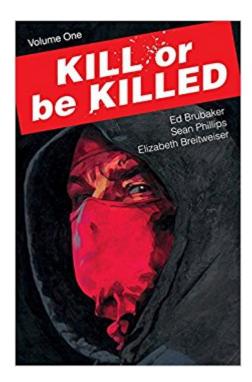


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# Kill Or Be Killed Volume 1





## Synopsis

The bestselling team of ED BRUBAKER and SEAN PHILLIPS (THE FADE OUT, CRIMINAL, FATALE) return with KILL OR BE KILLED, the twisted story of a young man forced to kill bad people, and how he struggles to keep his secret from destroying his life. Both a thriller and a deconstruction of vigilantism, KILL OR BE KILLED is unlike anything BRUBAKER & PHILLIPS have ever done.Collects issues 1 - 4.

### **Book Information**

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### **Customer Reviews**

LIBRARY JOURNAL (STARRED) -- This first volume in a new series by the acclaimed team of Brubaker and Phillips (The Fade Out), with colorist Breitweiser (Velvet), combines elements of crime fiction and horror both psychological and supernatural to present a look at vigilantism unlike anything else. Depressed college student Dylan attempts suicide only to be spared by a demon with the offer of a bargain-kill someone once a month or face death yourself. Dylan soon decides to start targeting criminals overlooked by the system and becomes strangely successful in his violent endeavors. His personal affairs improve, and it seems for the first time he's living the life he's always wanted-which is exactly when the repercussions of his actions start catching up to him. Brubaker's talent for plotting, dialog, and exploring the darkest corners of the human heart is wonderfully complemented by Phillips's skill at depicting both drama and larger-than-life violence. VERDICT Brubaker and Phillips are among the most dependable names in comics, and this new title will only further their reputation. Decidedly not for kids, but for everyone else, it's not to be missed.-TB

First: I finished Vol 1 and immediately wanted Vol 2. It's not out yet, and that makes me sad.Second, third, fourth, etc. A third of the way through the book, I found myself feeling that the basis of the series' concept was too weak. I just didn't believe that there was enough hanging over the main character's head to justify his actions. I went back and reread, though, and that changed my mind. After rereading the crucial scenes, I thought that the reasoning behind the main character's actions could be better highlighted...but that, given the situation, his actions were believable - i.e., I concluded that the motivating factor behind the series' concept was just solid enough. I went back to reading, finished, and think that the characters, story and execution are excellent. (As I wrote, the second I finished Vol 1, I wanted Vol 2.) If I were a jacket copy quote from Kirkuk, I would probably read: "...one of the best series to emerge...recent years. Once again, Brubaker and Phillips do not disappoint."They really don't.

I didn't really start reading or collecting comics till my early 30's. This series reminds me of Preacher.I really enjoy the story and its arc and look forward to reading how the story plays out.The drawing is good. Its not perfect, but with this story and location it really fits well.Just a person around 40 enjoying a good read I finished in one sitting.Thanks

Very enjoyable graphic novel. The artwork was phenomenal! The story line wasn't exactly "new" but anxious to where it is going. It is about a guy who ends up making a deal with a demon. He has to kill bad people in order to live. The problem is how does he know if they are bad and on top of that, it's still murder. In the first book not a whole lot happens. It's mainly the main character grappling with his conscience. I'm hoping and feeling that volume 2 will be much better.

Another Masterpiece by Brubaker & Phillips!!

I can't say enough good things about Eb Brubaker and Sean Phillips' books. This is a dream team and they strike gold again with Kill or Be Killed Vol. 1. Highly recommended. Looking forward to vol. 2.

One of Brubaker's best - I love the artistry and narrative. The few less realistic elements are a bit much for me (considering the extreme realism in his other works), but they are few and far between.

Congratulations. You are a young man, slightly past adolescence, and, well pretty much a child. Suddenly, you are offered the opportunity to learn the difference between being a good man, and good at being a man. (That's the author Jack Donovan's formulation. His books are available from .) Something (in Jungian terms, the ignored Shadow aspects of your persona) manifests, and gives you a choice: kill evil men, or be killed.

#### Brubaker is a wonderful writer.

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