

Chapter 1 : Prince Valiant, Vol. 2: The Singing Sword by Hal Foster

If you're an old-time fan of PRINCE VALIANT, or just a young pup discovering that strange, beautiful, buried-in-the-moldering past world of the Sunday funnies, this second volume of Hal Foster newspaper strip reprints is a treasure vault sublime.

Prince Valiant, having already fulfilled his dream of becoming a knight of the Round Table, now must defend Camelot from treachery and deceit. His friends, meanwhile, continue on their quest to become knights, and Valiant finds his true love just when his friend Rowanne realizes how she really feels about him. For more on this series, please read our review of Volume One. The first set also included the first seven episodes of Season Two, so by the time that Volume Two begins, Val is already somewhat comfortable with his role as a knight. The first few episodes of this second set offer a mix of morality plays and light adventure similar to the first season, and one episode nicely explores the past of Sir Bryant; but the series then takes a welcome turn into territory that many comic strip fans will find at least a little familiar. Immediately, the show evolves into a soap opera albeit with the intrigue and adventure intact, with Valiant becoming quite smitten, and his best friend Rowanne surprisingly developing feelings of intense jealousy. Their friend Arn remains rather humorously oblivious to all of this. Previously, any hints of romance between these characters had been barely noticeable, but this five-episode story arc takes the characters into a new direction. It certainly adds a new level of interest to the proceedings, although it is a bit disheartening to see Rowanne, a formerly strong character, reduced to being a petty girl whose vengeful response to unrequited love threatens those closest to her. Fortunately, she has the opportunity to redeem herself later on, and anyways there is much else going on in this set of episodes. After that, things go back to normal for a little while. They now face treachery from within, knowing that Mordred will use dissent in Camelot as a background for his ultimate attack. It also becomes apparent during the course of the series that Mordred is not only manipulating Camelot; there are other lands that he is managing to turn against King Arthur, with Vikings and barbarians then threatening to destroy the dream that is Camelot. In Episode 52, The Shadows Of Destiny, the seeds are planted for further episodes, as Valiant learns of a prophecy that he shall become the king of Camelot. It is not long before Morgana returns, Mordred teams with a facially deformed man named Maldon, and the final assault on Camelot is unleashed. There is plenty of action, but it stops short of being overly cartoony or unbelievable. A real effort was made to tell stories that featured positive values, while avoiding being preachy. Valiant and his friends are all brave and noble, and yet they do have their faults. Typically, when a character acts out of malice or jealousy, bad things happen; at the same time, noble deeds are rewarded. I really enjoyed watching this series, with only the visual side of things dampening my enthusiasm. The drawing seen in this show seems to become a little more confident in Season Two, though the appearances of characters could still be more consistent. This problem is even worse when considering how much Aleta and Rowanne already resemble one another. The Korean animators never do seem to get comfortable with animating those realistic mouths, nor do they ever adapt to working on a show so high in action. Consequently, this show remains well intentioned and ambitious, but falls flat artistically in terms of the animation. I was reminded of what I said last time: If the show had stronger animation, I would likely give it a 9 out of 10. Unfortunately, for all the emotion portrayed by the characters, their appearances are often stiff or, when they move, painfully awkward. On the other hand, some scenes do look pretty great, even if the animation is stilted due to the low budget. The show obviously prided itself on its classical character design and beautifully painted backgrounds, but one wonders if the artistic ability and money could not have been put to better use. I think of a show like Samurai Jack, which has simple designs and limited animation, but the action is fully realized, as the animators catered their work to what the budget would allow. By contrast, when you watch Valiant and Rowanne running in this show, they look leaden. Still, it is mean to overly criticize a show that tries so very hard and is so well written and acted. A show like this is meant to be viewed in full, in sequential order, and watching the saga of Prince Valiant and his friends unfold is a pleasure. Is This Thing Loaded? Two Audio Commentaries hosted by Andy Mangels are included. Mangels is joined by show creator David J. Reeves-Stevens comment on how fortunate they

were to write the entire five-part arc, quite different from their experiences with Star Trek: They also comment on the use of metaphors on the show, the importance of both plot and character on The Legend Of Prince Valiant, and the fact that they could kill people but not portray magic. Wachtel, for his part, reveals scenes that had to be cut from the final episode, and we hear about how controversial it was to have a female story editor on the show Dianne Dixon. Judith and Garfield Reeves-Stevens Defenders Of The Earth: Terror In Time Val even has the right haircut when appearing here, whereas The Legend Of Prince Valiant gave him a much more contemporary and less sissy hairdo. Galleries gives us shots of backgrounds about 10 stills, many with two shots , and the voice cast over two dozen photos in slideshow format. As good as these special features are, I think I had the most fun with another bit of promotion from BCI. Magic, and A Snow White Christmas. BCI graciously gives us a few episode scripts in. This second volume basically matches the packaging of the first. A double-thick keeppcase holds discs on each side, with a two-disc tray in-between. Four discs are double-sided, while the fifth disc is single-sided and holds the bonus features. A glossy 8-page episode guide is also included. As usual, this is another classy effort from BCI, though I did find it tricky to get the discs out of the case, as the hubs are rather tight. Even if the drawing level slightly improved in this set of episodes, the transfers are about as weak as what was found in Volume One. Images quiver, lines appear and disappear, there are occasional flashes of light, and the picture is generally soft. If no Digital Video Noise Reduction was used, then the video elements simply were not that great to start with. The bigger your display, the more disappointed you will be. Noelle North gets the chance to show a great range of good and bad traits as Rowanne in this set, and Michael Horton is steady as Arn. It is hard to think of a show with better talent behind the microphone. If you tried the first set, you are well on your way to knowing if you will want the second. I quite liked the first season of the show, but as the second season got underway, I found myself even more engrossed in the serialized storytelling. The addition of romance and higher political stakes ups the ante here, while the stories remain full of positive lessons that teach by example rather than by preaching. The animation is almost never as strong as it wants to be, and the video presentation is decidedly disappointing; but the great writing and voice work sold me on the show, and I will doubtlessly be watching it again with my kids as they get older. The bonus features continue to impress, with worthwhile commentaries and interviews, not to mention some cross-promotion that is justifiable and fun.

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Following on from the release of The Legend of Prince Valiant, Vol. 1 is the second half of the series, which wraps up the show with its remaining thirty-two episodes. Once again the episodes are spread across four discs (with four contained on each side) and a fifth disc of special features.

Valiant Val is a Nordic prince from Thule , located near present day Trondheim on the Norwegian coast. On a Mediterranean island he meets the love of his life, Aleta, Queen of the Misty Isles, whom he later marries. Val travels to Africa and America and later helps his father regain his lost throne of Thule, which has been usurped by the tyrant Sligon. The first episodes follow the youth through the wild Fens district of Britain with his father, the deposed King Aguar of Thule. When Val encounters the witch Horrit she predicts he will have a life of adventure, noting that he will soon experience grief. Arriving home, Val discovers that his mother has died. Not long after this come encounters with Gawain, with gigantic creatures and with the glory of Camelot. But only a few installments later, this has sublimated somewhat into history: When they all at length succeed in killing the beast, Val is outraged that Gawain still seeks to have the man tried before King Arthur. The young prince naturally speaks up in his outrage before the great king, his queen Guinevere and his feared wizard Merlin and so a career at Camelot is born. The two men put aside their differences when Ilene is kidnapped by Viking raiders on her way to Ord. Arn hands Valiant the charmed sword to help him hold back their pursuers while he himself rides ahead to free Ilene. The pair continue in their efforts to rescue Ilene, eventually discovering that she has been killed in a shipwreck. Arn gives the Singing Sword to Valiant after that adventure and the two part as friends. In , shortly after Val marries Aleta, she is kidnapped by the Viking raider Ulfran. Defeating Ulfran, Val is reunited with Aleta, and the couple spend that winter with friendly Native Americans. Agents of the Byzantine Emperor Justinian abduct Nathan shortly after his birth, and he is eventually rescued by Arn. Earlier, in strips from , Arn leads an expedition to America. In strips from Val becomes a grandfather when Arn and his wife, Maeve, daughter of the traitorous Mordred , give birth to Ingrid. While obviously meant to take place in the mid-fifth century, Foster incorporated anachronistic elements: Viking Longships , Muslims , alchemists and technological advances not made before the Renaissance. The fortifications, armor and armament resemble the High Middle Ages. In , after tryout strips by several artists, Foster invited John Cullen Murphy to collaborate on the strip.

Chapter 3 : All Ages :: Other :: Prince Valiant Vol. 2:

Prince Valiant Vol. 2: has all the virtues of its predecessor: lively adventure, painterly colors and fine-scale detail in action and rest. But where the first volume revolved around Camelot, this installment sees the titular prince roam Europe in search of adventure.

Chapter 4 : Prince Valiant, Vol. 2: | CHILDREN OF ARTHUR

Prince Valiant, Vol. 2 has 25 ratings and 1 review. Timothy said: The incredible artwork of Hal Foster makes these a true treasure to read. Being able to.

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Chapter 7 : The Legend Of Prince Valiant: Complete Series, Vol. Two “ Animated Views

Background: Last summer, I checked out a tidy little syndicated series from the early 's called The Legend of Prince Valiant: The Complete Series calendrierdelascience.com set included all of season one and the first part of the second season with the promise that a second set would be released soon.

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