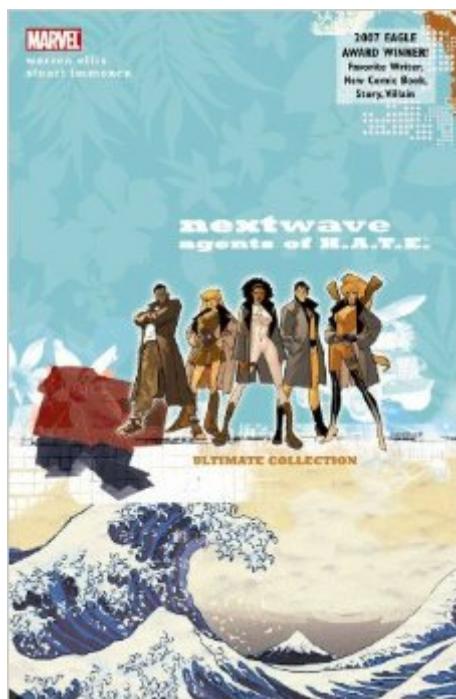


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Nextwave: Agents Of H.A.T.E. Ultimate Collection



Synopsis

The Highest Anti-Terrorism Effort, or H.A.T.E. (a subsidiary of the Beyond Corporation®) put NE XTWAVE together to fight Bizarre Weapons of Mass Destruction. When NE XTWAVE discovers that H.A.T.E. and Beyond® are terrorist cells themselves, and that the BWMDs were intended to kill them, they are less than pleased. In fact, they are rather angry. So they make things explode. Lots of things. Starring Monica Rambeau (formerly Captain Marvel and Photon), Aaron Stack (Machine Man), Tabitha Smith (X-Force's Meltdown), monster-hunter Elsa Bloodstone and The Captain! COLLECTING: NE XTWAVE: AGENTS OF H.A.T.E. 1-12.

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Review of Nextwave Ultimate CollectionNextwave is one of those books that made me realize how many comics I've read since I started getting into them a few years ago. I first picked up Nextwave issue 2 and then went back and read issue one (I think I still have those two issues somewhere). I couldn't get into it though so I stopped. I then thought about picking up the trades when those came out but there was other stuff that I wanted to read instead. So finally I picked up this book when they released the Ultimate Collection which collects the entire series. The book is awesome. First off, I'm not the biggest fan of Warren Ellis. I don't have a good reason, except that I just couldn't get into some of the other works that I had read of his. In this book I found his writing to be quite good. He sets up all the characters wonderfully and the pacing for the story never slows. Nextwave keep dealing with one challenge after the other and it makes the book exciting. I feel that by the end, the

story reaches a good conclusion but leaves it slightly open-ended so that there could be more stories told in the future. One thing that is neat about the story is that there are a lot of references to other comics. Having read many comics, I was able to recognize the references and it made me appreciate the book more. Also Nextwave does poke fun at some ideas that occupy many other comics, such as the use of double page spreads. In the end this is a good story, that will make me check out more of Warren Ellis's other works again. However, the real treat of this book is the art that is done by Stuart Immonen. It is simply fantastic. It's the reason I checked out Nextwave in the first place. His covers are great (Issue 2 was my favorite). The art inside is great. To me, Immonen's artwork is some of the best I've come across my entire time reading comics. It's distinct and it's detailed. One last thing about the book is the extra content. It collects the letter pages from all the issues. I miss reading letter pages and the comics that still run them are few and far between. The book also includes all the Nextwave Primers before the start of each issue, the pitch for Nextwave, and they threw in the theme song just for good measure. One thing that I would have liked to see for the book was a proper introduction, but that isn't a big deal and it certainly doesn't diminish the overall value in anyway. To conclude, the story is great and the artwork is fantastic. Throw in some extras and you have a great book from Marvel. Maybe they will make into an oversized hardcover someday. Hopefully they will.

Nextwave is a group of C-list superheroes that worked for H.A.T.E (Highest Anti-Terrorism Effort), but broke off when they found out that H.A.T.E was sponsored by the Beyond Corporation, a front for a terrorist organization called S.I.L.E.N.C.E. Nextwave then looks for the weapons of mass destruction developed by the Beyond Corporation and tries to destroy them, in the way they accidentally destroy cities and run into all sorts of trouble. The group gets to fight a giant dragon, a corrupt Transformers-like cop, mindless lava beasts, a dinosaur, snakes on a plane, hamburger-shooting-Elvis-clones, among many other crazy over the top villains. One thing I like about the comic, is that its story arcs are two issues long. While there is an overall story arc for the 12 issues, each adventure takes two issues. It is nice to read a comic that doesn't stretch (decompress) its stories. The comic also plays a lot with its medium, there is a sequence where we get six double-splashes in a row, not only displaying the great artwork by Immonen showcasing hundreds of funny villains, but also making fun of the overuse of double splashes in some comics. I like how it makes fun of titles, by sometimes having the title of the comic multiple times throughout the issues. The issue with the 6 double-splashes has the title at least 8 times (one for every double-splash, one at the beginning and one at the end), while other issues also have it 3 or 4

times. The art is really good. I like that Immonen has a loose style but is still able to show a lot of detail. The scenes are very clean and they have a very nice cartoon look. A great artist was needed to make all the goofy villains work. I really like the designs for the villains. Overall, this is a very funny comic that makes a lot of jokes about the medium and tells good stories. A great comic.

Nextwave: Agents of H.A.T.E is one of my favorite comic book series of all time, and here it is, collected in its entirety in a sturdy paperback featuring all twelve issues as well as the H.A.T.E Mail letter columns!! Plus, the paper is glossy and the colors pop off the page, so Stuart Immonen's art has never looked better. And don't even get me started on the writing of the esteemed Mr. Ellis. Not only is this probably the funniest thing he's ever done, but it's also the most banal (well, except for Transmetropolitan, that is). In a nutshell, Nextwave are super agents who rebelled against their anti-terrorism employer H.A.T.E when they inadvertently discovered that instead of fighting terrorism they were working for a company PROMOTING terrorism by releasing prototype WMDs (Weapons of Mass Destruction) on an unknowing American populace. Now they're fighting against their former employer with all the mad powers at their disposal. The team includes Monica Rambeau (formerly Captain Marvel), Machine Man (Awesome Kirby creation), The Captain (Who???), Boom Boom (X-Force) and Elsa Bloodstone (British Monster Hunter). All of them are over the top and ridiculously funny. I nearly cried when I finished reading the last issue, simply because I couldn't believe that I would never read about these hilarious characters and the insane situations Ellis put them in ever again. Buy this ultimate collection and watch the Nextwave squad take on Fin Fang Foom, the Broccoli Men, a metal-eating suicide cop with a faceless cat in his chest, a Dormammu pastiche, The Homosexuality, The Vestry, the Surgery and last but not least, H.A.T.E itself, led by the greatest villain of all time: Dirk Anger, Director of H.A.T.E! Seriously, you can't go wrong with this collection. If you like crazy superhero battles and humor that detonates in your head with a witty BANG! then this book is for you.

This book is hilarious in its absolute randomness and pinpoint perfect in its parody of super heroes. It doesn't require investment in the characters to understand so it's good for newcomers and hardcore fans.

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