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What's to Love: It's our first-ever Lumberjanes special and we could not be more excited to welcome writer Faith Erin Hicks (The Adventures of Superhero Girl) and newcomer artist Rosemary Valero-O'Connell to our growing Lumberteam. This self-contained story perfectly captures the spirit of what the Lumberjanes are: hardcore lady-types who can fend for themselves, but also quick to help those who are in need!

What It Is: In this special one-shot issue, a monster is terrorizing the Lumberjanes camp and the girls go to stop it. However, it turns out that the monster is being framed and now the girls have to figure out who's doing it and to what end! Join April, Jo, Mal, Molly and Ripley as they earn their Beyond Bay Leaf pin!

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◆ Maica ◆ says

Summer will end. Our friendship won't.

Short and fun read. Their simple yet wacky adventure made me giggle and feel warm.

Mehsi says

A ghost pony, a summer camp, friendship, and an evil lady. What more do we want?

Those who have been following me on Goodreads/my reviews for some time know, I did not enjoy Lumberjanes. For various reasons, like no character development, story? whut?. But when I heard about these little short specials, my curiosity rose up. Especially since, despite the terrible start Lumberjanes had, I always kept being curious about the series. Would it become better? Would later parts have an explanation? So these shorts would be perfect for me to maybe easily slide back, and maybe give the second volume another try. But first the shorts!

This one starts with our band of rowdy girls going out during the night for a fun stargazing activity. I knew immediately, and also due what I saw from the first Lumberjanes volume, that this wouldn't just be a cute and fun stargazing activity for long. And indeed. Quite soon Ripley sees something and dashes off in light speed mode (really, that girl can RUN).

And so it all begins. Our girls quickly lose Ripley, and so our group is split up. Ripley finds a ghost horse, and I was in stitches over what she named it (that poor horse is now wishing he had thought of his own name before letting her pick one). While on the other hand our group is getting slightly lost but then finds a campfire. They meet up with someone named Sola. And with Sola the stories reunite again as the ghost horse that Ripley met is of importance for this creepy lady.

I have to say I never once trusted Sola. That woman just vibrated NOPE NOPE NOPE vibes and I was just trying to get the girls to understand that (yes, I know that the story is already set, but still!).

Our ghost horse's story was very sad, the poor thing. :(

And of course there is a battle to save not only the horses, but also the girls, as Sola makes a very tempting over to Ripley (she really knows who to pick out).

This was so exciting to read, I never once was bored, there were creepy moments, hilarious moments, and I just loved the friendship between the girls. Yup. This was a hit! I just got a few more specials to read, and maybe, just maybe, I may get to reading Lumberjanes Vol.2 and further.

Ah, I forgot, the art was fabulous! <3

Andreea says

I really liked the special. The story manages to capture the essence of our Lumberjanes and the panels help the story greatly!

Václav says

This special is so mundane. It looks interesting at first, but shortly it becomes a template job. Jen takes girls to some learning, and suddenly a wild adventure appears. The girls behind Lumberjanes ensures me with every single arc and special that they have nice ideas about fantasy adventures, but zero to none creativity and innovation how to compose it to the whole story. It's like pub stories, which starts and ends completely same, only the shenanigans in middle is somewhat different (but still in the similar environment). I know I shouldn't expect much from Lumberjanes, but oddly I want to. So there comes the disappointment.

Kristin El says

Probably my favorite Lumberjanes story which emphasizes how much the girls care for each other as friends. Also I thought the magical horse was really cool.

Valéria. says

Still not my cup of tea, but nice. Enjoyable.

Paola Castro says

Realmente el arte me parecio muy feo, eso sin contar que si se sentia como una historia de relleno. Me decepciono un poco

Alexa says

ghost ponies!!

April says

Nice little stand-alone issue and Riley gets to meet a "ghost pony"! Friendship to the max, yo.

Amy Lou says

3.5 stars

It was cute! It's always really irritating to me when the illustrators switch, though. I? prefer the original person instead.

Elysia says

Another fun short story from the Lumberjanes universe

Jess says

3.5 stars.

Satrina T says

In this special issue we see the girls in a new arc.

What I liked the most: their friendship is great.

What I didn't like: I think this arc could have been longer.

Kate says

I love this artist usually, but, seriously? This borrows too heavily from The Last Unicorn. Shiny horse beings tracked down and captured until there is only one left! It tries to escape the evil person's ~~bull~~ wolves but is caught! Our heroines free the ~~unieorns~~ shiny horse beings all at once in a rush! On a cliff! :-/ Disappointing, since I was very excited to see Hicks's name attached to it, but I was hoping for something a little more original.

Beverly says

Not super crazy about the art
