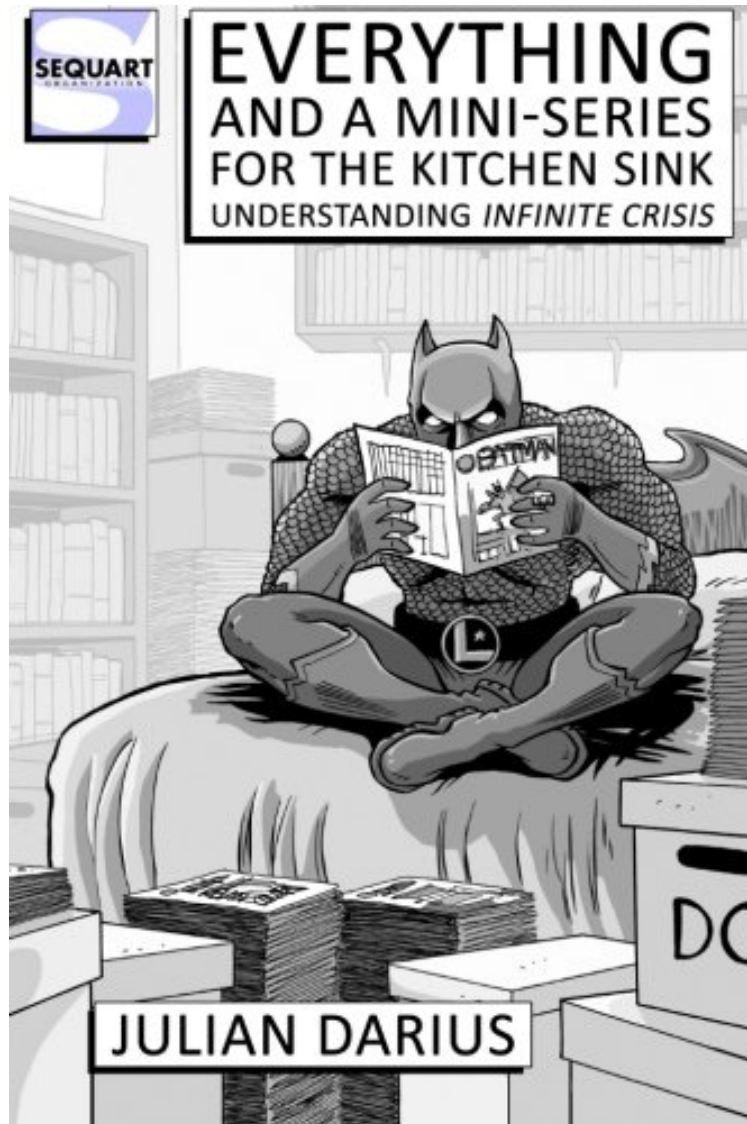


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about the DC cross over event "Infinite Crisis". This book both catalogs the entire Infinite Crisis series from start to finish, but also has a discussion about the repercussions of the event through the DCU. It was a great little read, and I really enjoyed reading it. There is something wonderful about finding grown-up thoughtful discourse on comics. While avid comic readers will DEFINITELY enjoy this book, I think people who are new to reading comics, or at least were not reading at the time will also gain a lot from this book. Sometimes its hard to jump into a series because you aren't sure what you need to know before you start reading. This book provides not only an explanation of the event, but also context, of both the DCU and "comic reader society" for the mini-series. Lastly, it helps you weed through how to collect some, or most of the series in trades, if interested in parts or all of it. Great job, and well done! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Informative read By Andres Vazquez A very informative read on the DC universe. I enjoyed the observations and it sparked some interest in reading more DC books. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Read this book to gain an excellent understanding of DC's "Infinite Crisis" (it can substitute for reading some of the books) By JohnAroundTheCornerReviews I took advantage of Prime's free Kindle loan program in order to read this book for free. But, before I borrowed it for free, I read enough pages with 's "Look Inside" feature to decide that it was worth paying \$2.99 to purchase the e-book. So, whether you borrow it for free, or buy it for \$2.99, I highly recommend this book to you. If you are not sure about buying this book, use the "Look Inside" feature and read all the pages that it lets you read (which I thought was surprisingly many). Then, you'll be in a position to decide whether to buy this book or not. This book did an EXCELLENT job of helping me to understand DC's "Infinite Crisis" series, which I had only recently started reading, out of order, before discovering this "Cheater's Guide to the Infinite Crisis" book. (What was the name of those books that some students used in high school to avoid reading the book itself? But unlike those "cheaters' guides," I recommend that you read this book and then read the actual comics. Are you someone who has not been reading comic books regularly for ten years or more, like me? If you have taken a long vacation from reading comic books, then this is what I recommend that you do: 1. Read the book, "Everything and a Mini-Series for the Kitchen Sink: Understanding Infinite Crisis." It will give you a short summary of the original 1985 "Crisis on Infinite Earths" that this is a sequel to. It will also introduce you to the Identity Crisis that took place shortly before the "Infinite Crisis" Most importantly, it will summarize the entire "Infinite Crisis" including all of the prequels. \*\*. As you read this book, pay particular attention to how this epic 1985 "Crisis on Infinite Earths" series started out with a universe that had an infinite number of parallel Earths and parallel universes, and in particular, read what it tells you about these four characters: \* Superman and Lois Lane from Earth Two, who were married, and were older than the Earth One Superman \* Alexander Luther, a good Lex Luthor from another DC universe who fought evil on his alternative Earth, and \* Superboy Prime, the Clark Kent in our universe where our favorite comic books a published NOTE that Earth Prime is where you are presently sitting, reading my review of this book. \*\*. The "Crisis on Infinite Earths" ended with these four characters walking off into the sunset in order to allow many heroes to survive on a now singular Earth. (Except that their "sunset" was an alternate dimension that the good Lex Luthor discovered so they could exit the now unified comic universe and somehow help our main heroes survive. We did not see these characters again for twenty years. \*\*. The 1985 "Crisis" allowed DC to reboot their universe. This meant that every hero had a new origin story, and the writers and artists could go in completely new directions with their characters. They no longer had to make sure that every new detail agreed with past history. For example, Superman was no longer able to move planets with his bare hands, and he was never Superboy. He gained his powers, bit by bit, once he became an adult, which I mention only to show how drastic some of the origin stories changed. \*\*. The Infinite Crisis was a 2005 event that again allowed DC to completely redefine their comic universe, which allowed each of their characters to be redefined once it was over, but it was a fascinating process to enjoy. (I wish they had brought back the original Superboy mythos, but for now, anyway, I have to be satisfied with the fact that the Infinite Crisis ended with the information that Superman's history now included some super-adventures he had as a child growing up in Smallville, which might have been a nod to the ten-year Smallville series that narrated the adventures of Superman when he was in high school and as a young adult. Okay, back to my reading recommendations 2. OPTIONAL: If you can borrow a copy, read the 12-issue "Crisis on Infinite Earths" either in its original 12 issue format, or in the combined edition. But, this is optional because you can enjoy "Infinite Crisis" without knowing in advance that the original Kara Zor-El died in the 1985 Crisis. 3. LESS OPTIONAL: Read the "Identity Crisis" miniseries if you can borrow or otherwise get a hold of it. The events of "Identity Crisis" lead directly into the prequels for "Infinite Crisis," especially the fact that the most of the members of the Justice League voted to wipe the memories of the supervillains so that they would no longer remember their secret identities, then when Batman showed up late and disapproved of what they did, they wiped his memory of what they did. 4. LESS OPTIONAL: Read "JLA: Crisis of Conscience" where we see how our heroes deal with the aftermath of their identity crisis. BUT do note that if you have read "Everything and a Mini-Series ..." you know enough about all of this to get by, but I feel that I definitely benefited from reading #3 and #4. I did not reread #2, but I remembered enough about the 1985 crisis that I could fondly recognize the NOW we get to the required reading, in my opinion: 5. Read "Countdown to Infinite Crisis." This is an 80-page Giant that took us from the events of the "Identity Crisis" and gave us a new crisis that would lead us into the "Infinite Crisis." Countdown takes a minor DC hero (a hero that most people laughed at and other heroes ignored) and

turns him into a major martyr (a character who, in death, is suddenly every reader's favorite, and every hero went into mourning). (I did not {yet} read the four mini-series that lead from "Countdown" to "Infinite Crisis"). Instead, I skipped to the "Infinite Crisis Companion" which gave me an adequate (though not total) summary of what I missed from not reading those four six-issue mini-series. Somehow, I had gotten the impression that the "Companion" contained all four of those series, but it had me scratching my head trying to figure out how DC managed to fit 24 comic books into one 200 page compilation. Over and over, I could not make 8 pages each work as a possible comic book length.)6. Read "Infinite Crisis Companion" which contains four tales, Day of Vengeance, OMAC Project, Rann-Thannagar War, and Villains United.7. If you wish to invest more time, and want a deeper understanding of the events that led up to the "Infinite Crisis" read any or all of the four 6-issue mini-series by the same names, Day of Vengeance, OMAC Project, Rann-Thannagar War, and Villains United.8. Read the "Infinite Crisis" 7-issue mini-series, the big event itself.9. There are two omnibus volumes that can allow you to see how the DC universe has changed, the "52 omnibus" that collected all 52 of the issue ones of all the DC titles, and the "52 omnibus" that collected all the issue zeroes.

INFINITE CRISIS wasn't just a crossover mini-series; it was a sprawling network of multiple such mini-series, leading both in and out of the main one. It redefined not only the DC Universe but what a crossover could be. In its scale, it exaggerated both the advantages and the downsides of the universe-wide crossover form. In this short book, Dr. Julian Darius explores the event from start to finish, including its place in the history of super-hero comics. From Sequart Organization. More info at <http://sequart.org>

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