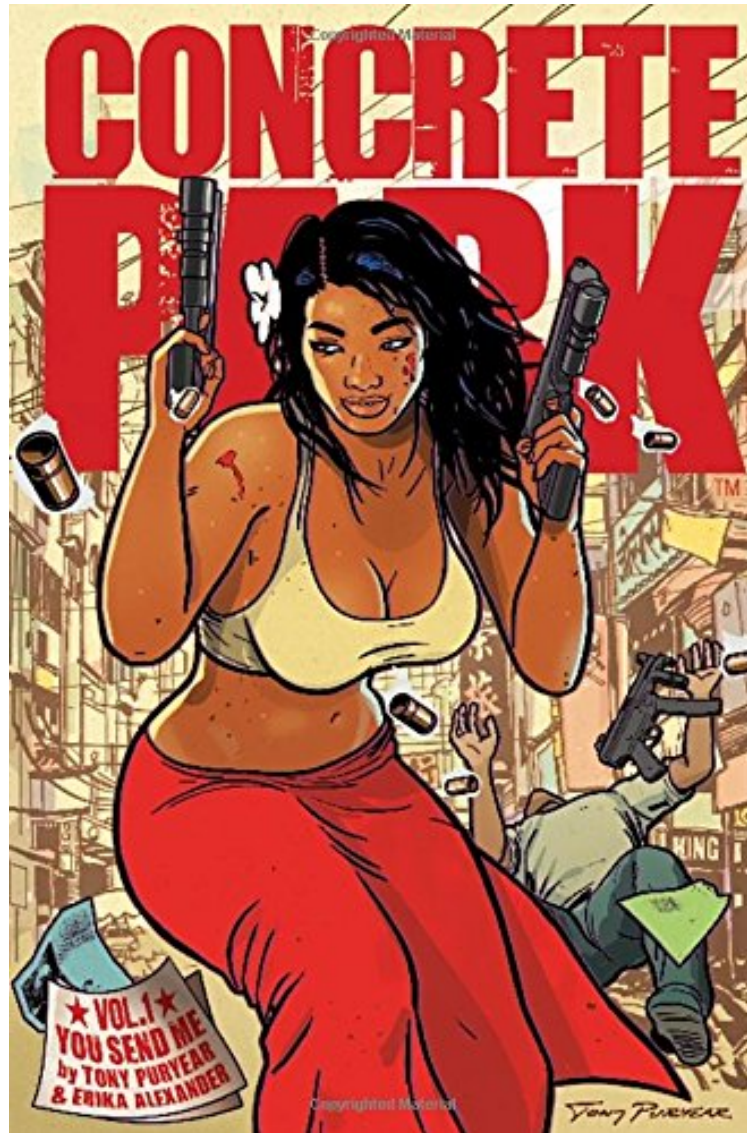


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**Tony Puryear : Concrete Park Volume 1: You Send Me** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Concrete Park Volume 1: You Send Me:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. UniqueBy Swimming Through LiteratureConcrete Park is a comic book/graphic novel series that I stumbled upon in the Kindle store. The first volume was free and it looked like it could be a more diverse read, which I've been trying to find more of lately, so I decided to just go for it.\*Just a quick note: this book is definitely for mature readers only, as it contains violence, nudity, and heavy swearing.To start, this is

a sci-fi book with a unique premise. Criminals on Earth are sent to a (somewhat close) planet to be slaves in the mines there, and naturally a lot of violence breaks out and gangs have formed. There are quite a few main characters, and at first it may seem difficult to keep them all straight, but by the end of this first volume I understood a lot more. So far, it seems to be a great series if you're looking for more diversity in your reading, as the range of characters spans from LGBT to those from many different countries (considering the country they were originally from on Earth). There are people of many different skin colors and a larger cast of women than usually seen in comics. There's even a gang that is all females who are one of the major gangs in the series. Regarding the plot of the book, I thought it was really unique and intriguing read, and I am definitely going to seek out the second volume in this series. At first it seems like there's too much happening all at once, but by the time I was finished I wasn't confused about anything that happened previously. There is a map at the beginning and a glossary of terms at the end which helped fill in the blanks, so looking through those only added more depth to the plot. The artwork in this graphic novel is beautiful which accompanies the writing well. There were pages that I just looked at to take in the whole of the illustrations. I read this on my Kindle, so I can only imagine how gorgeous the pages would be in a physical book. I would definitely recommend this to people who like dystopian (along the lines of The Purge films) and/or are looking to read more diverse books. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Love this! Ordering volume 2 as we speak! By Reaisan Concrete Park is an amazing read. Love the premise as policing and private/state prisons are becoming a reality or an interruption into the lives of more and more people each day. I love the abundance of people of color with different experiences and non-monolithic backgrounds. I love the artwork! I love the maps, the glossary. I love the work put in to immersing the reader into a totally different world-- that feels familiar. It was a quick read and that's the only knock I have against it. Just ordered volume 2! Can't wait to read it! Also just wanna say I love that this is written by a couple-duo. Sooo wonderful to see this manifestation of long-term love, jokes, affinity. It's dripping with sensuality, intimacy, power, grit and I can only imagine this passion and capacity for expression comes from years of openness, trust and deep conversations. I love that this is the outpouring of all of that. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Heather D. The story creators Puryear and Alexander tell pulls you in from the first page. In an urban colony its population call Scare City, on a harsh desert planet where young criminals are exiled in droves aptly reminiscent of mass incarceration gangs fight daily for resources, drugs, money, power and more power. As one of the main protagonists, Luca, the leader of an all-female gang bluntly observes early on, Somethings always burning. Between segments of exposition that does a great job of revealing backgrounds without going on too long, the in-your-face action takes on momentum and another main character, Isaac, arrives and meets Luca and her gang in a way that effectively highlights that as much as theyve made it through already, whats in store for them is just beginning. Hard-hitting, gritty and beautiful, this comics a solid read.

Earth's outcasts, exiled to a distant desert planet and forgotten, will either destroy each other with gang violence or find a path to redemption that will create something entirely new. Concrete Park, a dark, sexy sci-fi saga by Tony Puryear (screenwriter of Eraser) and Erika Alexander (Living Single), is filled with unforgettable protagonists, a colorful supporting cast, redemption, romance, and nonstop action presented in an exceptional, vibrant style. Concrete Park Volume 1: You Send Me collects the critically acclaimed graphic novel from the pages of Dark Horse Presents into a "director's cut" hardcover featuring new pages and bonus materials!

About the Author Tony Puryear, originally a New Yorker, graduated with a bachelor's degree in art from Brown University. During that time, he also worked as a gourmet chef. At his early film career, he wrote commercials, but didn't reach mainstream success until the 1996 debut of Eraser starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. In recent work, he draws and co-writes the graphic novel Concrete Park with his wife Erika Alexander which is published by Dark Horse Comics. Concrete Park was selected as one of the Best American Comics, 2013. He and Erika were married in 1997. His 2008 national campaign poster for Hillary Clinton has been added to the collection of the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. The author lives in Los Angeles, CA.