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Editorial Review

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Superman's origins have been imagined and reimagined over the years. Here is a new take on the character's roots. *Superman: Birthright* retells the early chapters of Superman's story, from escape as an infant from the doomed planet Krypton to arrival as reporter Clark Kent at the *Daily Planet* and his first public exploits. Writer Waid puts his own spin on the legend, rethinking nearly every aspect of the venerable character while remaining respectful of his established history. Waid wisely integrates ideas from the popular TV series *Smallville* but doesn't slavishly follow its innovations; for instance, a young Lex Luthor befriends Clark in high school, but unlike in the series, his sinister nature is clear even then. Waid similarly tweaks the rest of the well-known cast, from Lois Lane and Clark's other *Planet* colleagues to Ma and Pa Kent. Ironically, though he updates the character, Waid evokes Superman's pre-World War II incarnation, whom his Depression-reared creators kept engaged in righting society's ills. Leinil Francis Yu's stylized artwork is expressively dynamic to the point of caricature, but this larger-than-life visual approach befits the retelling of a myth. *Gordon Flagg*

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Review

"Birthright has everything a Superman fan could want...Mark Waid was born to write Superman."—BrokenFrontier

"...a rich retelling and revamping of Superman's origin."—The Fourth Rail

About the Author

Mark Waid bought his first comic at age four and has never once since entertained the notion of not buying comics. In his early twenties, granted only the writing skills one absorbs by living life as a copious reader, Waid began freelance reporting for and eventually editing comic-book trade publications such as *Amazing Heroes*. This led to an editorial tenure at DC Comics. Waid left DC's staff in 1989 to pursue a full-time freelance career. Since then, he has written stories for every major comics publisher, including Marvel Comics, Archie Comics (where he served briefly as their cover-gag editor), Dark Horse Comics and DC. In years past, he has written every major character from Superman to Batman to Spider-Man. Currently, Waid lives in California, anxiously awaiting the day his parents will finally break down and confess to him that he is, in fact, not their actual child but rather an adopted orphan from the doomed planet Krypton.

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