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The original superhero team-up, Justice Society of America is Earth's mightiest squad of defenders whose dynamic ranks include Powergirl, Dr. Mid-Nite, Mr. Terrific, Dr. Fate and star of TV's Justice League - Hawkgirl! When Obsidian, the darkness-controlling son of Green Lantern, teams up with the mind-twisting Eclipso and hyper-powerful wizard Mordru, the Justice Society face their greatest threat to date...as the villains' combined power forces the moon from its orbit, plunging Earth into a permanent total eclipse! Now, with Earth's citizens rapidly being converted into cannon fodder for the villains' armies, it will take an incredible array of superheroes to stop them...if they can!

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From Reader Review JSA, Vol. 7: Princes of Darkness for online ebook

Colin Parfitt says

Wow. A lot happens in this book. Sadly, a lot of it is chaotic nonsense.

Brad says

In the first half of this trade, which climaxes with JSA #50 (David Goyer's last issues as co-writer), the team faces off against Mordru (this JSA's first villain), Eclipso (the Spectre's nemesis), and Obsidian (Sentinel/Green Lantern's son). I really like this version of the evil spirit Eclipso--JSA's former archivist Rick Montez hates the spirit, yet struggles to harness its power.

Like most JSA stories, there are lots of great character moments. Here it's Sentinel's relationship with his kids (Obsidian and Jade) the nascent romance between Shazam and Stargirl, all the Dr. Fates getting together for a barbecue (in Hector Hall's head). Sand seems to needlessly disappear, but otherwise the story wraps up nicely with Mordru's demise, and the other two villains' change of heart.

The second half of the book is a combination of set up for the next volume (Black Reign), a bloody and confusing Crimson Avenger story, and two nice holiday stories, including a JSA-JLA Thanksgiving story that the artists must have dreaded.

James Bowman says

[a heroic version. And also glad to see a happy ending for Obsidian, finally (hide spoiler)]

16rajabw says

Is a good book

Koen says

Okay, really liked the chapter with Mordru&Co, even the ones about Crimson Avenger.. But what was up with those holiday extras? :S what's next.. Valentine issue?? :D Must be me of course..
But all in all a very decent read!

Joe says

Good work.

Good story work, good artwork.

The Crimson Avenger was a treat. [Is she still out there in the current DC Universe?]

The Original Red Tornado story was perfect.

Matt says

I really liked this collection. It had the JSA versus Mordru, Obsidian, and Eclipso and led in to the Black Vengeance collection. Geoff Johns' JSA trades are as always stupendous

Z.S. Diamanti says

The JSA fights a triple threat in Eclipso, Obsidian, and Mordru (the Princes of Darkness). This story arc was fantastically written and Leonard Kirk's art did not disappoint. It was hard hitting action from the get go with a few special holiday treats at the end. I really enjoyed this book and would highly recommend it to all superhero fans.

Mike says

Lots of battle, lots of between-villain plot development (almost too much, for a normally monthly serial), but ultimately kind of... flat.
Better review to follow.

Mike says

I have to admit I am a sucker for the JSA/freedom Fighters/All-Star Squadron (hey DC if you ever do a reprint of the old Jerry Conway All-Star Squadron books I'm first in line) so I come into this with a bit of a bias. From start to finish I think it's a great book, I notice that Goodreads lists this book as Geoff Johns even though David Goyer also wrote on this (and is credited in the book). The extra holiday stories at the end are like the bonus reel. Light and fun.

Jdetrick says

One of the most amazing, huge battles the JSA has ever had, followed by some wonderful character building issues and one of the most emotional. Amazing.

Stephen Theaker says

An enjoyable book, but I'm pretty muddled now after reading a few of them out of order. Writing a review of this one a couple of weeks after I read it is quite tricky. I had to look at the description on Goodreads to remind me that Eclipso, Obsidian and Mordru are the three princes of darkness in question.

But what I am sure of is that I'm already looking forward to re-reading the series in order, and that the superheroes in this book are some of the most well-rounded (especially Power Girl, nudge-nudge), rich and interesting in the DC universe.

I rather wish that Oliver Queen, Barry Allen and Hal Jordan had been given their own group title in which to grow old gracefully, instead of being shoehorned back into their old titles.

Timothy Boyd says

I love the golden age superheroes from DC and the new JSA brings these original heroes back into the modern age along with their legacy namesakes. Well above average art and plot keep these 70 year old comic characters interesting and entertaining. Very recommended

Shannon Appelcline says

The main "Princes of Darkness" arc is great big-picture Goyers & Johns with many enemies and friends alike [7/10]. The shorts that finish the book off are generally good, with the Crimson Avenger story being particularly strong [8/10] and the Thanksgiving story being a bit weak [6/10].
