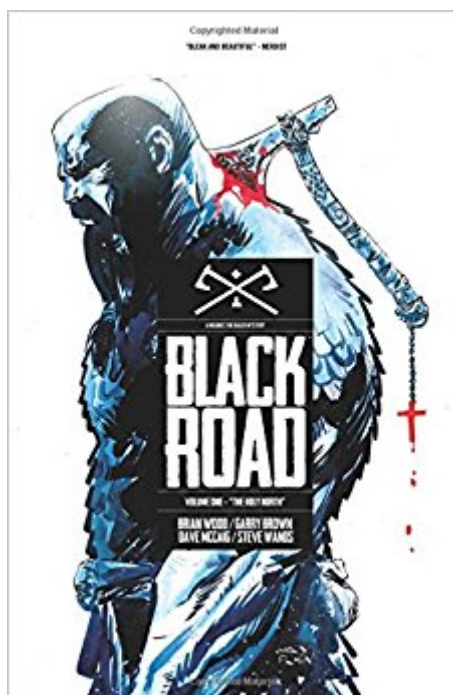


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# Black Road Volume 1: The Holy North



## Synopsis

1000 A.D. The Christian conversion of pagan lands is well underway, turning the Viking north into a bleak war zone of occupation and violence. Magnus The Black is an ex-warrior turned fixer for the Church, only looking to ease his people through this painful time. But when a Vatican official under his care is murdered on the infamous "Black Road", he uncovers a secret, something so big it threatens to change the balance of power in all of Europe. From Northlanders creator Brian Wood, artist Garry Brown (Catwoman, The Massive) and Dave McCaig (Batman, Avengers) comes a historical thriller with a shocking twist. Collects Black Road #1-5.

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## Customer Reviews

Evocative and fun if you're into dark story lines. The art throughout is solid with some standout panels that really capture the mood. The plot is so intriguing that I am looking forward to the next volume. The characters are interesting - with their own twists, flaws and motivations - you're not left thinking why is this character here, or oh I see this is the comic relief character.

Knowing the work of Brian Wood, I took a chance and ordered this graphic novel. I can honestly say this is some of his best work. Brian Wood can construct a story that has so many layers you almost wonder how long it took him to layer them. This being the first arc, is the "set-up" arc, as many comic fans will know. However, it tells a story that allows you to dive right in not fully knowing

everything about the situation and characters, and completely immerse yourself in this world Brian Wood, Garry Brown and Dave McCaig have created. Have I mentioned the art yet? It is outstanding, It is more on the exaggerated then accurate side, but that is how Norse sagas were told, and therefore fits beautifully. I eagerly await the second, and future, volumes of this story.

Brian Wood did a phenomenal job with this story. I honestly can say that I have not seen any stories as epic as this one centered in this time period. The artwork is great as well and carries the story beautifully. I cannot wait to receive Volume 2 in August (already on pre-order).

I really enjoyed this collection from Brian Wood. The art is fantastic, the tale is enjoyable and kept me interested, and I'm looking forward to the next installment to see how the story progresses. A very well executed alternative to traditional comics.

Entertaining. And worth the price. Historical, realism, and impressive graphic artwork. Finally, the writing is superb. Thanks to the team of authors and artist. Continue the great work.

The backdrop of the christian conversion of the vikings is a great setting. As someone who rarely delves into such territory in comics this was refreshing. The artwork I think is appropriate for the story.

The book was very well illustrated. It is a book for mature readers. Since it has violence and nudity. It was easy to follow the story line. I choose the book because I was interested in what this part of Europe was like before Chistiandom. In my opinion it briefly covers it. Obviously it's not a history book. It was a cool adventure book with a nice twist.

Just a really brutal and simplistic story. A few twists and turns but nothing that really knocks your socks off. Its just one of those books that knows exactly what it needs and doesn't do anything else. The artwork is chunky and visceral. Blood soaks almost every page. And while there is no sex in the book, there is a healthy Norse donger hanging out in a panel for your viewing pleasure. There isn't much to it, but there doesn't need to be. Get it, read it in a sitting, and then patiently wait for the next volume like the rest of us.

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