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Papercutz presents the conclusion to the biggest Nancy Drew graphic novel adventure ever. "The High Miles Mystery," winds up with a race that could spell life or death for the girl detective! Hinkley is able to build a prototype for a new high-efficiency car based on a recently recovered engine. After seeing Nancy drive a tank and stop a speeding train, he wants her (and mechanic Bess) to drive the prototype in a government-sponsored race. The car with the best fuel efficiency wins a government development contract, money Hinkley and Credo would need to bring the car to production. But someone is determined that Nancy and Bess lose-- at any cost!

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HeavyReader says

I read this book as research for my upcoming presentation on graphic novels. It was ok. It is shelved in the children's room of the Lawrence Public Library, and it seems to be aimed at younger kids. I'm not excited about it, but I didn't hate it either.

Sarah Crawford says

Nancy and the girls see a stage magician perform and Nancy is, of course, noting how the tricks are done. One trick goes awry when the female assistant actually disappears.

Nancy knows that the magician and his assistant have argued so she checks things out and nearly gets eaten by a huge snake. The story revolves around the magician's relationship to the assistant and there's no actual crime here. Overall, it's the weakest story in the manga series so far.

Brandy says

Definitely enjoyed this storyline better than Dress Reversal (I loved Bess as a car mechanic and Nancy as the driver), I just wish it had been a stand-alone story (the ending didn't really make sense without having read the previous two volumes).

Habissha Sutharsan says

I thought I would enjoy reading this book after I enjoyed reading Nancy drew novels when I was little. My assumption was wrong. I hated this book because of the storyline, character development. The images were, however, satisfying but the storyline was horrible, it was somewhat confusing according to me. Nancy was not the character I want to see in this book. I believe that the images looked satisfying but did not really match the storyline which ruined the whole book. People say do not judge a book by its cover. I did not judge the book but it is absolutely horrible

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Doreen says

So I'm a little confused by this book. I loved the other 2 I've read so far, but I'm kinda weirded out by how Bess seems to be so much more like George was in the old books, and vice versa. Otherwise, a fun, fast read, and a great way to revisit my childhood love for Nancy Drew (even if I thought the solution to the mystery

was obvious from pg 6, panel 1.)

Shonda says

Nancy and Bess are driving an experimental car made from the tank engine's magnets built by Roy Hinkley. They've entered a government sponsored race in hopes of winning a developmental contract. Nancy is up against stiff competition. During the race, the girls realize one of the other drivers will stop at nothing to win the race. Even if it means sabotage Nancy and Bess. Ride how Nancy solves the case and find out if she wins the race.

Truly says

I like this book but, there wasn't really a mystery for Nancy Drew. It was a little boring.

Simon says

This book was a great surprise to learn about and see that Nancy Drew was carrying on as a graphic novel now. While I wasn't too keen on the art style, I still sucked it up and enjoyed it. The story was good, but Nancy was a bonehead! She was so absent minded and forgetful, this was nothing like the real Nancy Drew in the main series. I was disappointed about that, but it was still a fun read.

One other thing I am wondering about is where the heck is Helen Corning? Nancy seems to only be hanging out with Bess and George now. Don't get me wrong, I like Bess and George, but I liked Helen too.

Raja99 says

My public library finally got this back (or bought a new copy). This is part 3 of a three-parter; it follows *Ghost in the Machinery* and *The Disoriented Express*. But the ties between the books are pretty loose, so you don't really have to read the others first.

In this one, Nancy and Bess are participants in a race of experimental cars(!); the winner will get a government contract to mass-produce new fuel-efficient vehicles. (The cars have to run the race on one gallon of gas; Nancy's team takes only half [with the car's designer pouring the other half-gallon out on the desert sand--yuck!:]--and a couple teams refuse the gas altogether.)

The race is fun and exciting, with twists and turns, and Bess going into a crawlspace(!) to the keep the car moving at high speeds. The ending is clever, and answers the biggest question I had about the proceedings (which, to be fair, is presented on page 2).

While I quite enjoyed this book, I'd say that the "three-parter" was a bit of a letdown; the connections are tenuous, and it would only take minor edits to turn the three books into standalone stories. (In this book, the penultimate page ties off a few dangling threads, but still leaves others unresolved.)

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