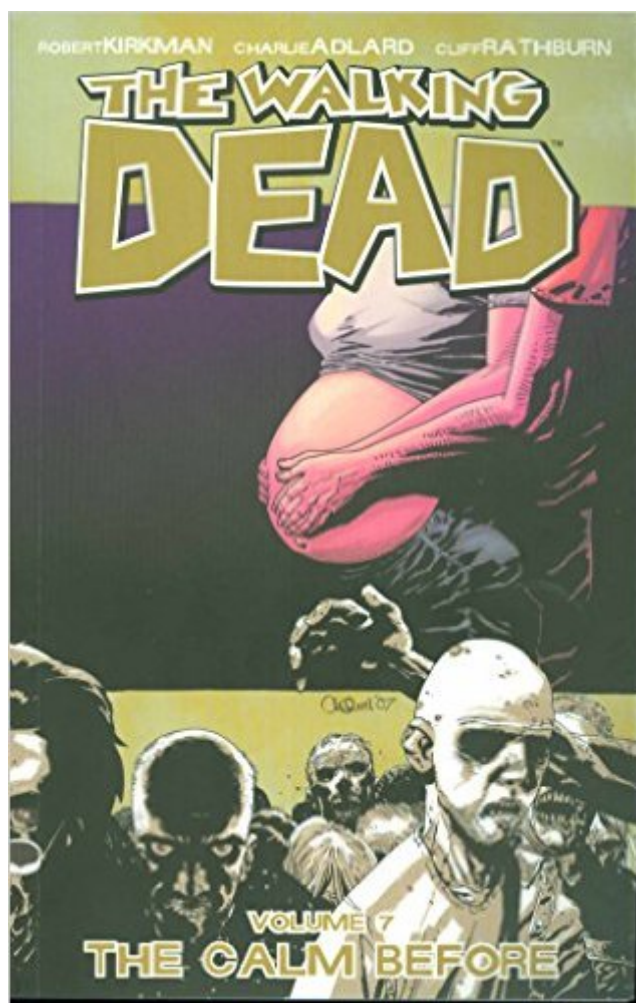


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# The Walking Dead, Vol. 7: The Calm Before



## Synopsis

The world we knew is gone. The world of commerce and frivolous necessity has been replaced by a world of survival and responsibility. An epidemic of apocalyptic proportions has swept the globe, causing the dead to rise and feed on the living. In a matter of months society has crumbled: no government, no grocery stores, no mail delivery, no cable TV. In a world ruled by the dead, the survivors are forced to finally start living. Lori's pregnancy has come to term, and the birth is near. After everything they've been through, nothing can prepare Rick and the other survivors for what they are about to experience. A major turning point in the series is reached. Reprint Edition

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## Customer Reviews

Robert Kirkman's THE WALKING DEAD stands as one of the greatest horror comic books (arguably THE greatest) ever printed. The theme has been done before (zombies taking over the world - a few humans fighting to survive in the post-apocalyptic world), but never has a horror comic served up such an epic tale of humanity, the undead as well as the good and evil, strength and weakness that lie within the (beating) hearts of the characters. Unlike George Romero's : NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD, readers are treated to the long term reality of zombie infestation. The relationships that develop between the surviving humans (love, jealousy, fear and hope) are not simple 2-dimensional designs - to the reader, these characters live and breathe, and we celebrate their struggle, and mourn every single passing. My highest of recommendations to all potential readers - you will not be disappointed with this amazing graphic novel. Other Recommendations: ZOMBIE

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Posted originally on my blog: [...]In the wake of the events at Woodbury, Rick and the group are moving back towards complacency in this latest volume. After Martinez has been disposed of, Rick figures there's no way the Governor could ever narrow down their location. Of course, this is only a facade as he is also trying to feign understanding to the idea that the baby Lori is carrying may be Shane's and not his. The group is still on edge and it shows as Patricia is mourning the loss of Otis and Carol continues to spiral. It's definitely not the time to be celebrating the birth of a new baby. What they don't realize is a huge threat is looming outside the fences and they are not as safe as they once thought they could be within the walls of the prison. The brief calm before the storm has passed and it's time for war against the Governor and Woodbury. I was a little disappointed in this particular volume because everyone is acting so ignorant to the threat the Governor poses on them. They are only a few miles from Woodbury and yet, the group tries to go back to their daily routine as if nothing happens. Glenn and Maggie get married, Lori has Judith, but in reality they are all just fooling themselves. They've become so preoccupied with faking it, they forget to really check in on those around them who are troubled... like Carol. She's already tried to commit suicide once and in this volume, she tries to befriend a walker, who promptly tears her throat out. Whose fault is it? Everyone's. Not just Carol's. The whole point of a community/group is to try and help one another. So yes, Carol did this to herself, but why didn't anyone bother to try to spend time with her and make sure she was okay?

I've purchased all volumes up to 22 and the TV show has just about caught up to where I am in the novels. These books are friggen awesome. I don't read much and my buddy lent me VOL 1 after he knew I liked the show. Well, I burned through the first one and then just went on a tear buying 4 volumes at a time...the price is pretty good for what you get out of these. \$9-\$15 is the range I've paid per novel, I'm not sure why they aren't the same but anyways, I keep buying them none the less. The story was written before the TV Show and the show follows the story but there is some differences. The written story is more violent and graphic then the tv show but the tv show does a decent job of sticking with main ideas. I've noticed that certain plot things that happen in the book also happen in the show but there is a unique twist like a different character it happens to or something like that. Which makes reading these volumes great cuz I have some idea of where the

story is going (after having watched all tv episodes) but there are still surprises. If you like the TV show and haven't read these, give it a try and you will get a whole new experience of the Walking Dead story. I'm putting this same review under every volume I've purchased (1-22) so people can see it. go buy these!

The group attempts to settle down again after their nightmarish experiences at Woodbury. Relationships among the survivors at the prison continue to grow as Lori enters the last stages of her pregnancy. All the while, the group tries to prepare themselves for the sure revenge of The Governor and his town of psychotic survivors.

This serie is amazing, well written, well drawn. Perfect atmosphere, its easy to identify yourself with the main characters. When the gruesome thing happened to the main character in vol.6 i could not help myself getting mad at the guy who did it. That explains my 5-star rating. Perfect material for a rainy sunday-afternoon with a bottle of pepsi and potato-chips.

I really like this series. Things seem to be going well for this little group. The title alone tells me that all chaos will probably break out in the next installment. I love the way the author tries to give us some hope for the future in this one. As a new life is born and everything seemingly is well, then here we go again!

Walking Dead comics are just as good as the TV series. Even though many of the same characters are both in the comics and the TV series, they have developed into two totally different stories that occasionally overlap for the major plot points. I recommend both reading the comics, and watching the series. Awesome read!

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