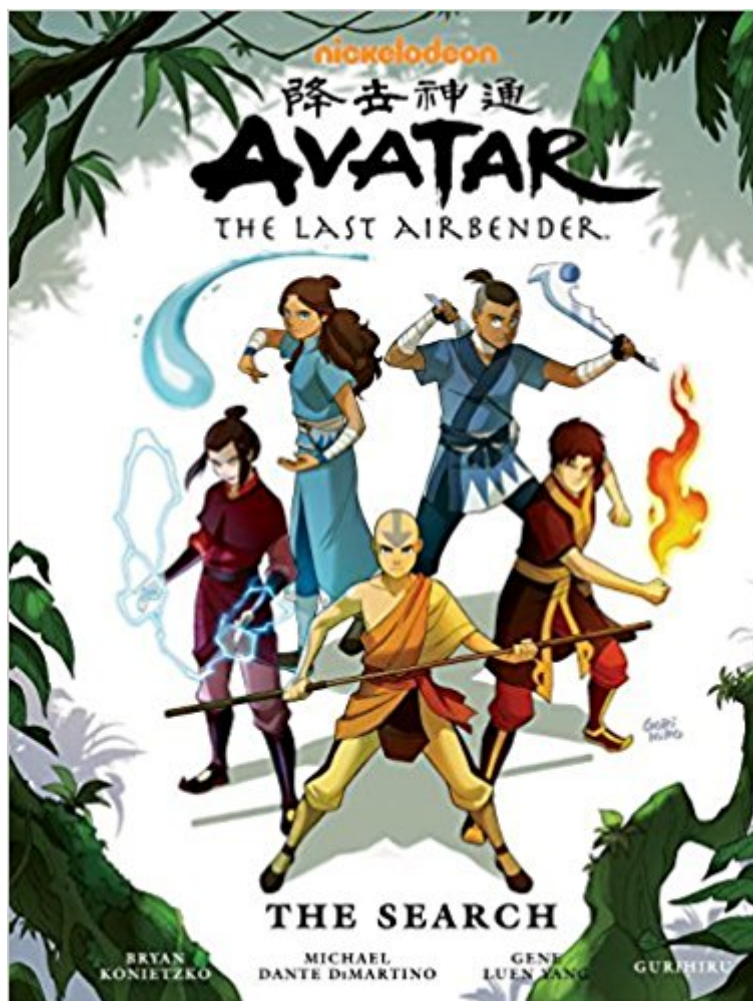


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Avatar: The Last Airbender, The Search



Synopsis

For years, fans of Avatar: The Last Airbender and The Legend of Korra have burned with one question - what happened to Fire Lord Zuko's mother? Finding a clue at last, Zuko enlists the aid of Team Avatar - and the most unlikely ally of all - to help uncover the biggest secret of his life. Immediately following the Avatar's adventures chronicled in The Promise, this remarkable oversized hardcover collects parts 1-3 of The Search, from Airbender creators Michael Dante DiMartino and Bryan Konietzko! Featuring annotations by Eisner Award-winning writer Gene Luen Yang (American Born Chinese) and the artist team Gurihiru (Thor and the Warriors Four), and a brand-new sketchbook, this is a story that Avatar fans need in an edition they will love!

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Customer Reviews

This is the second installment of the Avatar: The Last Airbender comic book series. If you haven't seen the Avatar: The Last Airbender cartoon from Nickelodeon, don't buy this until you've seen all of it and read the first comic book in the series. There is a lot of back story you need to understand in order to read this. Okay, first I will address how the book looked when I got it, which almost lost the product a star in the review process. It wasn't wrapped in any protective coating when it arrived at my door, so it was scuffed from something it had rubbed up against. There were black marks on the white cover and I was VERY annoyed. Luckily, my husband was a janitor and had a microfiber rag that took the scuff marks off without harming the cover itself. It saved 's fifth star! (haha?) Anyway.

This book is INCREDIBLE. The storyline involves what happened to Zuko's mother, Ursa. I think every fan of the show wanted to know what happened to her, and the makers of the show never revealed it in the cartoon. I actually looked up the story on wikipedia a long time ago, but the description of events was so convoluted I couldn't get what really happened. Do yourself a favor and read this book. You will find yourself swept up in the tale and unable to put it down. The art is a joy to view. Combined with the running commentary in the margins, everything is beautiful and purposeful. You can see the story unfold in the panels, but also through the eyes/words of the authors. The character development in this series never stops in the writing or the illustration. This is a masterful telling of tales. I am proud to put it on my shelf.

There's no denying it. These guys know how to make you feel as though you're still watching the old show, or rather a sequel to the show we all know and love. The art is solid, the pacing is good, but this particular volume wins above the last because we finally get to find out what happened to Zuko's mother. I originally was skeptical about them tackling this story. I wondered if they would do it justice, meaning would I feel the level of intrigue reading it as I did when I was wondering about it when watching the original show? I have to say, I couldn't put this hardcover down. It was much more than I thought it would be, and I found myself really...uplifted and inspired by the interaction of the characters. As with the best of the A: TLA episodes, this one has a heartfelt message at its core, a good one at that. If this is any indication of where they are going with these follow up stories, then I'll be buying hardcovers regularly! These are the stories that I want to read, the characters I want to follow. I find so much more excitement and interest reading these over Legend of Korra. Don't get me wrong, I like Korra and the animation of the show is FAR superior than the original Avatar series, but nothing can beat the original characters. They have so much more depth to them and frankly, I'm just not done with them yet, and I hope these creators aren't either.

Finally, a comic collection I can let my daughter read. After reading Jedi Academy (the book), I was longing for a comic book to read with my 5 yo daughter. Today I found it. The girls in this are strong role models. I've found it difficult to find a graphic novel that is both lacking in extreme violence. I also find the most of the novels over sexualize the female heroes. It is written well enough with the pictures that it has been a joy to read with her. I highly recommend it, and the whole of the Avatar bender series for kids, girls, and parents alike.

To start with the positives, who doesn't want to know what happened to Zuko's mother? The whole

series does a great job of solving the issue, but leaves a cliffhanger with Azula at the end. Hopefully we will get some more info on her in later series :) . I already bought parts 1-3 of the Search and I thought I would buy this to complete my collection. The only bad thing I can really find to say about this is that there are almost NO ANNOTATIONS. In which case they could have just made the pages nearly the full size of the book. The reason why I still give this 5 stars is because of the story itself, obviously there is a lot of extra random space, but I think this is a must have for any ATLA fan. The story was written well, the art is fantastic, and best of all this is the continuation of the TV series. I don't necessarily recommend getting this and parts 1-3, I would go either or unless you want them both. I feel the only advantage to getting the three separate ones would be the separate, individual, unique covers for each one. Personally I feel like the covers aren't terribly spectacular though, they are pretty generic if you ask me. All I hope is that the comics continue past the Rift series so we get to follow the gang on their adventures forever :) .(posted on June 24, 2014)

The Avatar series on Nickelodeon was great...funny, adventurous, clever...the stories were fun for kids and adults alike. The books based on the series continues this. These books are well made and put together with good binding so they will last thru many years with young kids reading them.

Don't forget to read the promise first! I was dying to know what happened to Zuko's mom but it's worth the wait. These were a lot bigger than I thought but much better than purchasing it in 3 parts!

This is a wonderful addition to my bookshelf. It looks great, reads great, and I love the author's notes in the side.

After reading "The Promise", I needed to read "The Search". Even at the end of the TV series, I still hadn't completely forgiven Zuko for all of the bad things he did to the Avatar team. By the end of this book, I forgave Zuko. Such great character development, and again, such beautiful art and storytelling. Has the right amount of balance between drama and humor, and there's quite a bit of closure that I got throughout the book. I only wish Momo was in there more!

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