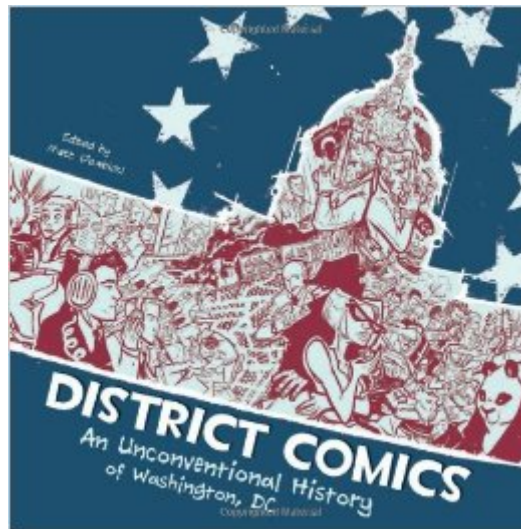


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Synopsis

District Comics is a graphic anthology featuring lesser-known stories about Washington, DC, from its earliest days as a rustic settlement along the swampy banks of the Potomac to the modern-day metropolis. Spanning 1794 to 2009, District Comics stops along the way for a duel, a drink in the Senate's speakeasy, a look into the punk scene, and much more.

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Even if you typically hate history/nonfiction, give this book a chance. It's incredibly well written and illustrated. I learned a lot and enjoyed every second.

I love this book and I love whomever came up with the idea for this collection of art and stories. It's a great way to learn a bit of history about our nation's capital while enjoying the art and storytelling that comes with it. As a resident of Washington, D.C., it is especially interesting to learn about parts of the city that I hadn't ever thought about before hearing these tales. It will definitely have me looking at some of our landmarks with a bit more appreciation. I sure hope there are more books to come in this format! I'd love to see a Presidential one!

Washington, DC is rich with well-known tales, and some that aren't so well known. This book tends

to cover those tales of our nation's capital that lean more towards the latter, though are no less significant. This is a colorful, beautifully illustrated book jam-packed with a good variety of these tales, told through the medium of comic-book-style illustration, showcasing work from artists and writers all based in the NOVA/DC region. It's a hearty, thick book with a lot of material to devour and digest, and is wisely told in a chronological order, beginning with DC's first newspaper in the late 1700's and ending with a fascinating tale regarding the design of the Metropolitan Police Department's badge around the time president Obama was first elected. In between we learn about how the Washington Nationals rode the first wave of baseball fever in the U.S., a humble, aging janitor-turned-visionary artist, the triumphant return of a pioneering punk rock band, and a locally-born panda bear who achieved celebrity status during his short stay at The National Zoo. While all of the stories vary in both length and style, there is a good overall cohesiveness and unifying flow to the book whose tales share the same unique vision of informing and entertaining readers through the vivid, classic medium that is the American comic book.

Loved this book an odyssey that leads us through a wonderful world of imagination and history through deft hands. Hooray for all involved!

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