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My Personal Review:
Two of the best Punisher storylines are collected in this volume, "Mother Russia" and "Up is Down and Black is White." Of the two I probably enjoyed the latter the most, but only by a very narrow margin. In the first storyline Russians become cannon fodder as they go up against the inhuman killing machine that is Frank Castle when he is sent by Nick Fury to retrieve what the government calls a 'specimen' from a missile silo on Russian soil. I liked this story because Nick Fury, in Garth Ennis' hands, always brings some great dialogue along with him, usually leading to profanities and insulting superiors to their faces. There are also genuine moments in the story when it seems that all is lost and that the Punisher honestly won't get out of there alive. This sense of suspense is what kept me riveted to the page, and the sheer brutality of the Punisher when he
finishes off his enemies is shocking to behold. Ennis is obviously having the time of his life with this character. In the second story the twisted mobster Nicky Cavella returns (last seen in the very first Punisher MAX trade paperback), styling himself as "the only man ever to have escaped the Punisher." He hatches a plan to take out Frank Castle for good, and an assist from the US Government in the form of a man called Rawlins he finds very welcome indeed. I loved all the characters in this last story, and my favorite by far is ex-CIA operative O'Brien, who falls for Frank big time, and is also more ruthless and violent than anyone save the Punisher. Garth Ennis constructs mature storylines that have a realistic feel to them and does not always portray the Punisher as more than human. This, above all, is what I find appealing, the fact that the Punisher is not invulnerable, either physically or emotionally. I enjoyed this collection more than the first volume, and this attests to the writing of Ennis which just keeps getting better and better. The art's nothing to sneer at either. Buy this book.

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