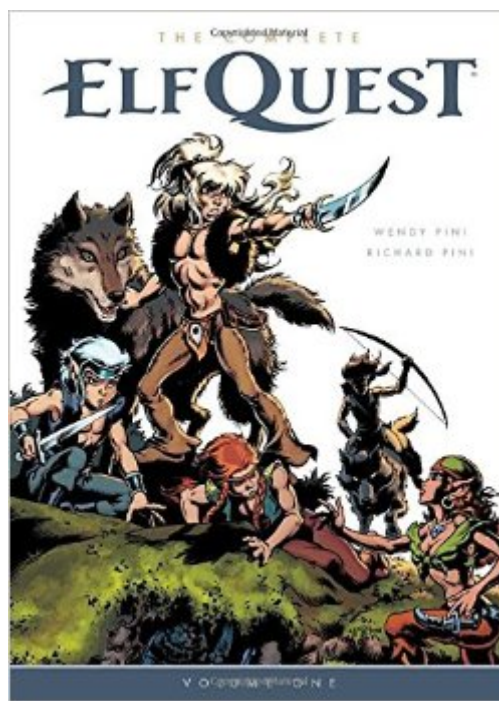


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Cutter, the sometimes hot-headed (and very young, for elves that is) chief of the Wolfriders and his lifemate Leetah, healer of the Sun Folk (they were the first interracial couple I'd ever seen in a book. Cutter was blonde and fair and Leetah was brown-skinned--to a nerdy junior high school girl, seeing brown-skinned elves was a revelation), my all-time favourite couple has always been Redlance, the gentle tree-shaper and his lifemate Nightfall, the fearless huntress. I think it was Redlance who fostered my love for the beta male character, and it would serve many romance authors well to study how Wendy and Richard Pini created a beta male hero that didn't come off as stereotypically weak or emasculated. In fact, Redlance and Nightfall's relationship was that perfect trifecta of love, respect and trust.

Elfquest is phenomenal with an engrossing and emotional storyline; believable, lovable, and mature characters; and some of the best artwork I've ever seen in the graphic novel format; Along with Hayao Miyazaki's Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind it's my favorite graphic novel/manga/comic I've had the pleasure to, not just read, but truly experience. EQ is a story I grew up with in the early 2000s as a teen reading the full-color 1993 editions which were readily available at local libraries at the time. Anyway, back then I was able to read the first 8 original volumes (Original Quest, Siege at Blue Mountain, and Kings of the Broken Wheel sagas) except that final and perhaps most emotional volume #8 Kings of the Broken Wheel. About three years after my initial exposure to the world of EQ I received that final book as a birthday present from my wonderful sister in the B&W Reader's Collection which she had to have paid ~ \$40.00 for. When you consider that, buying this volume which includes the first 4 books, AKA the "Original Quest" for \$18.62 is a remarkable bargain, even if there is one missing page (which has been referred to by other reviewers). More about that, page 371 is repeated again on p405 with the original panels in p405 missing entirely. Sure, that's a bit disappointing, but it's not that big a deal and the Pini's have already given their fans so much by making the entire EQ saga available for free via online viewer on their website ElfquestDOTcom. The missing page can then be found in Original Quest > #12 > and then page 18 although it's not numbered. Oh, I'll add some more volume specific details to this product.

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