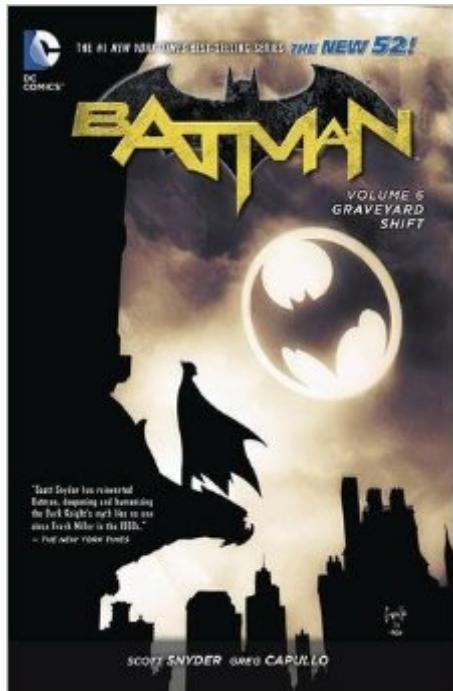


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What has made the New 52 Batman title so remarkable is that the dynamic duo of Capullo and Snyder have continued to produce quality story after quality story. As a result, they have set the bar high for themselves, which unfortunately magnifies the mediocrity that proliferates this volume. One of the challenges that this volume faces is that its main story, Batman's repercussions on Damian Wayne's death, is centered on an event not included in this Batman title. Robin's death was shown in Batman Incorporated, another title outside the 'normal' title. This means that a reader, such as myself, who only reads the Batman title goes from the conclusion of Zero Year in volume 5, to Batman living with the grief of his son's death. Instead of feeling like the start of a new arc, the volume six story starts readers in the middle. Now, the team of Snyder and Capullo shines in the chapters they produced, but the rest of the writing is stale and rather uninteresting. The one exception is the issue penciled by Adam Kubert. While he has never been my favorite artist, his

work really demonstrates his love for working on Batman. Kubert's art is occasionally marred by inconsistent results; in other words, it can be seen when he is giving his best work or not. His Batman is dark and imposing, and he is able to capture the tired and angry Bruce Wayne. His style is very different from Capullo's, almost beyond comparison, but is by far the best looking diversion from the main title team. Taking a break from big story arcs is a nice change of pace. This tactic of resolving story arcs within one or two issues often gives readers the chance to enjoy characters without facing the umpteenth cliffhanger.

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