Lumberjanes Vol. 2: Friendship To The Max
**Synopsis**

Friendship to the max! Jo, April, Mal, Molly and Ripley are five best pals determined to have an awesome summer together...and they’re not gonna let any insane quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way! But having stumbled onto a mysterious force wreaking havoc in the camp, it’s a race through the woods as the Lumberjanes work together to save not only their friends, but maybe even the whole world! It’s Buffy the Vampire Slayer meets Gravity Falls and features five butt-kicking, rad teenage girls wailing on monsters and solving a mystery with the whole world at stake. And with the talent of acclaimed cartoonist Noelle Stevenson, talented newcomer Grace Ellis writing, and Brooke Allen on art, the spectacular series that took the internet by storm continues!

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

Lumberjanes VOLUME 1 collects the first four Lumberjanes comics. They are titled Lumberjanes #1, Lumberjanes #2, Lumberjanes #3, and so on, (all the way up to a Lumberjanes 18). If you buy Lumberjanes #1 you will only get the first comic not the collection. You need to buy Lumberjanes VOLUME 1 to get the four-comic collection. Paper copies of the four comics are hard to come by. But get this; the comics are available individually for Kindle and as best I can tell as of the time I’m typing this, Lumberjanes #1 costs the same as Lumberjanes VOLUME 1. This is confusing and
makes no sense, but there it is. So be careful about what you’re buying and try to get the VOLUME 1 collection. On a side note, if you like this girl power collection you might want to look at the Rat Queens graphic novel series, which involves a group of barbarian girl mercenaries. It is very funny and well plotted and written, but it is an adult comic with a lot of cursing, drinking and sex. (They are empowered barbarians, after all.) Anyway this is a great and interesting find with a positive and unique dynamic among the heroines and a very solid and rewarding change of pace. Happy reading.

I can’t get enough of this fun little series. I’ve enjoyed both volumes tremendously and am finding myself laughing over and over again. I love how much these are focused on friendship and yet learning to be a strong independent person. It’s awesome to see all this female empowerment that’s just good clean fun. And just in case you have discovered the magical creatures lurking in this! you’re missing out on them and the battle between reality and fantasy. This one fell a little short for me, but I still really enjoyed it. I look forward to continuing on again with volume 3! If you haven’t read these yet, please do!

I bought Volume 2 for my sister after she bought me Volume 1 (and read it before she gave it to me, which got her hooked!). I’d already read these issues online, but it’s even more beautiful in print! The colors are so rich and vibrant, and it really brings the story to life. As for the stories, it’s a perfect blend of magic and mayhem, action and adventure, humor as well as nods to serious topics, all with the awesome hardcore lady types we know and love--so, typical Lumberjanes! I’m really so grateful to have found this series. Even as a 20-something year old, I found it incredibly inspiring--even healing--to read a story where girls were not only placed front and center, but were allowed to be real, natural, dirty (hey, they’re at camp!), and diverse--not to mention going on epic magical adventures! Honestly, even as a lifelong feminist who really pays attention to media’s portrayal of girls and women, it sometimes takes series like Lumberjanes for it to really hit me how rarely media focuses on girls, their friendships or relationships, or their diversity, and when it does focus on girls, demands them to always look pretty and perfect (according to standards of beauty, of course). More than that, it made me realize how much consuming that type of media affects my own self image and self esteem. Even when you think you’re enjoying all the “Strong Female Characters” on TV or movies, the fact that the vast majority are still skinny, white, conventionally attractive, cishet women with perfect hair and makeup all the time, well…it takes a toll. Lumberjanes made me feel more comfortable in my own skin than I had in a long time, and for that reason alone,
I hope this series reaches as many girls (and boys!) as possible. Keep it up, Lumberjanes!

Five girls, enjoying summer camp, continue in their outrageous and stereotype-busting adventure. I cannot say enough positive things about this graphic novel series. The artwork is fantastic and works well with the playful nature of the story. Every type of girl is represented and no one being better than the other, as summer camp should be. While it starts out as any girl-scouts-esque story might, these girls are more concerned with saving the world and taking friendship to the max than they are with perfecting their arts and crafts. A final note is the beginning of each chapter being the badge theme, which is full of lessons that every young girl should learn. I would fully recommend this series to anyone and everyone - no comic collect is complete without it!

The Lumberjanes are back. These girls are attending a summer camp where a bunch of weird stuff happens. I love the layout of the book. It is written like a field guide for the campers, with each issue connected to a badge they can earn. There is a short intro page for each chapter with an explanation of the badge. And at the end of the chapters there is a page designed to be like a scrap book for the events of that particular issue. The girls themselves didn’t interest me much though. They are developed a little better than the first volume. At least enough that they feel more distinguishable from one another. Taken as a whole the girls are enjoyable and can present a positive message, but the individuals just didn’t leave much of an impression. This book had a much more cohesive plot too. Part of it may be that there are established pieces of the narrative. I feel like the first book was five loosely connected episodes, whereas this presents an arc of a story in which each issue builds on the previous. There is a bit of a mystery around Jo that spins into something much bigger. The end result wasn’t wholly original, but it was still enjoyable. The humor from the first book is present here. It doesn’t always work for me though. The art is the same as well, which is great. The artistic approach to the characters sets them apart. It also maintains the tone of the story, rather than letting things get too dark.

Lumberjanes are the stuff, homettes. I really like the quirky writing and art. I bought these for my daughter but I like them too. Confession time, yes I am a grown man. Yes I liked reading the comic intended for pre-college girls. Well maybe a little shame, it’s still worth it though.

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