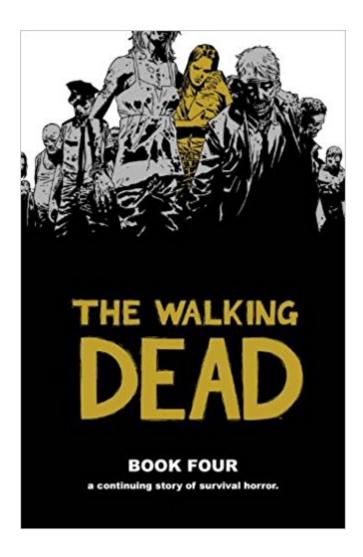


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# The Walking Dead, Book 4





## **Synopsis**

The hardcover features another 12 issues of the hit series along with the covers for the issues all in one oversized hardcover volume. Perfect for long-time fans, new readers, and anyone interested in reading a zombie movie on paper that never ends.

### **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

For fans of the series, this is the book in which the Governor's community finally clashes with Rick's group at the prison. The first part is a kind of reader-deluding prelude, where we are led to believe that perhaps the mutilated governor of Woodbury has either died of the injuries inflicted on him by Michonne, or else learned his lesson: not to mess with these particular people. The second part of the book is all about open warfare between the two groups. The "zombies" are of little consequence in this series of narratives. Part one of this book is also the gentlest so far of the series, as the group at the prison slowly becomes convinced that no attack is forthcoming, and they commence trying to re-build their lives. The garden flourishes, a pregnant Laurie feels somewhat secure, and Maggie and Glen start talking about beginning their own family. In this sense, it is one of the most interesting sections in the series to date. There is very little violence. Everybody seems to be acclimatizing, coming to terms with their new homes. But the rest of the book is ultra-bloodshed: a psychotic Governor leads his people to attack the prison. And though he is initially repulsed, the end of this chapter ends with his forces finally overcoming Rick's defenses, murdering many of his

people, and all in all changing everything. The fences are down: the dead, drawn by the gunfire, swarm what was once a sanctuary, and Rick and Carl barely manage to squeak away with their lives. No, ultimately, there are no winners. Only people who lose less than others. But still there are interesting ambiguities: for example; is this not all Michonne's doing? Had she not killed the Governor when she had the chance, then Part Two of this book would not have happened. Then there are the Governor's people, who retreat into the prison after their victory, with the dead following close behind. What happens there? Do they live? We don't know. The core of this story is the baby, Judith, and what happens to her. The tv series flinches, but this book does not.

Great quality, happy I purchased these. I started reading the Walking Dead very late. I had watched a few seasons of the show on AMC and decided to pick the books up. These are great 12 book compendiums. I pulled through each book quickly to catch up on the series and have now moved to reading these on my iPad when each issue is released. The stories are quite well written and the art is fantastic. Don't expect the same story line of the show and be willing to put aside reality a bit more as well.

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Ive been a huge fan of the walking dead ever since the show first aired on AMC. So when the series took a recent mid season break i decided to get into where it all began the comics. I havent tried the other formats of which the comics are released but these are just great ive ordered up to book four so far and they always arrive in perfect condition. I enjoy the extra artwork that was put into these and the smoothness of the pages. You'll also find that these are way cheaper to buy online rather than stores like. The books are far more graphic than the show and i just love it.

I've read The Walking Dead for years now. My buddy buys the individual issues as they're released and passes them to me, so I read them as soon as they come out. I've purchased all of the hardcover editions, though, so that I can re-read them and lend them out. When someone tells me how much they love the television series, I always ask if they've read the source material. When they say "no," I hand them volume one. First hit's free. The books are very different from the tv show. The cast is largely the same, but just because something happens in one version, don't expect it to happen the same way in the other. At first, I was kinda upset about this when watching season one of the show, but quickly realized that it's better that way. I might THINK I know what to expect, but that's not always the case. Vice-versa if you've watched the show but not read the books. Don't think it's just storyboards for the show. Brace yourself...the horrors in the book are way, way more brutal. In a good way.

I bought this as one of my boyfriend's presents this year, as he is a die hard Walking Dead fan. He says he prefers reading the story rather than watching the show, so I want to get him the set one day. I have yet to give it to him this book, but seeing as how much he loved book 1-3, I'm sure he will love it! The main reason I wanted to write a review so early, is because of how quick this book arrived! I was skeptical that I would receive it before Christmas especially with free standard shipping. To my delight, this package was on my doorstep this morning rather than Monday or Tuesday! I appreciate the speedy shipping! It also arrived undamaged, shrink-wrapped, and cushioned by air-filled pockets.

Decent story so far. Not the greatest comic I ever read but interesting enough to keep going. It is great to see how different it is from the TV show. If you love the show, you may find that the comic lacks some of the tension that keeps you glued to the screen and the characters can be a bit more melodramatic and immature on the printed page. However, it's different enough that you feel like

you are getting another story and it's so great to see the source material.

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