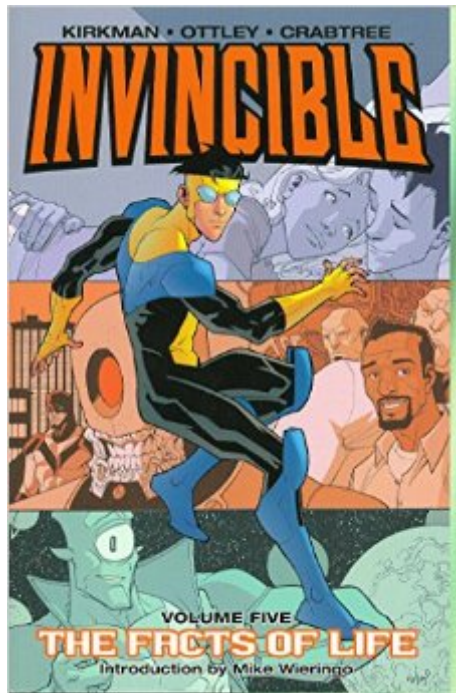


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Synopsis

After the hectic events of *Invincible* Vol. 4: *Head of the Class*, Mark "a.k.a. *Invincible*" while continuing to deal with the loss of his father, finds himself face to face with piles of villains and the worst conflict of all: teenage love! Collects *Invincible* #20-24, plus *Invincible* #0.

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Writing by Robert Kirkman and art by Ryan Ottley. If you're considering buying this paperback, it's assumed that you are familiar with the series and have read previous issues (if not you should get those first). Volume 5 collects *Invincible* #20-24 and #0. Mark continues to have trouble with the loss of his father and fights several generic villains. There isn't much in these issues regarding the storyline between Mark and his dad, but instead they focus more on Mark's relationship with his girlfriend. Some great writing in these issues. Update May 2012: I've gone back and re-read these issues, and this series has really blown me away in terms of writing. It definitely gets better around issue 40, but these earlier issues really set up the backstory of the *Invincible* universe and Mark's relationships with his friends and family.

Robert Kirkman and Ryan Ottley once again craft a fun and interesting collection chronicling the life of teenage superhero, *Invincible*. While this particular volume doesn't have the amount of action as some of the better trades this is still fun. Mark is trying to balance so much and doesn't always do the right thing or do it the right way. The amount of zaniness that Kirkman includes in each volume

is fantastic but I sometimes find it hard to keep up with all the characters from this entirely new world he has created. The art is very good again although I do crave some backgrounds from Ottley. Overall this is a good read that will help move things along to the next trade well.

Robert Kirkman's *Invincible* is one of the best comic book series on the market. Recalling the tone and spirit of Stan Lee and Steve Ditko's *The Amazing Spider-Man* (but definitely in tune with the *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Veronica Mars* generation), *Invincible* is the tale of a teenage super-hero who's trying to have a normal life and save the universe on a daily basis. This fifth trade paperback is, perhaps, the best in the series thus far. Kirkman's got the magic touch!

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