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Nothing's happened in Wilder's hometown since they filmed that cult kids' adventure movie there in the 80s...but that's ancient history. Until one day, she and her friends come upon a centuries-old pirate map drawn by someone named Black Mary...and find out there might be some REAL adventure in their tiny town after all!

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From Reader Review Misfit City #1 for online ebook

Suzze Tiernan says

Have to see where this is going.

Ana says

Update: Read it again to refresh my memory before diving into the next three issues. Loved it even MORE the second time around!

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Oh, 80's nostalgia is beautifully alive and well!

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An homage to my all-time favorite movie - The Goonies ♥ - led by a fabulous, treasure-hunting female ensemble and all the glorious, familiar character tropes.

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I'm in love.

Heather says

I don't tend to write many reviews but I loved this so much! The art is great and so cute! And I already love the characters. I'm super hyped to find out what happens next!

Sadie says

Promising first book

A promising first issue centered around a group of girls and a mysterious treasure map. I love the art style and the premise. If you like the goonies, stranger things, or girl gangs solving mysteries I definitely recommend checking this out

Laura (bbliophile) says

... meh? I'm not really sold yet. The plot is intriguing tho, so I might continue the series

Christa says

I'm gonna be honest, this is like... If Lumberjanes was really good.

-The art was beautiful

-Best first issue I've read in a while

- The characters were all interesting and unique. I didn't feel like they were trope-y and they were all distinguishable.
 - FANTASTIC STORYLINE
 - The setting will definitely be a huge character in this series.
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Connie says

4.5/5 stars

It is a truth universally acknowledged that my three favourite films are *Pride and Prejudice* (Joe Wright, 2005); *Fantastic Mr Fox* (Wes Anderson, 2009); and *The Goonies* (Richard Donner, 1985). So obviously, this is now one of my favourite comics of all time.

The first time I ever understood what *The Goonies* was about, I was eight years old (I'd been watching it for several years, whenever my mum put it on). This was before I fell in love with Sean Astin in *LOTR* and the *TMNT* cartoon, and before my Corey Feldman obsession, spurred on by my love for *The Goonies* and *The Lost Boys*, that lasted between the years 2009 and 2012. You wanna know how much I loved that film? I wrote SELF-INSERT FANFICTION ABOUT IT, because I thought it was sorely lacking in young female adventurers not just dragged into it because their boyfriend was keeping his little brother safe, or because their best friend made them tag along (sorry, Andy and Stef, I still love you, and you're still create additions to the Goonies group!)

Which leads very smoothly into this review of the first issue of this comic. *Misfit City* is set in a town where, in the 80s, a cult kid's adventure movie was filmed there (!), called *The Gloomies* (!!), because of the fog that settles over the town for 90% of the year. Tourists role in and out, the butt of many mocking jokes and rip-off tourist attractions, to see the town in all of its glory, and the people that live there just can't wait for them to leave.

In this issue, we're introduced to a great cast: there's Wilder, a budding activist; Macy, her snarky musician best mate; optimistic and Luna Lovegood-esque Karma; nerdy and already incredibly relatable Dot (she's chubby, like meee, and she probably won't be the butt of many jokes like Chunk was!); and Pippin, who's a total hustler despite being a dog. There's also Ed, another hustler, who kinda seems like the lesbian role model every gay girl has a crush on growing up. I know I have a crush on her. Essentially, (view spoiler)

I went out of my way to read certain pages several times, going back on myself, re-reading, just so I could firmly grasp the plot and characters. This series is already setting out to be one of my favourites, not only on the basis that it's essentially an all-female *Goonies* (I know, I'm still not over it!), but also because the art is great and just really aesthetically pleasing, the characters are already wickedly diverse, and the villains seem like they are going to be cheesy and over the top, which is perfect- I wouldn't have them any other way!

Would I recommend this? Hell yes! In what world WOULDN'T I? I will be avidly waiting the release of the second issue.

Brooke Banks says

Confession: I do not have 80s nostalgia. I don't really care about *The Goonies*. I mean I remember seeing it and enjoying it as a kid but that's it. Being a fat kid, it was hard watching another be the butt of the joke.

But, I loved the art and it was in a Humble Bundle. I read it, I enjoyed it, I'll finish it in Vol. 2. There's been no fat jokes or problematic shit. It's not all white people.

I love the cynical, bored, ordinary girl teens with their attitudes. They've got understandable edge that doesn't come off as fake and trying too hard like when some adults write them. ???

Alexa says

Honestly, I'm loving this so far.

This is about a group of girls who live in a small town that is a tourist attraction "thanks" to a famous movie, which means a lot of asshole tourists and not much to do for the people who actually live there. Until the girls find a treasure map that might actually lead to some real pirate treasure.

I love the art style, and I love how visually different the protagonists are, including a black girl (who looks like the pirate from the Descendants tbh) and a fat girl. This is only the beginning of the story, so it's a little early to judge yet, but yeah, so far it's great.

Claire says

Cute!!

Nat says

I've been counting for this issue to come out ever since I saw it featured in this spectacular piece. What caught my eye in particular was this next paragraph describing the characters in **Misfit City**:

In this enterprising, but still slightly skeptical, crew are: Wilder, the de-facto leader and a budding young activist; her nose-blind-yet-genius dog Pippin; snark musician (and best friend) Macy; New Age optimist Karma; hustle-seeking Ed; and the book-loving Dot.

It sounded right up my alley, especially with recently having read and adored *Spell on Wheels*, since it looked like **Misfit City** might have a similar group dynamic. And it really was!!

This follows a diverse group of friends living in Cannon Cove, Oregon. *Home to lush seaside forests, pirate legends, tasty oysters, and the filming location for one of the most beloved kids' adventure movies of all time. It's the perfect place to grow up...to everyone who isn't from here.*

(The girls from left to right: Karma, Wilder, Dot, Macy.)

And I know that this is only the first issue in the overall story, but it had me so hooked and invested from the start. Here's just a few points on what I cherished:

- The art is really reminiscent of what I'm used to with Faith Erin Hicks. Also, the color palette is incredibly lively and warm. I love it.
- I instantly connected with Macy because I love the fact that she's in a band that's described as "*an electropunk feminist noise duo*." I really hope to see more of her. Oh, and also more of Karma because I love her endless optimism and eccentricities.
- Also, the dialogue and vibes are on-point in this comic, which I came to understand why when I read that **Misfit City** is written by award-winning screenwriter Kiwi Smith (*10 Things I Hate About You*, *Legally Blonde*) (Aka two of my most rewatched films).
- You can count me in to follow this rip-roaring adventure from issue to issue.

4/5 stars

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Deviki says

Ugh I totally love this comic!!!

The drawing is so beautiful, all the girls are gorgeous and the diversity in this book is amazing. I like that even the background extras have diversity in them.

Gloomies is aka the Goonies right ? LOL so cute !!

LOL Aw man, I really loved that movie, watched it with my sister and then with some of our neighborhood kids/schoolmates during school holidays back when we were kids. Gosh movies like that are pure adventure and fun!! Boy did we have fun!!

First I wanna point out that I totally love the drawings of those girls, each one of them are unique and they come in different shapes and colors!! I love the coloring they used in this comic. It's fantastic and attractive.

My favorite so far is Macy, she is my kind of girl. She is very confident, punky and she can be badass if she wants. I also like Wilder :) she seem to be the smart, logical and collected type. She is the voice of reasons for their Misfit groups.

Oh I so wanna continue this comic !!!

oh this probably the second thing I like with the title "Misfit" in it.
The first one was the UK show, The Misfits

Jess at Such a Novel Idea says

I smell a new favorite series here!

Enci says

I haven't read a comic since I stopped reading the WITCH comics and I'm going to attempt to do that again with this cause the story of this seems interesting and pretty great.

Anyway, it's only the first issue of a comic, so there's not much happening, still, they managed to introduce a wide range of different characters and start up the plot so I'm definitely happy with what I've read so far.

I'm expecting girl power, awesome characters, treasure hunting, and awesome town folklores from the following issues. Can't wait to read the next one, tbh.

Serena says

I was on Hoopla looking for a graphic novel to read and the cover to this got me. I'm all for seeing people of color in graphic novels. This was cute and fun to read. A diverse group of women that live in a town where an 80s movie was filmed. Shows how fans of the movie "The Gloomies" which of course will make you think of The Goonies come through the town and only want to see memorabilia from the movie and disrespect the rest of the place. I love me some Macy who is quick to speak her mind and seems like a free spirit and there is another character who is all about getting money (can't remember her name). I can't wait to read #2 when it comes out because the ladies will be looking for treasure. This is gonna be good.
