes it a must-re-read kind of a book/ story. No way did I get everything this first time. The eruption of colors universe wide at the end (again, trying to avoid spoilers here :P) is fun. The philosophical schism in the Guardians is convincing, and the "dark side" implications of the new First Law (of ten) written into the Book of Oa could not be clearer. I'd say anyone that enjoyed Green Lantern: Rebirth should read this book too, leading up to Blackest Night. Reasonable knowledge of all the DC crises thus far and some understanding of Green Lantern mythos are must haves before this tale can be enjoyed...

Part 2 of one of the most iconic green lantern arcs of all time, not just modern comics history. It was in great condition when I got it, beautiful hardcover with hardly a mark on it. The action in this TPB is first rate, as is the art, and it's a seriously important arc because it sets up so much of what GL and the corps has been doing ever since.

Sinestro Corps War is far better than it had any right to be, given the lackluster way the Green Lantern relaunch started out. However, after a year of slow builds, this storyline knocks it out of the park, capitalizing on everything established up to this point, and building with every issue up to an even bigger climax. I've never seen an event really grow to such epic proportions from such a humble, sinister introduction. The only thing holding this back from 5 stars is the Green Lantern Corps issues. Patrick Gleason is a fantastic artist, but he's absent for at least half the issues, and the events chronicled by Dave Gibbons really pale to the main event.

Not a huge green lantern fan but I am a fan of cross overs such as infinite and finale crisis, and this novel is outstanding as a stand alone yet filled with familiar foes from these Cross overs events. The semester war is epic and large in scale. I Never seen so many lantern drop like flies nevertheless this is by far the best green lantern story I've read so far.

The Sinestro Corps war heats up with the arrival of Cyborg Superman, The Anti-Monitor and of course Superboy Prime. With a plot based on a prophecy from a 1986 story by Alan Moore, the story continues with the emergence of the Daxamite lantern, Sodam Yat. Imagine Superman combined with Green Lantern and then suped up after becoming the host of ION (some kinda whale looking entity that grants even greater power to one lantern member). The centerpiece of this book is the titanic battle between Yat and Superboy-Prime and it's a barn burner. (just as an aside,

Superboy-Prime is now referred to as SuperMAN-Prime because of legal reasons but clearly he is being written as a boy so I refer to him by his old name). In this book Superboy-Prime reestablishes what we learned in Infinite Crisis, that he is just about the nastiest, toughest SOB in the DCU. It's funny that it's called The Sinestro Corps since Sinestro is probably the weakest of the four top villains. I can't imagine he's more powerful than Superboy-Prime, the Anti-Monitor or Parallax, maybe Hank Henshaw. I would consider this series to be the natural follow up to Infinite Crisis particularly since it features Superboy-Prime heavily and it has a big event feel to it, much more so than 52. The art is very well done and again has that event look with panels jam packed with action and characters. If I have one complaint about the book it's that it can tend to be a bit overly sappy and some of the moments had me groaning. I suppose the attempt was to balance it out with the extreme violence particularly the blood soaked fight between Yat and Prime as well as the slaughter of Sinestro's Corps by the now unrestrained Green Lanterns. There are hints at an even greater cataclysm yet to come called the darkest night. I always love the interview section that DC has been adding to the end of these compilations and this one is top notch. All in all a well done series.

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