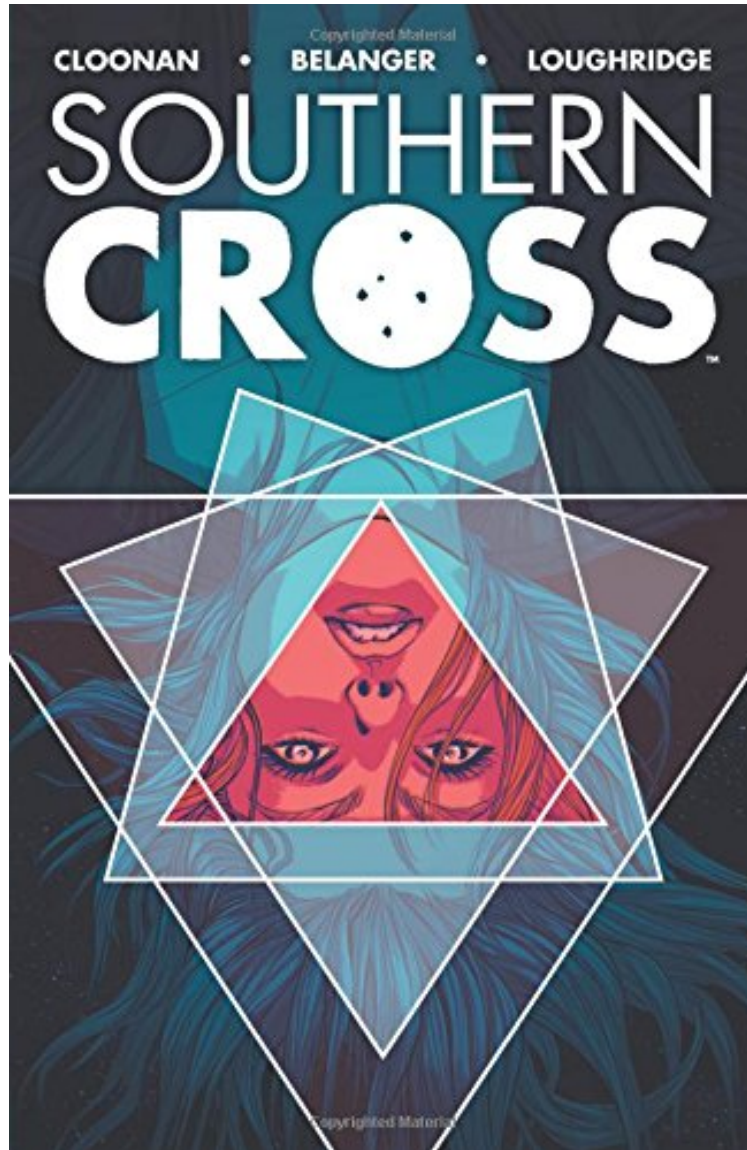


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**Becky Cloonan : Southern Cross Volume 1 (Southern Cross Tp)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Southern Cross Volume 1 (Southern Cross Tp):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A creepy mystery set in space that works on all levelsBy Wayne A McCoy'Southern Cross, Volume one' by Becky Cloonan with art by Andy Belanger is a pretty decent SF/Mystery. It offers the perfect blend of intrigue and creepiness.Alex Braith steps aboard Southern Cross, a tanker heading to Titan. As the story unfolds, we learn that while most of the passengers on board are heading out to become miners, she is

there to discover what happened to her sister. When her roommate disappears, and she learns the room she is in is not what it appears to be, she sets out to find out what is going on. The effects of space on the ship add to the weirdness on board, and she isn't sure who she can trust. I really liked the story this told. The mystery, even though it's on a large ship, felt confined. Alex is obviously trapped on board, and there are people with strange motives. The mystery feels pretty solid (even if we don't discover everything in this volume) and the SF elements work really well. Rather than feeling like one element or the other is pasted on, this creates a seamless whole. I received a review copy of this graphic novel from Diamond Book Distributors, Image Comics, and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this graphic novel.

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Promising Story, Very Well Drawn

By Pop Bop

This TP collects the first five "Southern Cross" issues. Alex Braith is traveling on tanker flight 73 to Titan in order to collect the remains of her sister, who died on that refinery moon. The action here takes place almost entirely on tanker flight 73 during the course of the transit. Alex is a badass, has a history, and plays by nobody's rules but her own. We know that because for about the first twenty pages she tells us so. Repeatedly. She's angry, anti-social, easily annoyed and super prickly. But hey, she's on a crap tanker on a crap flight to a crap moon to collect her dead sister, so I was willing to cut her some slack on the angst. Once the flight gets underway creepy stuff starts to happen, and so you get a sort of gothic supernatural story that happens to take place in space. **VERY MILD SPOILER.** While the plot isn't the same, it very much has an "Event Horizon" foundation and vibe, and since I'm a big fan of that movie I was, again, willing to go along for the ride. Some predictable stuff happens, and some unexpected, or at least novel, stuff happens, so you keep chugging along. The greatest strength of the volume, for me, was the artwork. Belanger does a superb job of getting across the grimy claustrophobic feel of a cargo tanker carrying a couple of passengers, and while the lines are rather heavy and the color palette is a bit dark, that all fits with the story and setting. And, as a bonus, there are some big space views, (looking at the freighter in space or looking out of the windows of the freighter), that really are very detailed and interesting. These big views nicely balanced the small views covering the action inside the ship. The art is important because the characters are pretty much standard issue, (captain, crew, ship's cook, first mate, sneaky guy, crooked guy, suspicious guy, horny guy). There are a few sharp or funny or shrewd lines here and there, but also a lot of exposition, monologuing, and plot advancing. That was O.K. by me because the whole Volume leads to a cliff-hanger that looks like it will ratchet up the suspense/horror/adventure, and it seemed to me that the biggest payoffs in this series are yet to come. I guess we'll see. (Please note that I received a free advance will-self-destruct-in-x-days Adobe Digital copy of this book in exchange for a candid review. Apart from that I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.)

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Anxiously awaiting Volume 2

By Skye Kilaen

Do you like stories about people finding creepy things in space? I do! If you do too, read this book immediately! Alex Braith books passage on the Southern Cross for a journey to Titan. Her goal is to bring her sister's body back home. Amber took an administrative job on a rig and ended up dead. Alex wants to know why. It turns out the Southern Cross is exactly the right place to start asking questions. Cloonan and Belanger create an amazing level of tension as (strange) things start to happen on the ship. Loughridge uses these flat, dark colors that make everything look artificially but dimly lit. This is grungy sci-fi, not the shiny future where everything's white and chrome. I love it. The choice Alex and the ship's captain make at the end sets up the next volume to be even stranger than this first one, so I'll be reading more.

Now boarding: Southern Cross, tanker flight 73 to Titan. Alex Braith is tracing her sister's steps to the refinery moon, hoping to collect her remains and find some answers. The questions keep coming though and they lead her down a path of intrigue, betrayal, and galactic horror. Collects SOUTHERN CROSS #1-5.