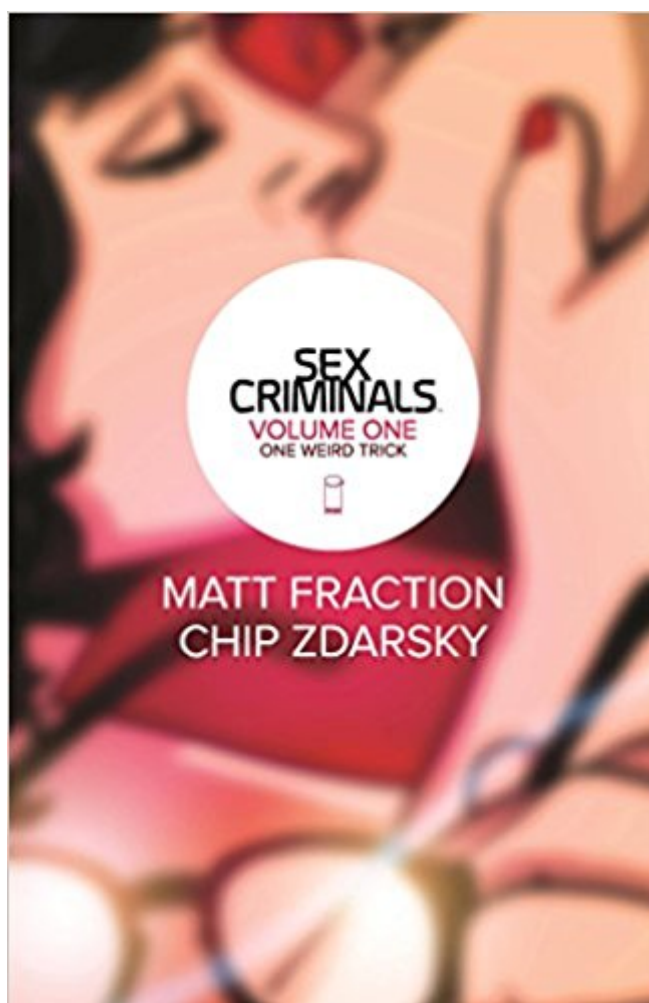


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Sex Criminals Volume 1: One Weird Trick



Synopsis

“Great fun!” - The Miami Herald Named one of Time Magazine’s top 10 graphic novels for 2013! Suzie’s just a regular gal with an irregular gift: when she has sex, she stops time. One day she meets Jon and it turns out he has the same ability. And sooner or later they get around to using their gifts to do what we’d ALL do: rob a couple banks. A bawdy and brazen sex comedy for comics begins here, by Matt Fraction (Satellite Sam, Hawkeye) and Chip Zdarsky (Prison Funnies, Monster Cops). "On the surface, this is a hilarious story of two people, Suzanne and Jon, with the power to stop time after they orgasm, and then rob banks while (almost) everyone else is frozen in time, which is an amazingly original idea. But underneath that, this is a story of the beginning of a relationship: its exciting newness, its terrifying possibilities, its ups and downs, its secrets and understandings, and, of course, its sex." - PW

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Customer Reviews

Sex criminals is certainly one of the most unique premises for a story that I've read. Suzy and Jon are two people with an extraordinary ability to stop time whenever they orgasm. Using this power, they decide to rob a bank so they have enough money to save a library from foreclosure. Weird right? So anyway the main selling point of this book is the sex. Not porn, mind you, but sex. Both Suzie and John have frank discussions about how they learned about sex growing up, and how it affects both their own and their friends lives now in the present. These discussions are engaging

and relatable. The comedy is generally good. Let's be clear, it's nothing but sex jokes, but as long as you don't mind sex jokes, it's good for a good chuckle here and there. It just doesn't have anything as laugh out loud funny as say 'Preacher'. The book has one serious flaw though, and that's that the villains are badly, even lazily, written. The first page introduces the idea of the 'sex police', out to stop Suzie and John, and they have all the competence of drunk crane operator. The bank that they steal from is just as bad, being written off with one line as a cesspool of jerks that deserve everything they get. That part seriously needs to improve if I'm going to keep reading these comics. So, if you like sex, go for the read. You might be better off buying individual issues though. It's cheaper.

This is charming and frank as a sex farce and as science fiction--it avoids being swamy or sleazy while the main characters talk openly about sex. There are lots of sexological and scatological jokes hidden, but they aren't exploitative. Fraction writes Suzie and Jon in context of explorations of coming of age, loneliness, perversity, and crime capers without it seeming forced, and Chip Zdarsky's art is incredibly charming, cutting against any beefcake tendencies and superficial "transgression" that could have been made in the subject matter. This book is adult, for sure, but while it can be graphic, it is more sex farce than *Eurortica*. Highly enjoyable even if some of the subplots are a tad predictable.

Intimacy and the discovery of our sexuality is a series of events that certainly does not unfold in a rudimentary or predictable means for anyone. *Sex Criminals* revolves around the curious, and at times confusing, life of a young woman who finds that her sexuality evokes a much more special place than most. Throughout this series premier you find yourself understanding her better just as she does. This otherworldly aspect of her biology finds her making unique decisions and an interesting encounter that is more than meets the eye. It had been years since I have delved into a graphic novel. I decided I wanted to glimpse back into this artistic medium, but wanted to stray away from any comics that served as stories behind heroes or heroines. After some research I came across this series. The artwork is fantastic and the use of colors, especially the neon aura, stands out. The story is certainly unique and kept my attention throughout. I have found over the years that I am drawn to darker source material (e.g. *Vampire Hunter D*), so while the comic told a story that I had expected there were times I found myself wanting a less comic relief synopsis and a more adult oriented tone. With that said, I can say without hesitation that I can see why this series was referenced on 'top graphic novel' lists. Also, included in this volume is plenty of extras including

additional covers and information about the authors. If you are looking for a unique story revolving around sexuality with great artwork than look no further. Sex Criminals offers a goofy and flirtatious story and is well worth the read.

"Sex Criminals" is certainly unique. The premise: A pubescent girl discovers that when she has an orgasm, time stops for everyone else around her. She tries to find out if this happens for anyone else, and concludes she is alone -- until years later, while having sex with the perfect guy, discovers that he too can stop time in similar circumstances. This shared quirk, as well as their natural chemistry, makes them inseparable. They then decide to use their power to rob banks for the Andy Hardy-est of reasons: to save the local library. The writing is in Fraction's usual breezy, chatty style, which is always enjoyable. But what makes the book is Zdarsky's incredible artwork, which conveys both the sacred and profane aspects of the strange story in vivid colors.

Suzie and Jon can stop time when they orgasm. They've always thought they were alone in this but then they found each other. Jon knows more about "The Quite" and Suzie is determined to figure it out too. They decide to put their "power" to use and rob a bank. It's then that they come across the sex police and manage to escape. I kept hearing good things about this series and as uncomfortable it made me at first, it is an interesting concept. I just didn't love it like I thought I would. It seems there's three stories all woven together at once and it was a bit confusing at times. I wasn't overly impressed with the characters either. Didn't love them or hate them. And I was indifferent about the artwork. It did leave on a cliff hanger and I will continue at least for another volume to see where it goes and if the plot lines start to level out allowing me to get more invested.

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