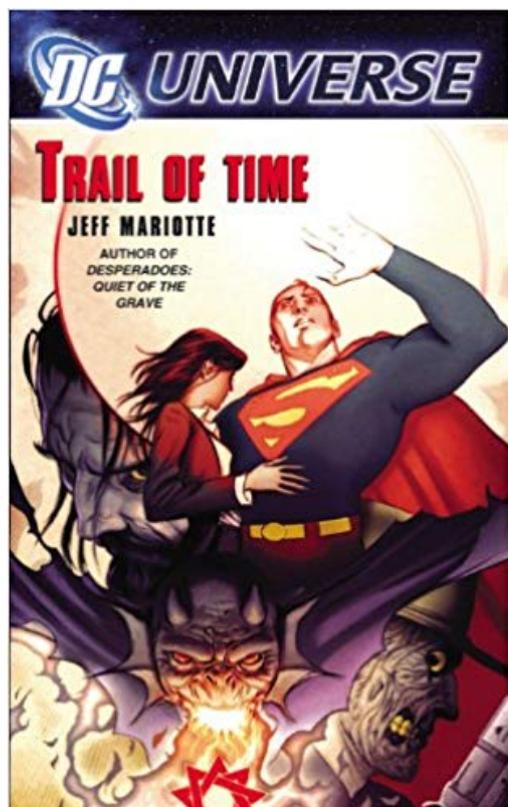


## DC Universe: Trail of Time *by* Jeff Mariotte



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Clark Kent is living in a darkworld where he has no powers, no memory of ever being anything other than human. His world is controlled by mystical forces no one can challenge, with the triumvirate of Vandal Savage, Mordru, and Felix Faust calling the shots. The Demon and Phantom Stranger approach Clark and tell him that he is really Superman, that alterations made more than a hundred years ago to the time stream are causing space-time fluctuations that will result in this particular reality becoming the sole reality, unless something is done. Since Superman is powerless in this reality, and since the alterations were made in the past, the three heroes have to travel into the past, specifically into the American Southwest of the 1870s, where Jonah Hex, Bat Lash and other DC Western heroes help them set things right again.



## Reviews of the DC Universe: Trail of Time *by* Jeff Mariotte

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While searching Amazon for good Superman stories, I came across this book. The reviews looked pretty good and the price was right (I bought used). So I decided to purchase this book.

When it arrived, I couldn't put it down! Within two days I had completely read the entire piece. I literally read the book every opportunity I had. I simply enjoyed reading it!

Now, I can't tell you that this book will change your life - it won't. You will provably not want to read it again - I am not certain that I will. However, that will not stop your enjoyment of the piece. For while you are reading it, you will forget all that.

Are there issues with the book? Yes. Then again I wouldn't expect any less of a book of this kind. (Prose Fiction). To be honest, it is way better than some DC comics (particularly the ones put out in the late eighties to early nineties). Which is not that bad! Certainly they will not stop you from having a good time!

Dranar

Even though I am familiar with the characters the storyline was not easy to follow, making it a requirement to re-listen to what I'd just listened to prior to moving onto next chapter. Not one of the better selections though I got it for the characters involved as it asks much of me that I noticed going through it that my interest was not held, though I completed it, it was a chore. Such was not the case for titles "Final Crisis" nor "The Flash Stop Motion".

Burking

I have read all four of the DC Universe books published so far. They are all worth reading but Trail of Time is by far the best. To have Jonah Hex, Bat Lash, Scalphunter, El Diablo, and Johnny Thunder together helping Superman, Phantom Stranger, and the Demon (Jason Blood) against Vandal Savage, Mordu and Felix Faust was magnificent. I never have seen a text adventure featuring the DC western heroes before. This novel also has Dr Occult, Lois Lane, and Zatanna guest starring.

I hope that Warner publishes more of the DC Universe series as having the lesser known heroes featured was a real treat,

Lavivan

Interesting read. It played with multiple earths and Vandal Savage's effort to take over rulership of the world, per usual case. I enjoyed the interaction of less DC known characters.

Deodorant for your language

It has been a good book. I am a sucker for anything comic related especially characters I like. This is a fun book with time travel and Jonah Hex, Phantom Stranger, Demon, Vandal Savage, Faust, and a bunch of other characters. Enjoy

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Not bad

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Superman, The Demon, and The Phantom Stranger.

One of the odder team-ups to come down the line, particularly in a novel.

This story opens with Clark Kent in a dystopian, scared future, with tight media control, and Lois pretty much a reporter with a double life, illegally investigating reports of a shadowy overlord known as Vandal Savage. It doesn't go to well for her.

This world also has a red sun.

The Stranger and Etrigan turn up, tell the Clark of this world of a dual-world timestream plot involving Mordu, Felix Faust and Vandal Savage.

Into this story we add Jonah Hex, Bat Lash, El Diablo, Scalphunter, and Johnny Thunder in separate interludes, as the heroes from modern times try and work out how to stop the plot, which from the aforementioned group of gunslingers is likely to end up in the Old West.

There's also a Lois Lane investigating people smuggling subplot, not sure why that was added - whether to have a significant female character, or to juxtapose the free-world Lois with what happens to the three overlord controlled variety, not sure, but it is the only part that doesn't seem to fit as well.

There are also cameos by Zatanna and Dr Occult.

So, barring the old Challengers of the Unknown or Blackhawks novels, this is likely the DC novel with the most obscure characters that may ever appear. Hey, any superhero fiction is fun, but this book truly is remarkable. Is it action adventure? SF time travel? Historical fiction? Magical fantasy? A western?

Yes, all of the above.

What makes this book truly unique out of all the superhero tales I've read over the years is the immense cast. My hat is off with a whooping congratulations to the author and editors who let this gem slip through. This book truly exposes the depth and width of the DC universe and introduces a wide arrange of characters over the course of the story.

Though a diehard fan of superheroes, I sometimes get tired of the main heroes always hogging the spotlight. Book after book focuses on just the well-known superstars, like Superman, Spider-Man, Batman, or Iron Man. Hey, we have entire universes here, so let's give some of the other thousands of characters a break. The only series to date that has attempted to expose some of the wider crowd is the X-Men.

I hope this book will serve as a lesson to both Marvel and DC as to what is possible. Let's see some of those other, perhaps lesser known characters in action! They deserve an adventure today.

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