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Saga Volume 1 (Image Comics)



The *Saga* series features something for every adult reader—action, mystery, romance, and deeply flawed characters that you won't be able to help but root for-and want to talk about!

CREATORS: Brian K. Vaughan and Fiona Staples

ABOUT: *Saga* is an epic space opera/fantasy comic book series created by writer Brian K. Vaughan and artist Fiona Staples, published monthly by Image Comics. The series is heavily influenced by Star Wars, and based on ideas Vaughan conceived both as a child and as a parent. It depicts two lovers from long-warring extraterrestrial races, Alana and Marko, fleeing authorities from both sides of a galactic war as they struggle to care for their newborn daughter, Hazel, who occasionally narrates the series.

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“While Vaughan will be the star power that attracts readers, do-it-all artist Staples is going to be the one who really wows them. Her character designs dish out some of the best aliens around, the immersive world-crafting is lushly detailed and deeply thought through, and the spacious layouts keep the focus squarely on the personal element, despite the chaotic cosmos they inhabit. Add another winner to Vaughan’s stable of consistently epic, fresh, and endearing stories.” —**Booklist**, Starred Review, 2012



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Saga* is essentially a story about family, both chosen and biological, that just happens to be set in a hyper-chaotic fantasy world. What do you find the core messaging to be about?
2. What is the driving force behind each character and how do characters’ narratives and goals conflict against others?
3. What do you think about the role of Hazel as the narrator? How does her perspective influence the storytelling?
4. How does the war between Landfall and Wreath drive the narrative? Do you see parallels to real-world conflicts?
5. How does the artwork’s mix of surreal and realistic elements shape the tone of the story?

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