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With Ted Kord, the Blue Beetle, viewing the world as getting a darker place he try's to investigate who's under all theses unseal acts so he hunts around for the suspects whilst his business goes into a downward spiral, he finds the villains he was looking for in his investigation work, Countdown to Infinite Crisis ends with Ted's demise.

This one-shot is the official start of the "Infinite Crisis" storyline.

Countdown to Infinite Crisis Details

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Mike says

Very solid writing - Johns is clearly able to get down deep into the emotional core of his characters by this point in his writing career. Sets a very serious, ominous tone to the coming battles, intrigue and power plays. Definitely has me looking forward to how some of the most talented creators at DC played these threads out.

I'm fascinated by the early "events" that DC & Marvel were doing - before they became a yearly exercise in trying to prop up flagging sales of all their books (and launching lots of ill-conceived ideas that usually die a quick, merciful death).

Jason M Waltz says

woof-ta! that was intense. brand-new story for me despite its age, I did no research or advance preparation, just decided to jump into Infinite Crisis and started with this. I don't know the back story or where this actually falls in the many crisis series, but it hooked me. definitely hope the big story is as enthralling. Good art, good mystery, good reading!

Erik says

This is one of the stories that helped transform me from a casual DC fan to a dedicated reader. As a prelude to *Infinite Crisis*, it starts off the event with a *bang*. It is also a fun jumping on point for readers who are familiar with DC characters but aren't sure where to start.

The story follows former Justice Leaguer Blue Beetle, a billionaire inventor and third-string superhero, as he investigates thefts from his company Kord Industries. Each chapter leads him to another clue while introducing the plots for four other stories: *The OMAC Project*, *Villains United*, *Day of Vengeance*, and the *Rann-Thanagar War*. While not required, I recommend reading these four stories as the next step before jumping into *Infinite Crisis*. What Blue Beetle discovers will set off a chain of events that will change the DC universe forever.

Did you enjoy Countdown and want to read more? Continue reading for recommendations. Warning: **Spoilers ahead!**.

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John Yelverton says

If there was ever a book that made you want to go out and buy every other book remotely connected to it, this is the book!

Rihards Husko says

This 5-chapter kick-off for the DC crossover event extravaganza known as *Infinite Crisis* is a wild ride.

DC Comics are built upon a lengthy legacy. Even having read summaries to the issues and storylines leading directly towards this event, there is a lot to unpack and more referenced in this dense, non-linear 80 page book.

Blue Beetle suspects there is something amiss in the world, but several near-misses and his frayed relationship with the Justice League has isolated him outside the circle of trust. The book is an intense, thrilling ride, and the smart use of “second-rate” heroes manages to really convey a sense of dread and jeopardy as dark secrets are unveiled.

While it is hard to get the most of this lengthy one-shot without being very familiar with the history of the DC universe, this is still an engaging story that definitely has me on the edge of my seat for what is to come.

Shannon Appelcline says

Countdown to Infinite Crisis. What better way to begin a sequel to *Crisis on Infinite Earths* than with a big one-shot that highlights Blue Beetle and Booster Gold, two of the core members of the JLI, one of the most memorable and unique comics to come out of the original *Crisis*?

And, *Countdown* is very much the intro to that sequel, *Infinite Crisis*. It's primarily a lead-in for *The OMAC Project* and *Superman: Sacrifice*, but it also touches upon the other two introductory series, *Day of Vengeance* and *The Rann-Thanagar War*. Honestly, that makes it a lot less of its own book. It's primarily a setup that leads up to a single inciting event. Fortunately, the writing is sharp and interesting enough that it's an intriguing setup, and particularly today when you can read straight on to the rest of the story, you don't mind it's incomplete nature.

Of course one can't speak of *Countdown* without addressing the elephant in the room: the fan favorite character killed within and the other fan favorite character who was darkened irrevocably. In its day, that generated very angry responses from fans, in part because it sabotaged the *JLI* reunion that Keith Giffen was even then writing. Today? I think the uproar hardly matters. The characters are both back due to the total continuity f*** known as the Nu52, and who knows how all this fits any more. And honestly, people remember *Infinite Crisis*, not Giffen's short-lived *JLI* reunion. So, we can now enjoy this particular story without that drama.

Julian Orozco, Jr. says

Ultimate storyline

Just loved the use of a second string JLA nonactive member carrying this storyline. Awesome illustrations and great writing. This is a must read to any JLA fan... any comic fan for that matter.

Jbainnz says

I was stoked to find this a free download on the DC mobile app, as I'm currently going through the last 10 years of big DC events. I have previously read Infinite Crisis and I really loved it. Even though there were some parts that left me puzzled as to what was going on, but hey that's what Wikipedia is for isn't it?

This prequel builds the story for the main event, setting up the dynamics of the Justice League at this point, which at this point are quite strained. It is based around the Blue Beetle Ted Kord, who previously I knew next to nothing about. He is a c-list Leaguer who along with his best friend Booster Gold, have seen better days. To the rest of the world they are a joke, even the Justice League treat them like crap. To tell you the truth I don't think I've ever seen the League come across as such assholes, I felt for Ted as his suspicions were shot down by pretty much everyone except Hal and Diana. Geoff Johns is an absolute powerhouse of a storyteller, this is another great example. By the end of the story I found myself really caring for his character, even though I knew the conclusion.

This isn't a crucial read, but if you're like me and enjoy building atmosphere for an event, then give this one a read.

Chris says

This was cool. I was never a Booster Gold or Blue Beetle fan, but this was cool. Nicely told in chapters and good narrative voice. Good ending.

Koen says

ohhhh, yes yes yes, the time has come! Infinite crisis is around the corner..

This was already a very good start to, what I believe, will be an epic story... hopefully :)

Too bad we already had to say goodbye to one of our heroes, but hey that's life..

Arif says

Great intro

This provides a great introduction to the volumes that help setup infinite crisis. And this digital copy provides a very comprehensive and chronologically accurate table of contents at the end that will guide you through the very murky waters of piecing together every strand of comic that lent itself to this story line. As it spanned nearly a dozen different titles it could be daunting task. Loved it

Tomas says

Every time I start reading some one-shot as an introduction to the greater event I begin to think that this is there just to give me background so I would have all information for the event. And always I get proven wrong :) I did not care about Ted before and now I miss him. Geoff Johns is master of universe-changing one-shots.

Jedhua says

Book Info: This collection contains *Countdown to Infinite Crisis* issue #1.

ABSOLUTE RATING: {2.5+/5 stars}

STANDARDIZED RATING: <3/5 stars>

Fugo Feedback says

No es ninguna gran maravilla pero la historia tiene el suficiente gancho como para que den ganas de seguir leyendo Infinite Crisis, que claro que era la idea. La agarré en el momento justo para reengancharme con DC en una época en la que le había perdido el rastro. Cuando lo relea seguro lo rerreseñe.

Cesar Millán says

A great comic, after each chapter it gets better with a final scene that will blow your my with the blue beetle at the center of the story... Totally recommended between chapters you will find the inspiration that set the place to a scene for Batman v Superman.
