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Only the very brave or the very desperate dare enter the **Spill Zone**—Addison Merritt is a little of both. In exchange for a suitcase full of cash, she made one last to the Zone. She survived the encounter, but came back changed.

Addison is not alone. In a remote village in North Korea, a young man named Jae was touched by the unholy fire of the Spill Zone. He made it out alive—alive, but also changed.

Now bestowed with uncanny powers, Addison and Jae may be the only ones strong enough to face a new threat that has risen in the Spill Zone. This deadly entity is searching for his runaway bride—and his hunt is bringing him closer and closer to Addison and her little sister.

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From Reader Review The Broken Vow for online ebook

Patrick says

I'm not typically the sort of person who picks up a book the day it comes out, but while running errands yesterday, I stopped by the comic shop to clear out my box after at least a month or so, and found out that Spill Zone #2 was out. (But that they couldn't actually sell it to me yet, because it wasn't released until Wednesday.)

And I got pretty excited, because I remember reading the first one and really enjoying it. So today I actually made a special trip to pick this up, and I read both of them back to back over lunch.

I was kind of surprised that this seems to be the end of the arc. Surprised but pleased, as the story rounds out well. I just I was expecting more of a slow play revealing the mysteries established in the first book, and instead what we got was a action-packed resolution.

I'm curious to see if the story will continue. There's obvious a door left open for more, and if they write it, I'll be there to pick it up....

Stacee says

This was deliciously creepy and had such a good ending. I'm curious to see if there will be more because there definitely could be.

Huge thanks to First Second for providing a finished copy free of charge

Take Me Away To A Great Read says

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Elisa The-Bookie-Monster says

When I read the first book, I was completely hooked. In the sequel we finally get much needed answers, like who really is Vespertine. I would recommend this for fans of Stranger Things

Emma (Miss Print) says

Three years ago something happened in Poughkeepsie, New York that left the town changed. Inside the Spill Zone nothing is quite right anymore. Dead bodies stand motionless, caught where they fell; strange creatures wander the zone; no one who goes into the zone comes out the same.

Addison thought she was done with the zone when she took one last job to retrieve something from inside. Except she got close enough to touch the spill and now she's changed--just like Jae, a mysterious boy from North Korea's own spill zone.

Addison's little sister, Lexa, was changed the night of the spill herself. And now her doll, Vespertine tells them that something worse is trying to get out in *Spill Zone: The Broken Vow* (2018) by Scott Westerfeld, illustrated by Alex Puvilland with color by Hilary Sycamore.

Spill Zone: The Broken Vow is the conclusion to Westerfeld's latest graphic novel duology which began with *Spill Zone*. You can find a copy at your local library, buy a copy, or you can read the entire comic online with neat blog posts from Scott and Alex talking about their process at thespillzone.com.

This concluding volume is even creepier than the first with higher stakes, scarier creatures, and a lot more suspense. While Addison tries to make sense of what happened the last time she went into the spill she also has to figure out how to protect her sister and her town from whatever is trying to get out.

The Broken Vow expands the world of the comics as readers learn more about Don Jae and North Korea's own spill. The eerie illustrations and psychedelic colors from the first volume return in this installment and continue to evoke a world gone subtly (and sometimes not-so-subtly) wrong. The use of different speak bubbles for each character also adds another dimension to the story.

Spill Zone: The Broken Vow is fast-paced action and nail-biting suspense. A satisfying conclusion to a truly original duology.

Lola says

What the hell?

You know when an author is building up this exciting suspense around a topic or certain aspect of a story, like a location, character, or any other element?

And so you read on, really interested and making up your own theories in your mind. But then we the time comes to reveal what has been concealed in the past, it just... doesn't blow you away. Or maybe it doesn't even add up.

I thought this was supposed to be a young adult story. I even praised how serious it was in the past, and how it made me believe in the direness of the situation. But the revelation is so... juvenile. And dull. Were we really expected to fall off our chairs?

Well, I didn't... It's a joke. It's ridiculous. If I, a girl, reacted this way (and I usually don't mind romance stuff), I wonder how a boy reading this will. He'd probably be like, "WTH," like I was.

The rest is fine. The story is interesting and the characters as well. I especially enjoyed the interactions between Addie and Jae – it was about time they met! The pacing is still fast and we did, fortunately, get answers. It's just that those answers weren't worth being excited about.

I thought this would be the last volume – a duology – but the ending (aka cliff-hanger) proved otherwise. I'm

not yet sure if I'll be checking out the next book, because I've lost my excitement about the otherworldly elements, but it's not a definitive no either.

Fiona says

The second volume in this series lives up to all the promise of the first, and expands on it to bring us an even better book this time around.

The art isn't what I usually like but it's effectively used - drawing the completely other, non-euclidean creatures of the Spill can't be easy but it's fantastically done here. The story itself offers more answers and less drawn-out frustration than this kind of story and it's much appreciated!

Free to read online: <http://www.thespillzone.com/> - but the physical copy really is worth it.

Elizabeth says

This was a great graphic novel. The first, Spill Zone, was weird yet fascinating. Broken View had big shoes to fill and did so wonderfully. With the disproportionate creatures and mysterious. More insight was given to the night of the spill, yet I still want more. I hope this is not the end of Addison and Lexia. I want to read more!

Thank you to Net Galley and First Second for access to the digital ARC.

Grace says

SPILL ZONE: THE BROKEN VOW was even more strange and creepy than the first novel. I have very similar feelings about this book to the first, especially about the art. I am not entirely used to graphic novels and find myself missing the fantastic artwork to get to the words faster. I could definitely reread these books and notice much more of the art. I found myself not being able to put this book down and reading each chapter super fast. I actually had to slow myself down when reading this book so that it would not be over so quickly. This book picked up quite literally right where the last book left off. Both SPILL ZONE books switch points of view fluidly and without warning, which initially I was skeptical about but got used to and even began to enjoy.

I appreciated the character development in this book that was hardly elaborated on in book one. A lot of questions were answered that I was initially unsure could even be explained. Jae, Lexa, and Wiley were all much more present in this sequel, and Addison was hardly ever doing something without any of them. I am a big fan of multiple villains in the story, and they made the story even more terrifying and fast-paced. Overall, THE BROKEN VOW wrapped up the story well, leaving it at an end --- for now. The door is definitely open for more. The duology itself is very easy and quick to read and ultimately full of entertainment value.

I recommend SPILL ZONE: THE BROKEN VOW to all who read SPILL ZONE and were even on the fence about continuing with the next book. The second novel elaborated on everything the first did not and

so many more interesting facts emerge from this world. The art is just as enthralling, and this installment is just as easy to read as the first. With even more complications and dangers, THE BROKEN VOW is bound to hold your attention the entire time.

Christy says

Do you like sleep? No, you don't, if you're reading Spill Zone.

There is literally not one component of this story that is not creepy. The premise, the voice, the art...It's the most uneasy feeling reading it. Which is why I couldn't wait for Broken Vow.

Book one left us on a huge cliffhanger, desperate for answers. Broken Vow delivered that and more. When you thought the creatures and zombie-like bodies couldn't get any creepier, they do!

Two sisters, one creepy doll, and a boy across the world hold our attention in this one. What's the tie between the spill in America and the one in North Korea? More than you can imagine, I promise.

There's not much I can say about the story other than the art is as much a storyteller as the words are. Pay attention to the use of colors and how the panels are laid out to attract your attention. Scott and Alex work well as a creative pair!

Faith says

Expanded on the world, but left just enough for me to desperately want more. I must admit, though, that I liked the atmosphere of the first book more. The very ending of this was pretty cool though.

Alex says

I lost interest when the story became this...

'I hate you because you killed blah-dee-blah.'

'I only killed blah-dee-blah because they killed so-and-so.'

*** Insert comment from an eavesdropping character. I know, I know. She couldn't help it at this point...

'But I killed all the things so everything is all my fault.' ***

'Marry me so the civil war will end.'

'No! I want to stay with my new BFF!'

UGH.

Flavia says

I will be entirely honest, I didn't know where this story was going to go! Regarding the art and style in this graphic novel, you can read my review for the first book here (because the same opinions apply to Spill Zone: The Broken Vow). And, as I mention in said review, I found that the art really made some of the scary

parts scarier, but I found the second book to be decidedly less scary. I don't know if this is because I was desensitized by book one, or because it was simply less scary. Another thing that I mentioned in my review for the first book was that by the end of Spill Zone some of my questions were answered, but that it then simultaneously left me with other questions!

Thankfully, Spill Zone: The Broken Vow answers those later questions as well! Things pick up right where they left off at the end of book one (which I really appreciated), and I like how the story progressed. And now that I have read the second book in the series, there's really no other way that I could have imagined the story going! The characters also developed along with the story, and all of these developments were not predictable for me at all. I really enjoyed being kept in the dark until each piece of information was revealed! As with the first book in the series, I recommend this sequel (and the series as a whole) to those who enjoy a good science fiction horror mystery!

Molly says

The second volume of Spill Zone really doesn't disappoint - the art is still fantastic and there is still a lot to be discovered about the world these characters inhabit.

Alicia says

Continuing the awesome series debut, the second installment has the action, the oddness, the intrigue, and the next-level artwork that the first one had. And includes the crazy talking doll who takes possession and others get drunk on the power that might lie within the spill zone.
