

# How to Read Love and Rockets

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The Hernandez brothers' decades-spanning oeuvre can seem overwhelming to new readers, so we've put together this handy guide with suggestions on which books to start with, and where to go from there. (For more advice, comics critic Chris Mautner has put together his own well-thought-out "Comics College" guide to Love and Rockets for Comic Book Resources, and Alex Carr of Amazon's Omnivoracious blog offers his own recommendations.)

## JAIME HERNANDEZ

FIRST, read Maggie the Mechanic, which contains the earliest "Maggie and Hopey" stories, and follow up with The Girl from H.O.P.P.E.R.S. and Perla La Loca, which collect all of the stories from Love and Rockets Vol. 1. OR, pick up the giant Locas hardcover, which collects most of this material in one volume.

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THEN, you can follow Maggie and Hopey's further adventures in Locas in Love (now sold out), Dicks and Deedees, Ghost of Hoppers and The Education of Hopey Glass. OR, find all of this material in the new hardcover omnibus Locas II: Maggie, Hopey & Ray. ALTERNATELY, the new volume Penny Century collects Locas in Love and Dicks and Deedees, plus the out-of-print Whoa Nellie, a standalone wrestling story starring supporting characters from the "Locas" universe. MEANWHILE, Love and Rockets Vol. II #20 (also out of print) contains the "La Maggie La Loca" serial which originally ran in the New York Times Magazine and remains uncollected for now.

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## GILBERT HERNANDEZ

FIRST, read Heartbreak Soup, and then its sequel Human Diastrophism. OR there is the giant Palomar hardcover (except that it is now sold out). AND, there's Beyond Palomar, which follows some of the Palomar characters into the past and future.

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THEN, you can follow Luba's stateside adventures in Luba in America, Luba: The Book of Ofelia, and Luba: Three Daughters. OR, the entire Luba trilogy, plus the final chapter from Love and Rockets Vol. II #20, is collected in the 600-page Luba hardcover.

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THEN, the new collection High Soft Lisp collects stories starring Luba's half-sister Rosalba "Fritz" Martinez from L&R Vol. II. NOT TO MENTION, Chance in Hell and The Troublemakers are the first two books in Gilbert's series of "Fritz B-movie" standalone graphic novels, which are comics adaptations of fictional movies starring or co-starring Fritz and are tangential to the post-Palomar continuity. AND, Fear of Comics is a collection of Gilbert's wild, experimental stand-alone stories from before the Luba trilogy.

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PLUS, the three-issue Ignatz-format miniseries New Tales of Old Palomar revisits the early "Heartbreak Soup" days, featuring recent stories not available in book form.

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## PLUS...

All of the non-"Locas" and non-"Palomar" stories from Love and Rockets Vol. 1, including work from all three Bros. (including Mario!) are collected in the final (for now) installment of the Love and Rockets Library series, Amor Y Cohetes. You can also collect all 7 volumes of the Love and Rockets Library, with every page of material from Love and Rockets Vol. 1, in one handy bargain-priced multi-pack, a savings of nearly \$25!

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## NEW!

Love and Rockets was reborn in 2008 with Love and Rockets: New Stories, with 100 pages of all-new material from Gilbert, Jaime and Mario in an annual trade-paperback format.

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## COLLECT IT ALL

Many back issues of both volumes of Love and Rockets and its related comics series are still available; we also have most of the original album-sized collections and some nifty, hard-to-find collectors' items as well. Use the links below to browse the whole range of Love and Rockets items:

- Love and Rockets Vol. I - the first comics series, 1982-1996
- Love and Rockets Vol. II - the second comics series, 2000-2007
- Love and Rockets: New Stories - the third volume of L&R, now formatted as an annual trade paperback, 2008-
- Love and Rockets Library - handsome new softcover collections compiling every story from Vol. 1
- Love and Rockets: Original Collections - album-sized books containing the original reprints of the Brothers' work 1982-2007 &mdash; you'll find the omnibus collections here, too
- New Love, Luba, & Luba's Comics & Stories - Gilbert's solo series between Vol. I and Vol. II
- Penny Century & Whoa Nellie! - Jaime's solo series between Vol. I and Vol. II

- New Tales of Old Palomar - Gilbert's recent mini-series in the Ignatz format
- Love and Rockets Collectors' Items - books, one-shots, foreign editions and novelties for the Hernandez Brothers fan

Browse by Brother:

- Gilbert solo
- Jaime solo
- The Brothers in tandem