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At last! Everyone's favorite no-nonsense powerhouse, America Chavez, gets her own series! Written by critically-acclaimed YA novelist Gabby Rivera (*Juliet Takes A Breath*) and drawn by all-star artist Joe Quinones (*HOWARD THE DUCK*), Marvel Comics' brand new AMERICA series shines a solo spotlight on the high-octane and hard-hitting adventures of the one and only America Chavez! America has always been uncontestedly awesome, and as the newly appointed leader of the Ultimates, she's now officially claimed her place as the preeminent butt-kicker of the Marvel Universe! But while leading a team of heroes and punching out big bads is great and all, it doesn't really leave much time for self-discovery... So what's a super-powered teenager do when she's looking for a little fulfillment? She goes to college!

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Kaitlyn Red Wing says

Man this was absolutely perfect! America is now one of my favorite superheroes ever! Queer, Latino, and a woman! Plus she punches nazis (seriously the last page was fantastic) what more could you want!

Jeimy says

I had never read any of the series in which America was previously featured, but when I read she was Puerto Rican and queer, I had to check her out. Boy am I glad I did! There was so much to love in this volume. I am now hooked on this series.

the (book) supplier says

I'm excited for a comic with a queer Latina protagonist. There's something about the dialogue in Marvel comics that feels clunky to me, but I'm not super familiar with Marvel's comics, so I'm interested to see where this goes.

Nat says

I don't tend to read or review single issues of comics as I like to read them in volumes. But my excitement for **America** has been evergrowing since I saw this ethereal work of art by Joe Quinones:

So waiting till October for the first volume to come out was out of question for me.

This issue written by Gabby Rivera and drawn by Joe Quinones was my very first introduction to America Chavez. And if this was any indication of her awesomeness, it won't be my last! I'm in it for the long haul with Chavez.

However, the plot was a bit puzzling for me as I wasn't familiar with a lot of the thrown in references or superheroes. But I came to love America's character so damn much that I didn't really mind being left out of the loop with the ongoing storyline. And thankfully we had a quick recap at the start:

America Chavez is done with the hero scene. She did the Teen Brigade thing. She basically WAS the Young Avengers. And the Ultimates? They're cool, but saving the world every weekend is starting to get old. Time to punch out.

But she can't go home again—she left the Utopian Parallel when she was a little girl, after her moms died saving the entire Multiverse. America's been on her own ever since, doing her best to be a hero just like them.

And lately her friends all seem to have problems of their own, what with Loki seemingly being a full-on bad guy again and bestie Kate Bishop (a.k.a. the *real* Hawkeye) now doing her own thing out on the West Coast.

So where does a super-strong queer brown girl who can punch star-shaped holes between dimensions go to get her hero-free kicks? Queue up the music and lace up your boots... America's going to college.

Like the author mentioned in this interview, '*Don't try to write a superhero comic book. That's not why they reached out to you. Put all the joy and excitement and energy and quirkiness that you did with Juliet and bring it to America.*' So what song does she listen to when she wakes up in the morning? Does she brush her teeth in her underwear? What type of girl is she? The fundamental questions you have about someone you want to be friends with.

Plus, there's just so much I cherished in this issue:

~~The only America I want~~

I immensely valued the emphasis on America's love and grief for her two heroic mothers.

This girl is me with the "*be your best friend.*"

Girls loving girls in comics is something I'll never grow tired of seeing represented!

A++, Would be burned by America.

Her comments are pure gold.

Girls supporting girls!!! Also, America's expression in the above is beyond lovable.

Chavez is a rare hidden gem.

Beating Nazi bastards is something I'll always support.

Plus, that's how you end your comic on at an all-time high. I want more and more and more!!!

4.5/5 stars

*Note: I'm an Amazon Affiliate. If you're interested in buying **America #1**, just click on the image below to go through my link. I'll make a small commission!*

Valeria says

So I'm kind of in love?

Also, it's so nice and refreshing to have latina (poc in general) representation, especially coming from this badass queer woman. I'm really looking forward to the next issues.

Vinton Bayne says

This was everything I had hoped for. America is funny, encouraging, raw, honest and wonderful. I can't wait for the next issue.

Cecillie says

I've never read anything with America Chavez before, but based on this issue she seem to be a pretty cool character! I'm pretty sure I'll continue reading this series.

R.C. Rejino says

Holy menstruation, this was amazing.

I've never read a series featuring America Chavez, but I was pumped for this solo series since this was our first Queer Latina character that has EVER had a solo series from the Big Three (DC, Marvel, image), let alone first solo Queer Latinx character ever.

America #1 is about America Chavez, who has been on multiple teams and has fought in multiple dimensions, but now all she wants to do is go to college and improve herself. This series doesn't seem to have a main antagonist at the moment, but instead feels like a "day in the life" series. We see America beat up a baddie with the Ultimates, we see her meet up with her (soon to be ex) girlfriend, and then we see her walk into class late and get lowkey owned for it.

There's so much to love in this issue - this comic feels so genuine with the culture, slang, and characters it is presenting. A lot of reviews seem to be claiming this to be SJW, made-up shit, but honestly, it just goes to prove that a lot of those people are not open-minded or have attempted to truly immerse themselves into more diverse media or social interactions.

The art for this series is fantastic as well. In a way, it reminds me of the art for Patsy Walker while not being EXACTLY like the art for Patsy Walker.

Overall, Marvel hit it out of the park with this series. I didn't know what to expect from America Chavez before reading this, but holy shit was this perfect. I have no qualms. I highly, highly, HIGHLY recommend this series.

Emily says

What a good start!! I'm curious to learn more about America's adventures at university and herself. Hope Kate shows up more too :'))

Rick Lopez says

Literally one of the worst comic books of ALL TIME. Right up there on the 'pure shit list' with The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl .. this is basically a comic book for people who hate comic books but want to see SJW values pushed into the minds of children. I'm Latino and I could give a fuck about 'being represented' in comics. This is abhorrent.

Melody (theliteraryowl) says

This was awesome. And that ending was just .. perfect *.*

Emily says

The last page was probably my favorite out of the whole thing like man I love this girl. It's exciting to see her outside of the pages of Young Avengers.

Chelsea says

I've never known love like this before!

This is so great! I adore every single thing about this book! I'm in love with Gabby Rivera!

Okay, to start, aside from Ultimates, I've read every single issue America Chavez appears in. *Every* issue! Even Teen Brigade. She's one of my all time favorite characters and I loved her the most in Young Avengers! She's a kick ass, lesbian Latina character and I've always been in love with her.

I love the nerdy references in this book! Everything from Star Wars to Fifth Element and the nod at emo kids with the MCR reference. It's like Rivera grew up in my neighborhood! I love America's voice in this! She's given a lot more depth and range of emotion here Young Avengers rarely displayed any hint of vulnerability. Rivera is showing us an entirely new side of America and I can't wait to see where she takes us next.

I have to say, as an Amerikate shipper, my little heart was singing. I love them together and I died when Kate spoke of her and said "Stars and hearts. Mega-babe. My best one." Do it, Marvel! Make them a couple! Please, I'll forgive you for CW II. I promise I will!

Anyway, the talent behind this book excites me even more! This is such a great step in terms of representation in Marvel comics and on top of that, this is a damn good book.

5 stars and hearts!

Chaos=Cat-In-A-Bag says

Riddled with bad art, bad humor, and bad attitude, America Chavez is nothing to get excited over. Very little in these comics make sense, or make me want to be around America Chavez any more than I have to. She's rude, dumb, and instead of learning from her mistakes- like a real hero- simply chooses to run away or just punch her way out of situations. I'm a lesbian, and I didn't appreciate how much "LESBIAN" was shoved down my throat (there is actually a panel where America goes to her girlfriend's apartment and they kiss with the pride flag coating the back ground, no joke). If you like her, fine, enjoy yourselves, but I'd prefer to stay as far away from this unstable star as possible, because one day soon's she's going to become a black hole.

Laura AP says

aaaa i've been so anxious for America's own title I'm so proud of my bby girl. This promises a great start to the series, and I can't wait where Gabby Rivera takes us.
