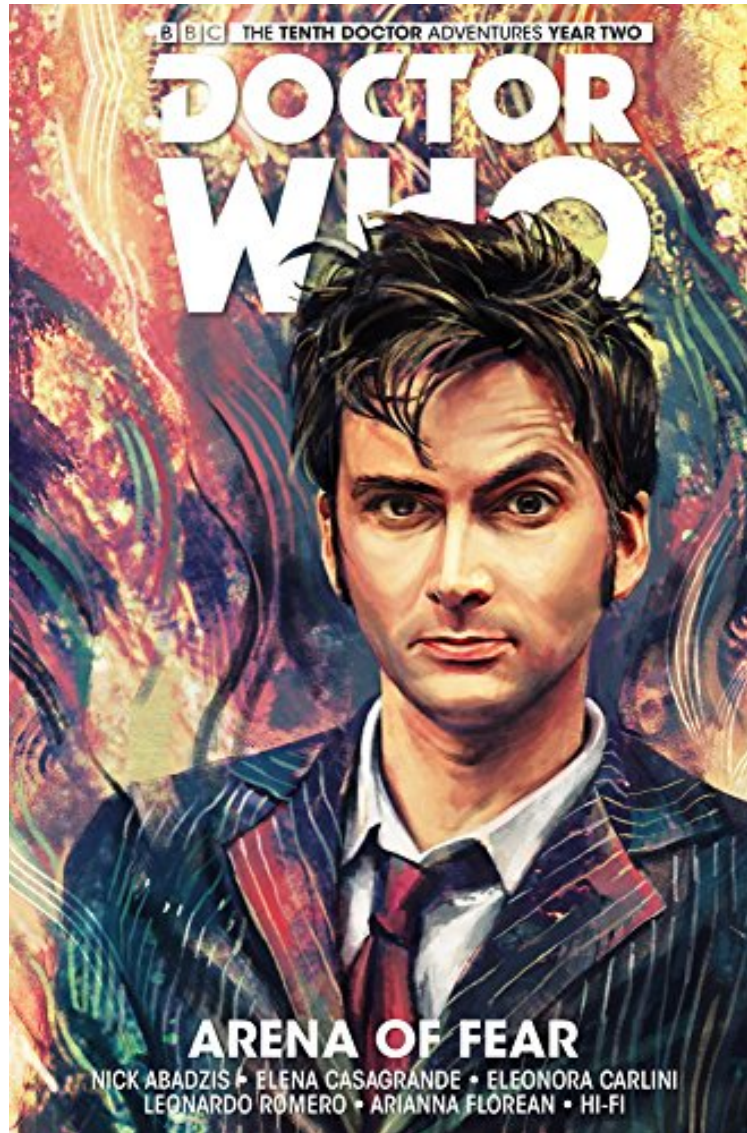


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Nick Abadzis : Doctor Who: The Tenth Doctor Volume 5 - Arena of Fear before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Doctor Who: The Tenth Doctor Volume 5 - Arena of Fear:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Because They Can...By Adam Graham This book collects Issues 6-10 of Year 2 of the Tenth Doctor. Issues 6 and 7 is the titular Arena of Fear story with our characters all separated and without their memories, divided into two groups and some even are being used by the villains who took away everyone's memory. The story is okay, but it doesn't really go anywhere interesting, particularly with the build up

in the last volume, you'd really expect something more epic. It felt like Jack Harkness was inserted to have a Captain Jack guest star and that the writer missed a key distinction with Jack's character. The Free Comic book day special has Cindy joining the Doctor and Gabby in the TARDIS. It's fun, if a bit frantic and hard to follow. Issues 8 and 9 has the Doctor visiting a paranormal book fair because of course you go to a book fair when you could anywhere in time and space. Gabby is doubting Cindy's place as the newbie in the TARDIS. There's possession, weirdness, and a bit of mystery. It's a fairly good story with a bit of pathos for the Doctor. Issue 10 is another trapped in the TARDIS story with Cindy lost and the TARDIS possessed. It's very pacy and it sets thing up for another confrontation with the Osirans who dominated Volume 3. Overall, the volume is okay. It's hurt by the art is not being quite as pretty as previous volumes but also, it feels like some things are done just because they can. The addition of Cindy to the TARDIS crew doesn't seem to add much. It's true that in the previous series of 11th Doctor stories, Rob Williams had two additional companions and it worked, but they had reasons to be there, Cindy just doesn't seem to, but we'll find out how it works out in the next volume.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An average collection
By Squirr-El
This volume collects issues #6-10 of Year Two of Titan Books 10th Doctor comic book, opening with a two-part story that concludes the storyline carried over from the previous volume, and a three-parter, plus a six-page short story. I found the artwork in this volume to be dropping back into the cartoony and difficult to recognise characters style that plagues so many modern comics - probably due to the vast number of low-print-run titles chasing a small pool of really competent artists. However, it really is a matter of taste, and if you are of a generation that thinks cartoony is the norm, then you can ignore my ranting. The first story opened with me not remembering what happened in the previous volume, which, as it turned out, was a problem that the characters were also suffering from, but we all remembered stuff as the story progressed to a satisfactory conclusion. The second story is set in an idyllic English town full of bookshops where a paranormal literary festival is interrupted by an intrusion from beyond - though the Doctor recognises the beyond, and, tough it is eventually dealt with, leaves him with some deep concerns. The artwork once again ruins the story for me, but you might get more out of it. There are a couple of serious future-story indicators to be taken away from this story too.

DON'T MISS THE STUNNING FIFTH COLLECTION OF THE TENTH DOCTOR'S ALL-NEW YEAR TWO COMICS ADVENTURES! The Doctor and his friends, Captain Jack included, must battle for their lives in the sinister Arena of Fear! Then the Doctor, Gabby and Cindy head to a charming English village famous for its supernatural tales... but are they more than just stories? Meanwhile, the faithful TARDIS has sinister secrets that may trap her passengers forever!

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