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# Batgirl: New Hero Of The Night (Backstories)



## **Synopsis**

Martial artist? Tech genius? Social media star? Barbara Gordon grew up idolizing Batman(TM), the masked vigilante who protected her home of Gotham City. As she got older, she realized that one person wasn't enough to protect all the people of Gotham City from widespread crime--and she was ready to step up and help. But how did Barbara become Batgirl(TM)? How does she use technology to fight crime? What super-villains has she encountered? In this illustrated biography full of character profiles and fast facts, you'll learn everything you should know about the girl behind the mask.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Matthew K. Manning is the author of over fifty books and dozens of comic books. Over the course of his career, he has written books starring Batman, Superman, Spider-Man, Wolverine, the Joker, Scooby-Doo, Iron Man, Wonder Woman, Flash, Thor, Green Lantern, Captain America, the Hulk, Harley Quinn, and the Avengers. Currently the writer for the IDW/DC Comics crossover series Batman/TMNT Adventures, Manning has also written for several other comic book titles, including serving as one of the regular writers for Beware the Batman, The Batman Strikes!, Legion of Super-Heroes in the 31st Century, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: New Animated Adventures, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Amazing Adventures. Visit him online at [www.matthewkmanning.com](http://www.matthewkmanning.com)

My daughter has loved reading the Backstories of her favorite DC Comic characters. They are appropriate for the Accelerated Reader programs.

Great Kids introduction to the characters and worlds of DC Comics.

DC Comics and Scholastic join forces to bring you Batgirl: New Hero of the Night. This 2017 offering is the latest in the two publisher's Backstories series. This junior novel by Matthew K. Manning (The Batman Files) really surprised me pleasantly. Being a chapter book for readers grades 2-5, I was afraid that New Hero of the Night would be some very hokey story that puts Batgirl in some more age appropriate challenges. Stories like 'Oh No! Somebody stole my cell phone!' or 'Gee, How can I balance being a student while also being Batgirl?' Instead, this book dives into the very troubled and dangerous career of Batgirl. In her about 50-year history in the DC Universe, Batgirl has been shot by the Joker, paralyzed, and fought her way back into fighting shape. She's even had to deal with her share of homicidal maniacs such as her own baby brother. While not being gruesome, this book has done a very good job at chronicling Barbara Gordon's life as a superhero with sugarcoating. It's as if R.L. Stine wrote a biography of Batgirl with only putting about 75% of his signature chill factor into it. New Hero of the Night is like a scrap book of Batgirl's career. Along with providing highlights of her exploits, there are timelines, in-depth looks at allies and enemies, and other fun stuff. There's even some very cool educational segments that blends in vocabulary words with the legends of the DCU. Mind you, this is more of the New 52! DC Universe (which has recently been replaced or updated with DC's Rebirth storyline) but it's still educational and fun to read. I also really enjoyed the artwork by Sonic Sega Series' Patrick Spaziante. His penciled sketchbook style looks like a police artist from the Gotham City PD drew up a file on Batgirl for Commissioner Gordon's eyes only. I just hate that several of these pictures are recycled throughout the book. Spaziante's work is so good, I felt cheated out of completely new and different art on every page. An enjoyable quick read. There's several more books in the Backstories line-up including volumes on Batman, Harley Quinn, and my favorite- Supergirl. At \$5.99 each, they're a very good price for over 120 pages of superhero excitement. Make these awesome books a part of your child's library today!

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