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A wide range of new content is coming to the Avatar: The Last Airbender universe from Dark Horse Comics. This include comics, novels, and live-action adaptations. ========== The addition to Netflix during the pandemic caused its popularity to boom again. Now the ATLA universe is scheduled to get a host of new content — from comics, novels, and live-action adaptations to an animated telling of the original band's adventures post the war, and where the show ended. If there was ever a time to get into the originally existing (and quickly expanding) list of ATLA comics, it is now. The comics are all canon and produced by Dark Horse Comics. And Mike and Bryan, the original show's creators, are heavily involved in the creation of most of these comics. So, if you, like many of the show's ardent fans, cannot wait to get into the expanded Avatar: The Last Airbender comics universe, here is a detailed guide to the same: The Search, a trilogy that reunites the team with Zuko's mother, Ursa, delves into the heartbreaking backstory behind her disappearance. This story also shines a light on Azula, who takes center stage in this arc. Another notable tale by Gene Luen Yang, The Search was released on March 20th, 2013, and illustrated by Studio Gurihiru. Yang's narrative masterfully weaves a tale of loss and love, solidifying The Search as one of the most popular ATLA comics ever. In this trilogy, Toph finds herself at odds with her father over the fate of their factory on sacred Air Nomad land. A rift develops between Toph and Aang as they disagree on whether to adopt modernization or return to tradition. This storyline also explores both Aang and Toph's character development, as Toph confronts her issues with her parents, while Aang embarks on a spiritual journey. Meanwhile, in a separate yet interconnected narrative, Zuko returns to the Fire Nation, where he must navigate his new role as the Fire Lord amidst increasing resistance. This story delves into Fire Nation politics and sets the stage for the events that led to the establishment of Republic City. Throughout this trilogy, characters like Katara, Sokka, Mae, Ty Lee, Suki, and Hakoda also get their share of screen time. We see Katara struggle to adapt to the new Southern Water Tribe, while also experiencing a blossoming romance with Hakoda. Additionally, the team comes together once more to address the growing tensions between benders and non-benders. The Imbalance trilogy, released in 2018-19, is written by Michael "Mike" Dante DiMartino and Bryan Konietzko, and features collaboration with Hicks. This collection of graphic novels explores Toph's life after establishing her metalbending academy and delves into the Water Tribe's history and politics. Furthermore, Team Avatar Tales, a series of free comics released during Free Comic Book Day, offers readers a glimpse into Smoke and Shadow. The "Rebound," "Shells," and "Sisters" comics provide additional insight into the ATLA universe. ==========Suki is back with another exciting installment of "Sisters," which delves deeper into Kyoshi's backstory. The latest free ATLA comics include "Aang's Unfreezing Day" and "Lost and Found." The former revolves around Aang forgetting his birthday after being trapped in ice for 100 years, prompting the gang to choose a new day to celebrate. In stark contrast, "Lost and Found" takes place during the reign of Firelord Ozai and follows Luumi, the sole survivor of a village destroyed by the Fire Nation. The fourth one-shot graphic novel, written by Faith Erin Hicks and illustrated by Peter Wartman and Adele Matera, offers Azula's opportunity to confront her past. After foiling one of her plans, she finds herself in a forest temple with only one monk present. This chance encounter might be the catalyst for her redemption, at least in this half-ruined temple in the woods. Another installment, "The Bounty Hunter and the Tea Brewer," features Iroh's search for missing tea, which leads him to reflect on his past and June, a bounty hunter he's developed feelings for. This collaboration between Mike and Bryan, the OG show creators, promises to be engaging due to its involvement with the original team. Lastly, "Ashes of the Academy" serves as a companion piece to "The Search and Smoke & Shadow trilogies." It follows Kiyi, Zuko's half-sister, as she enrolls in the Royal Fire Academy for Girls. The institute is replete with authoritarians and an outdated curriculum, prompting Mai to infiltrate as a teacher to protect her from potential harm. These comics delve into various aspects of the ATLA universe, including character backstories and relationship struggles. They also explore complex themes such as leadership and conflict resolution. For fans looking for more insight into the world of Aang and his friends, these graphic novels offer a chance to revisit their favorite characters in action.There is an Avatar comic for everyone, regardless of whether you read the comics on paper or digitally. Before delving into the list of Avatar books in order, let's learn more about the comics themselves. The Avatar franchise includes comics, books, TV shows, live-action films, video games, and soundtracks. Avatar: The Last Airbender is set in an Asian-inspired fantasy world where people can telekinetically manipulate or bend one of four elements - earth, fire, water, and air. Only the Avatar can bend all four elements and maintain equilibrium in the world. The franchise expanded into print publications with companion books and original stories. If you're a fan of Avatar and want to read the comics in order, I've compiled them here for your reading pleasure. Note that this list is not exhaustive. Avatar comics are always fun to read and contain child-friendly content worth checking out if you're looking for something new. The Legend of Korra Revolution takes place in a world where people can bend the four elements to their will. One person, the Avatar, will be able to bend all four at once and restore balance and peace to the world. However, this person disappeared for 100 years, leaving behind new enemies with devastating powers that threaten every living being in the Avatar world. The first season of the animated TV show Book One: Water follows Aang and his sky bison Appa as they discover Katara and Sokka from the Southern Water Tribe. Aang realizes that the Fire Nation started a war shortly after his disappearance, driving his entire race to extinction. He must fulfill his destiny and become the Avatar to restore balance to the world. Along with Katara and Sokka, Aang embarks on a journey to find a waterbending master. In the second season, Zuko continues to pursue them, joined by his sister Azula, Mai, and Ty Lee. The third season is an epic conclusion to the thrilling tale, where Aang must learn firebending to defeat Fire Lord Ozai and stop his plans for world domination and genocide. The Kyoshi novel series, a true masterpiece, weaves an engaging narrative that keeps readers hooked until the very end. Spanning centuries, the story revolves around Kyoshi, the longest-lived Avatar of Earth Kingdom's past, who left an indelible mark on history. Her journey begins as she establishes the renowned Kyoshi Warriors and Dai Li, paving the way for her nation's rise to greatness. However, this ascent is marred by corruption, decline, and eventual downfall. The Rise of Kyoshi chronicles her metamorphosis from a humble girl to a fearless champion of justice. Kyoshi's unwavering dedication to peace is put to the ultimate test as she embarks on a perilous quest across the Four Nations in search of harmony. Confronted with challenges, both internal and external, Kyoshi proves herself a formidable force, yet her legend continues to inspire generations. A unique twist to this epic tale unfolds through the Avatar Cycle series, which delves into the lives of iconic characters like Aang, Prince Zuko, and Princess Azula. The Earth Kingdom Chronicles, based on the second season of Avatar: The Last Airbender, brings these beloved figures to life in a visually stunning graphic novel. From Aang's diary entries to Princess Azula's tumultuous plans for domination, each installment offers a fresh perspective on this captivating universe. ==========The Avatar: The Last Airbender comics offer a unique perspective on the world of fantasy, allowing readers to explore the characters' thoughts and emotions in depth. One such character is Prince Zuko, who has been banished and disgraced from his position as a Fire Nation prince. With the help of Mai and Ty Lee, Azula sets out to track down her brother Zuko and join him in the hunt for Aang. Minicomics and comics featuring Katara and other Avatar characters have played a significant role in providing additional insight into the narrative. ========== Minicomics featuring Katara, Toph Beifong's Metalbending Academy, and Suki, Alone, have been included in Free Comic Book Day issues. These comics reveal key information about the story, such as Joo Dee's appointment as Grand Secretariat of Ba Sing Se. They also introduce new characters and provide background on existing ones. ========== The graphic novels released by Dark Horse Comics have served to bridge the time gap between Avatar: The Last Airbender and The Legend of Korra. Comic anthologies, such as "The Lost Adventures", collect previously unpublished comics and offer a glimpse into the world beyond the original series. The anthology features Team Avatar Tales and other comics that expand on the characters and their experiences. ========== The Promise is a trilogy of graphic novels that take place after the events of the original series. It explores the challenges faced by a war-torn world as it tries to return to peace. Aang, Zuko, and the reinstated Earth King Kuei work together to resolve conflicts and make amends with the Fire Nation. However, their efforts are complicated by the Yu Dao colony's refusal to comply with the Harmony Restoration Movement. ========== Team Avatar Tales is another anthology that delves into the lives of the characters after the original series concluded. It includes previously published comics and new material that explores the characters' experiences during and after the war. The collection offers a deeper understanding of the world and its inhabitants, making it an essential companion to the original series.The Promise Part Three: A Collision Course ========== Zuko and Kuei have sent their armies towards Yu Dao, pushing the world into the brink of war once again. Aang is caught in the midst of this conflict, having promised Zuko that he would keep the peace, even if it meant sacrificing his own life to achieve it. As his attempts to mediate fail repeatedly, his options dwindle, and he may have no choice but to fulfill his promise. The Search The Search is a story about Zuko's quest to find his mother Ursa with the help of his sister and old friends. Zuko makes a deal with Azula to release her from an institution in exchange for her assistance, and together they set out on a journey to Hira'a with Aang, Sokka, and Katara. However, tensions within the group and dangers on their path threaten to end their search before they uncover the truth. The Rift The Rift trilogy revolves around Aang, his friends, and the Air Acolytes as they embark on a perilous journey that culminates in a conflict between the spirit and physical worlds. Aang's quest for answers leads him to discover a jointly owned Fire Nation and Earth Kingdom refinery operating on land sacred to his people. Smoke and Shadow Smoke and Shadow follows Aang and Zuko as they struggle to resolve their conflicts, both physical and spiritual. Zuko seeks Aang's assistance in dealing with an ancient and mysterious enemy that threatens the Fire Nation.Smoke and Shadow Part Two unfolds with the mysterious disappearance of children from their homes in the Fire Nation Capital. Unbeknownst to Aang and his friends, the New Ozai Society is secretly plotting against Zuko's reign, while the Kemurikage's appearance adds an air of menace to the city. Cranefish Town, once a small settlement, has transformed into a thriving community. Aang's arrival is met with indifference, which surprises him, and at a business council meeting, he learns about the town's deepening bender versus nonbender conflict. The situation escalates rapidly, putting the entire town in danger of erupting into violence. Aang and Team Avatar must navigate this complex web to prevent all-out war. The Bounty Hunter and the Tea Brewer is an epic standalone graphic novel centered on June, a bounty hunter, and Iroh, the former Dragon of the West. The story begins with deliveries to Uncle Iroh's tea house, the Jasmine Dragon, having dried up, complicating his life further. A familiar face, the bounty hunter June, has captured Iroh in hopes of a large payday to set her up for life. The question remains, who hired June, and what do they want with Iroh? As June considers her future, she embarks on an epic trek across the Earth Kingdom. Along the way, she must confront the consequences of her actions and face a part of her past. Meanwhile, Iroh must navigate his own demons while being held captive. In another standalone graphic novel, Ashes of the Academy follows Kiyi, half-sister to Fire Lord Zuko, as she enrolls in the Royal Fire Academy for Girls. Known for its strict curriculum and instructors, Zuko worries about Kiyi's well-being. However, when a seed of doubt is planted about the new headmistress, Zuko takes action by installing Mai as an academy teacher. Can Mai keep a watchful eye over Kiyi and guide her on the right path, or will the academy's culture shape her footsteps into those of her half-sibling, Azula? The graphic novel explores themes of identity, loyalty, and the consequences of one's actions. The Avatar: The Last Airbender—Screen Comix series retells the original series in a new format. Volume 1 features Aang, Katara, and Sokka on the cover, along with vignettes of their first six adventures. The graphic novel is an action-packed retelling of the show, featuring full-color scenes and dialogue from the series. Volume 2 continues Aang's journey as he searches for a waterbending master to defeat the Fire Nation. Along the way, he meets new friends and enemies, taking him on an epic adventure across the Earth Kingdom.The Fire Nation's pursuit of the Avatar reaches a boiling point as Zuko's quest for capture intensifies, with other Fire Nation factions getting involved. Can Aang and his friends successfully reach the Northern Water Tribe, or will they be captured by the Fire Nation and further their plans for world domination? This 320-page retelling, complete with full-color scenes and dialogue from the series, is sure to delight Avatar fans of all ages! Zuko's Journey[] A gripping retelling of Zuko's journey back to his Uncle Iroh in the hit animated series Avatar: The Last Airbender. After being shunned by his uncle and mentor, Iroh, a disillusioned and bitter Zuko sets out on his own. Along the way, he discovers hidden aspects of himself and learns valuable lessons about life. This 80-page retelling features final frames and dialogue from the series, making it perfect for Avatar fans aged 8-12.[6] Toph's Power[] An action-packed retelling of when Toph Beifong joined Team Avatar, featuring full-color scenes and dialogue from Nickelodeon's hit animated series. Aang is worried he won't be able to master earthbending in time to stop the Fire Nation, but meets Toph, a young Earthbender with a unique style. Follow Toph as she joins the team and helps Aang defeat the Fire Nation in this 80-page retelling, perfect for Avatar fans aged 8-12.[7] Avatar: The Last Airbender—Chibi[] Vol. 1: Aang's Unfreezing Day[] This special edition features a heartwarming tale of love, celebration, and friendship from celebrated author Kelly Leigh Miller (I am a Wolf; I Love My Fangs) and artist Diana Sim. In collaboration with Nickelodeon and Avatar: The Last Airbender writer Tim Hedrick, they bring young fans and their families this delightful story about Aang's forgotten birthday. His friends Katara, Toph, Sokka, and Zuko plan a surprise party for him, but must be careful not to ruin the surprise! Free Comic Book Day minicomics[] Rebound[] Main article: Rebound Mai is dealing with a tough breakup from Fire Lord Zuko, but her luck might change when she meets a handsome young man at her new workplace. The possibilities are endless for better or worse. Shells[] Main article: Shells Story: Gene Luen Yang Art: Faith Erin Hicks Lettering: Michael Heisler Sokka watches as Suki gives a lesson in manners to a young girl, encouraging her strength and confidence. Sisters[] Main article: Sisters Story: Gene Luen Yang Art: Carla Speed McNeil Lettering: Michael Heisler Ty Lee feels down after being amazed by the Kyoshi Warriors, but Toph sees this and takes her to the circus where she reunites with her six sisters. Matcha Makers[] Main article: Matcha Makers Iroh's tea shop is at the center of some strange spirit activity! Humans and spirits team up to help Iroh find a new purpose in life.The world of Avatar: The Last Airbender is one of exploration and discovery. Aang's journey with his friends through the Fire Nation village of Luumi stands out as an example of how even in the darkest times, hope can be found. Avatar: The Last Airbander Comics - A New Generation of Adventure Continues ========== The world of Avatar is expanding beyond the boundaries of the original television series. Now, you can continue the adventure in comic book form. Some depict events and situations unseen during the series' run, while most comics follow the characters after the conclusion of the show's official run. Before You Begin If you want to fully experience the world of Avatar, it's highly recommended to rewatch the TV series before diving into the comics. However, if you prefer, you can also read the novels "Chronicles of the Avatar" which provide an in-depth look at the lives of previous Avatars. New Releases and Updates Stay up-to-date with all the latest news and releases about Avatar: The Last Airbender comics! 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