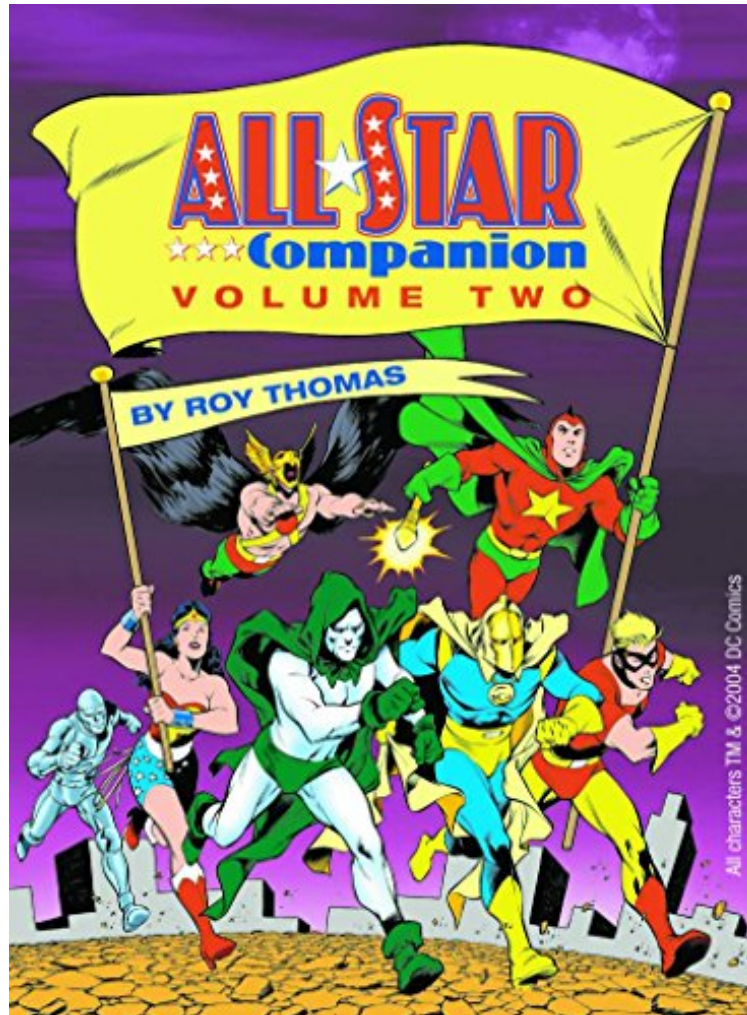


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**Roy Thomas : All-Star Companion Volume 2** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised All-Star Companion Volume 2:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. History's HistoryBy N. AbsentiaThis book follows up on the All Star Companion, Volume One, and is a collection of articles and recollections of DC's golden age heroes (namely the Justice Society of America, and The All-Star Squadron). There are some unique insights and interesting stories about these classic characters, and the book is filled with some rare and intriguing art. The wrap-around cover by Carlos Pacheco is fantastic. For me, the most interesting feature was a complete synopsis (issue by issue) of the All-Star Squadron comics, complete with cover reproductions and background notes. There were also supposed to be notes on the Young All-Stars comic, but space constraints pushed this material out of the book (though it will appear in volume

three). This is nothing short of a phenomenal read for fans of comicdom's golden age.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Comic Geek Treasure TroveBy David T. JonesI have always been a huge fan of the JSA. In my younger days, I collected every issue of All Star Squadron. As I got older and married, I sold my collection to younger enthusiasts. Now, I can revisit my former passion in this book that describes all the issues of All-Star Squadron as well as interesting articles about the history of All-Star Comics and the JSA. If you are interested in greater understanding of the history of JSA, I heartily recommend this book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. All-Star BuyBy TCONA very comprehensive book, it brought back a lot of memories of All-Star Squadron. Well worth the money I paid for it.

This volume includes more amazing information and speculation concerning the classic All-Star Comics of 1940-1951, with never-before-seen art by Irwin Hasen, Carmine Infantino, Alex Toth, Mart Nodell, Paul Reinman, Arthur Peddy, Shelly Moldoff, Joe Gallagher, H.G. Peter, and other artists of the original series; the Martin Naydel and Chester Kozlak art from the unpublished 1940s JSA story "The Will of William Wilson"; secrets of the Junior Justice Society; and a full listing of all the 1963-1985 JLA-JSA team-ups and the 1970s JSA revival, with rare art by Mike Sekowsky, Dick Dillin, Joe Staton, and more. Plus: For the first time ever, full coverage of the 1980s All-Star Squadron, Young All-Stars, and Secret Origins features by Roy Thomas, with scarce or never-published art and features by Frank Brunner, Michael Bair, Mike Mignola, Bob McLeod, Fred Hembeck, and many others!

From BooklistEditor Thomas' All Star Companion (2004), a comprehensive guide to the 1940s comic book featuring the first superhero team, the Justice Society of America, seemed to be the last word on the subject. Apparently not, though, for here is a companion volume that turns over further stones by covering the costumed heroes of All Star's comic-strip format advertising, such as Roll-hawking Captain Tootsie; membership kits offered for 15 cents to those who joined the Junior Justice Society; and corrections and addenda to the first volume. The preponderance of volume 2 is, however, devoted not to the original 1940s series but to an issue-by-issue rundown of The All-Star Squadron, the 1970s comic reviving the JSA, which Thomas scripted. The comeback's later date suggests that this book may have a larger initial audience of nostalgics than volume 1 did, for baby boomers read Squadron; their parents, its forerunner. Remarkably, more apparently remains to be said about these characters and their exploits, and Thomas promises a third volume. Gordon FlaggCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved