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WHO RUNS THE WORLD? SQUIRRELS! Fourteen-year-old Doreen Green moved from sunny California to the suburbs of New Jersey. She must start at a new school, make new friends, and continue to hide her tail. Yep, Doreen has the powers of . . . a squirrel! After failing at several attempts to find her new BFF, Doreen feels lonely and trapped, liked a caged animal. Then one day Doreen uses her extraordinary powers to stop a group of troublemakers from causing mischief in the neighborhood, and her whole life changes. Everyone at school is talking about it! Doreen contemplates becoming a full-fledged Super Hero. And thus, Squirrel Girl is born! She saves cats from trees, keeps the sidewalks clean, and dissuades vandalism. All is well until a real-life Super Villain steps out of the shadows and declares Squirrel Girl his archenemy. Can Doreen balance being a teenager and a Super Hero? Or will she go . . . NUTS?

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Cathy says

Ryan North and Erica Henderson write and illustrate the most recent (and wonderful) version of Squirrel Girl comics, but somehow Shannon and Dean Hale managed a very similar voice and feeling. It was great, it made me happy from cover to cover, just like the comics do.

It helped that I already knew exactly what Doreen looked and sounded like, and her mom as well, but I think Doreen would seem cute right off the bat to new readers as well. I really liked the chapters from Tippy's point-of-view; being able to do that was a big advantage the novel had over the comics. I liked the way the squirrels were real partners, especially Tippy-Toe (who got her pink ribbon in this book, a good fill-in of backstory). I liked Ana-Sophia's chapters too. One of the consistently elements of all of the new Squirrel Girl stories is that Doreen always graciously shares the spotlight, and regular humans and squirrels can contribute to the problem solving as much as Squirrel Girl. One of the things I like best in the comics is how much Nancy, non-mutant human roommate, is an equal, often coming up with the best ideas or moves to save the day. Heroism isn't always about who's biggest or strongest. The consistency of format between the two formats, novel and comic, including having the footnotes/commentary in both, was smart too. It both created a certain intimate and amusing tone and also united the the book and comics into one series more tightly. The tone was a bit young for a fourteen year-old girl main character, but maybe that's a nice change from some of the dark YA stuff I read.

The basic, fundamental thing about Squirrel Girl is that you can't not feel good while you read about her. OK, I can't, and I'm willing to bet that you can't as well. Seriously, even with a major migraine I was smiling and chuckling and feeling uplifted and lighthearted. These authors, here and in the comic, hit the magic formula with this kid and they keep on delivering the fun over and over again.

Bokevin says

5 stars

SO FUNNY. SO FREAKING ADORABLE.

If I weren't a fan of Squirrel Girl before reading *Squirrel Meets World*, I am now!

Jasmine says

Beautifully funny and heartwarming. I'm so happy to finally have a super-hero book where the character's parents are a.) alive b.) good parents c.) not stupid d.) supportive. (The only other book in that vein I know of so far is Ms Marvel, I think?) Also ASL as part of the setting and plot, the power of friendship, and several two-page spreads that are the funniest things I have read in my life.

Peace says

5 stars is not enough stars!!!! This book seriously kicked butts!

Pretty much everything I expected from a Shannon Hale Squirrel Girl Middle grade book, and let me tell you I expected so much.

Everybody should read this book.

Jessica says

This was a super fun prequel to the existing Squirrel Girl comics. I love that it had a deaf character (who was totally awesome btw) because you don't see that often in books. Overall, it was silly and outrageous but that is Squirrel Girl in a nutshell (bad pun I know).

Jana says

This was a whole lot of fun. It doesn't go super deep, but it is a very entertaining book. I love Squirrel Girl as a character and I also love how we got to see a bunch of Avengers as well as other Marvel characters - so not only do we hear from a bunch of well-known characters like Black Widow, Iron Man etc., but we also see She-Hulk, for example. If you're looking for some light-hearted superhero fun, I'd definitely recommend this book.

Stacy Fetter says

"I never understood because what's wrong with lemons to begin with? It's like saying "if life gives you people, grind up their organs for a beverage."."

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When I grow up I want to be a combination of Squirrel Girl and Nimona. Two of the baddest bitches on this planet. If only I were an adult with a kickass tail and a mohawk.

Story time kids... gather round now and scooch closer.

McCormick Place in Chicago. Standing in line waiting for a book and spot two people wearing squirrel crowns. Double take and Hale and Hale are wondering around. Holy shiitake. My regret in life is not stopping to get a picture. Life over!!

Doreen Green moves from California to New Jersey and leaves all her squirrelly friends behind. She wakes up every morning preparing for the friendships she will make today and tsk tsk.. let's not forget to hide that big bushy tail. Can we say bah bam!!

Hey, I'm Doreen! Wanna be friends? On the daily and shifty eyes meet her when she introduces herself. Finally, she meets a squirrel named Tippey Toe and they become the bestest friends. She even ties a pink ribbon around her neck. Chk chk!

With galactic spiders on the loose, squirrels going missing, trying to find Thors phone number and fighting

the evilness that is MM (Muffin Maker) ;) all while trying to find her bffaeae. SG has a full plate. And nuts it is.

If you have read the first graphic novel then you might already know this story. It was great to get a little bit more information into the big move and finding people who don't judge. I think everyone will fall in love with this nutrageous squirrel.

"He was indeed going downtown without a bus pass. He was going to pay, and nothing on sale. And no matter how gross it was, she was going to wipe the floor with that dirty bum. But most of all... she checked her pockets. She was, in fact, all out of nuts."

Don't forget your nuts Dear Readers!!

Lata says

4.5 stars. Squirrel Girl is such a great combination of exuberance, optimism, strength and humour, and that's definitely captured in this story of Doreen Green as a 14-year old and her deciding to become a superhero. She's aided by Ana Sofia, a deaf girl in Doreen's new school who's a whiz at math, programming and figuring out problems. Ana Sophia cannot resist Doreen's charm and sheer positiveness, and the two begin dealing with the rising crime in their neighbourhood. A mysterious villain selects Squirrel Girl as his nemesis and various dire situations and high jumps occur. And many, many squirrels. Did I mention we get to meet Tippy Toe and see the beginning of Squirrel Girl's and Tippy Toe's working relationship?

This book was frothy and light, but so much fun. Nobody, and I mean nobody can resist Doreen, and her fangirling of She Hulk (yay!), and Black Widow (yay!) and the rest of the Avengers. Ana Sofia, meanwhile, has an adorable crush on Thor, because Thor, and she's vital to Squirrel Girl's mission and to Doreen's mental health and desire to protect her neighbourhood.

Doreen has a core of kindness and respect for others, covered in more kindness and respect, which is covered by powerful kicks, an amazing tail and humour. Her friendship with brilliant Ana Sofia, and her gradual winning over of others is lovely to watch, and her dealing with the baddie and his plans. And if that wasn't enough, there are a couple of cute-funny conversations with a certain trash-mouthed alien who isn't a raccoon!

Dea says

"I'm here to kick butts and eat nuts. And I'm ALL OUT OF NUTS!"

Squirrel Girl is my favorite super hero. (Actually, the only super hero I like!) Ryan North's Doreen Green is so full of heart and charm... the Hale Doreen came across as obnoxious and weird.

A lot of things bugged me in this novel. The footnotes were awkward and didn't mesh with the story, chapters from Tippy-Toe's perspective with forced "squirrel slang" made me cringe a little bit, and I despised how the villain was handled. (view spoiler) And the LARPers? Sorry, what was the point of them, besides just to be super annoying?

I will say that having a main character (Ana Sofia) wearing hearing aids was really freaking cool. (And that Ana Sofia called out ableist language!) Ana Sofia and Doreen communicated through sign language, reading lips, and texting. The book brought up issues that people who rely on hearing aids have to face daily—things

that I had never thought about before. Like, sometimes Ana Sofia's teachers wouldn't wear microphones so she could follow along with lectures, and several times Ana Sofia has to deal with a large group of students all talking at once. However! Maybe I'm being nitpicky, and maybe others will disagree with me and say that we should be happy to see this kind of representation at all, but Ana Sofia's character sometimes seemed to exist to make Doreen look really inclusive and nice and friendly and ~not like everyone else~. It was just a vibe I got occasionally throughout the book and it bothered me. But maybe others will disagree with me here. (Bonus: Ana Sofia was kinda shallow and... not that great of a friend?)

I did like the general plot, though, because it felt properly Squirrel Girl. Also: the text message conversations between Squirrel Girl and the Avengers were amazing.

Katie Acosta says

This novel is a prequel to the Squirrel Girl comics. I picked it up on a whim, squirrel super hero-what's not to love, and half way through the book I went to the book store and bought 6 comic books. Now that I know where she started from I want to read about squirrel girl when she had come into her own.

I liked this regardless because of the awkward jr high-ness of it. Doreen is weird and awkward like most jr high kids, watching the "somebodies" from the table in the back of the cafeteria. Except Doreen doesn't see them as any different than Mike, the guy who shares the table with her and her bff Ana Sofia. I thought Ana Sofia was great. I'd actually like to know more about her and hope she will be in the comic books as well. Doreen kind of reminded me of Sue Heck from The Middle with the enthusiasm and obliviousness. Tippy Toe, her pink bow wearing squirrel sidekick is amazing, and although the squirrel slang was a little much I loved the squirrel parts. I don't know much about super heroes at all (at all) but I also really liked how much Doreen likes super heroes and her text conversations with the avengers are pretty funny.

Squirrel Girl-read her, love her!

Mehsi says

Meet Doreen Green, or Squirrel Girl! Here to save the day, or well mostly babies and squirrels!

I was a bit hesitant when I spotted this book (yes, they had this book at one of my libraries). My first meeting with Doreen/Squirrel Girl was through the comics and I have to say I hated it so much I dropped it quite fast. Doreen/Squirrel Girl was annoying, the story was eh, the only good thing was the humour, that was pretty decent. So yes, I was worried. But I still wanted to try, and see how Shannon Hale and Dean Hale have imagined Squirrel Girl.

I quickly found out that this book was different from the comics. It instantly pulled me into the story, and after reading it I have to say I love this Doreen Green.

She is fun, sweet, kind, funny, a bit hyper (but I can relate to that), smart, and she has a good head on her shoulders. When we first meet her Doreen just moved, so she is all new to the area, needs to make new friends, go to a new school. On the one hand she is not happy with the situation, but on the other side... she is only one state away from her superstars: The Avengers!

She tries to find a balance between being a normal girl, but also a superhero, as that is something she does want to be. It was really fun to see her try out her powers, see how far she could jump, what kind powers she

had. And she had some amazing powers. I am not sure which one was more awesome. Chatting with squirrels? Jumping way too high in the sky? Not falling? And I also wouldn't mind the tail (though it is a pain to hide it).

Plus I loved how positive she generally stayed. There were moments where things weren't pretty (then again, anyone would feel down after that crap).

The mystery was quite easily solvable. I knew pretty much instantly who MM was. :P But that didn't bother me too much, I was just having too much fun seeing the characters realise the same things as I did. And I was in stitches over Doreen's name for MM (Muffin Master).

The battles, the things that happened in town? It was fabulous, fast-paced, and I was really curious how it would all end. The end battle/last test by the MM was even more exciting, and I was very much worried about Doreen. Would she be OK? Would her friends (the squirrels and others) be OK? Will we see The Avengers? Of course, you will have to read the book to find out how each battle went, I am keeping mum. :P

I am still very curious about how she has gotten the tail/the superpowers, considering her parents are completely normal.

I loved Doreen's parents. How supportive they were, how they tried to help out Doreen when she had problems. Of course they also tried to protect her when things did go the wrong way. They also later explained why she had to hide her tail, not because others would be jealous, no there was another reason, something that Doreen also found out as she did more battles, and became more and more Squirrel Girl.

I was also worried about T-Toe, Doreen's new best friend, a squirrel. She also gets some of the chapters, and those who know me, know that I am a bit on the fence about talking animals/animals taking the lead. It can end up awesome, or it can end terrible. I can tell you from the first chapter from the POV of T-Toe I wanted more. It was so fun to read her POV, to see her being kick-ass, sweet, kind. She did some really lovely things for Doreen.

Then there is Doreen's best friend, Ana Sophia. I wasn't so sure about her at first, but she turned out to be a really great friend. And not only that, I was also very happy for her as she also needed a new best friend. She did so many things for Doreen, helping her out when things got tough, being there for her when she needed it. And the same goes for Doreen btw, she was always there for Ana Sophia.

The text messages (to The Avengers) had me in complete stitches. Oh my gosh. Especially poor Tony. RIP that guy. :P

I also still love the way that people didn't seem to recognise Doreen as Squirrel Girl despite her not covering her face. It is something I see more often in other superhero stuff as well. You can clearly see their faces but nah, that person wouldn't be a superhero, would they?

Phew, I think I have mentioned everything, though I could probably go on and on about the book for a while if I want, but I don't want to make the review too long.

All in all, this is one book that I loved, and I was actually sad that it was all over. I just wanted more.

I have seen that this book will get a sequel, and all I can say is that I want it to be 2018 now!

Highly recommended!!

Shadowdenizen says

This prequel to the current SquirrelGirl comic series is a fun, charming and endearing read.

A great addition to the SQuirrelGirl mythos.

Stephanie Cooke says

I love Squirrel Girl. She is, without a doubt, one of my all-time favourite characters for a number of different reasons. What are those reasons? LET ME TELL YOU...

Doreen Green is hella delightful, to start with. She has endless supplies of optimism and positivity. She's not a brooding puddle of angst and she has a strong support system involving her parents (alive and well) and her friends (also alive and well). She is compassionate and kind and is always trying to look for an alternative way to saving the day. She has super strength but she uses her mind and her charisma to talk with the people she comes up against and tries to level with people not as hero to villain but simply person to person. She's the freaking best.

I was over the moon when the news came out that Marvel would be releasing a Squirrel Girl YA book. I'm a big fan of The She-Hulk Diaries and the Black Widow books, Forever Red and Red Vengeance. I think it's a great way to crossover into a different market and potentially bring in a new readership so why not do the same for Squirrel Girl? Marvel hired established writers Shannon and Dean Hale to pen the novel and carry on the series outside of Ryan North and Erica Henderson's run on the comics.

I have to admit that I was a tad worried that the Hale's wouldn't be able to capture the same spirit and tone that we've grown accustomed to in the comics but those worries were squashed immediately upon diving into the book.

In Squirrel Meets World, Doreen is a 14-year old "normal" teenage girl. She's just moved to New Jersey and is starting at a brand new school. She's trying to make friends (among humans AND squirrels) and having a really lousy time with it. However, as she adjusts to her new city and meets new friends (sorry, spoilers but you knew that was coming), she realizes something sinister is afoot.

Doreen has to decide between keeping her secret squirrel powers to herself or whether to step up and use her powers to make a difference.

Shannon and Deal Hale do a fabulous job with Squirrel Girl and channel the spirit of the character we've come to know and love. She's the same Doreen Green from the comics but young and more naive, trying to figure out how to be Doreen and how to be Squirrel Girl. She juggles school, making new friends (and enemies) with the same gusto as before and even without the imagery from Erica Henderson, it's written in such a way that it's easy to imagine the character bounding from tree to tree with her squirrel posse and saving the day.

Squirrel Meets World is nothing short of delightful. There are ups and downs as Doreen figures out who she is and what her place is in the world and it's not without emotion. Her parents are wonderful and I got teary reading about their love for their daughter and their unwavering support for her. The new and the characters already familiar to us are welcome additions to the story and add so much to who Doreen is. Plus you get to learn some chitterspeak in the book too, so you know, it's educational and such or as Tippy-Toe might say, "Chhkt-chiktt, ckt."

The book, despite already giving you insight into Doreen's mind, even carries on with commentary at the bottom of the page that we've seen within the comics. At first I kind of thought that maybe they should've avoided this to have their own "thing" for the book but you know what? Who cares... it's fun and the Hale's have nailed the voice of the character so it works. It works really well.

Verdict:

"Chkkt-kit!" which roughly translates in chitterspeak to "BUY THIS BOOK!"

Squirrel Meets World is perfect for you or perfect for your whole family to read together. You won't regret picking it up and it's something that can sit on your forever bookshelf as a classic you'll come back to again and again.

Squirrel Meets World is on sale on Feb 7, 2017.

thefourthvine says

Okay, so this book is just FUN. It's adorable and light and filled with squirrels, and even though I am definitely not a squirrel fan, I enjoyed the heck out of this book. It's a perfect antidote to the grimdark, doom and gloom, we're going to murder people and then stand in the rain trend in superhero comics.

To be clear, though, this isn't a graphic novel. It's a novel-novel, a prequel to the Squirrel Girl comics, about Doreen's assumption of the superhero mantle. And it's everything I liked about the graphic novels, but better, because more. It's fun, it's light, it's personal, it's engrossing. And it involves the best use of squirrels and squirrel powers ever.

This is definitely a book that works better if you know the Marvel Universe, in part because Squirrel Girl has great interactions with various denizens of it (her interactions with Iron Man and the Winter Soldier made me honestly, truly laugh), in part because Squirrel Girl changes the tone and style of the universe in fun and delightful ways.

Oh, and bonus: I gave this to my reluctant-reader teenaged nephew, and he loves it. Truly a book with wide-ranging appeal and a delicious chewy center.

Amy says

I liked the sequel better, but only because I feel so-so about origin stories. Marvel kind of inundates us with them.

Otherwise, another solid read! This book has clever dialogue and fun characters. I love Squirrel Girl's

optimism.
