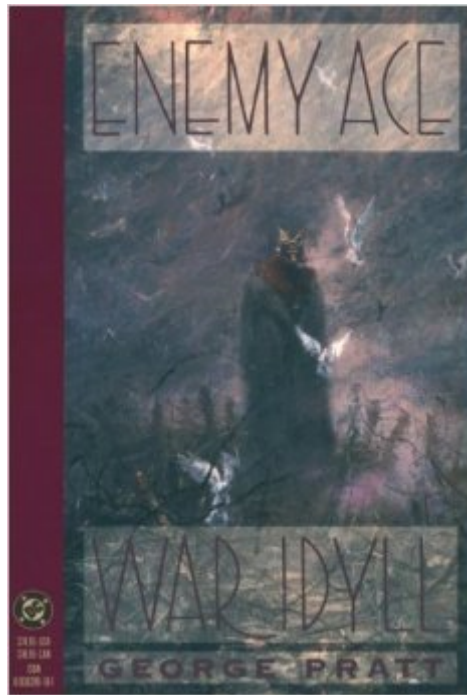


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# Enemy Ace: War Idyll



## Synopsis

In this masterful work of war and its repercussions, Pratt tells in a visceral and surreal style, the story of two war veterans--one from World War I, the other from Vietnam--who meet in a German sanitarium. There they discover a truth that neither expected, but both must come to accept. Previously published by D.C. Comics. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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The DC Universe contains thousands of quality characters. Unfortunately, only a small fraction are used to even half of their potential. Every so often, an author will dust off one of these forgotten gems and make readers take notice, such as George Pratt did with Hans von Hammer, the Enemy Ace, in this book. A true graphic novel, not a trade collection, this story is a beautiful piece of work. It's an interesting exploration of what makes a soldier, told in a series of flashbacks brought on through an aged Hammer's interview by a Vietnam vet. Actually, I would rather give it 9 of 10 stars, due to the art. Pratt's painted pages are great, but they're not very detailed, so it's hard to decipher exactly what's occurring at times. Still, it's a minor problem. DC should put it back in print.

Being an aviation buff and military reenactor I have grown to recognize that war is a sickness that has plagued mankind for eons past. George Pratt brings the meaning of war and the emotional scars it leaves on it's victims, the survivors, to life in characters who are generations apart but who suffer from the same endless mental anguish for the rest of their lives. Each being left to wrestle

with their own mental demons long after the war(s) are over. This is a very emotional novel that left me to ponder the fate of all those who tasted combat. My heart goes out to those poor souls whose respective governments left them alone to deal with their personal horrors once the smoke has cleared. I'm not afraid to admit to shedding a tear at the end of this wonderful novel. This book, like "All Quiet on the Western Front" should be required reading by anyone who is contemplating joining the military or better yet, those at the "top" who wantonly send their children away to be slaughtered.

Pratt's work challenges the conventional reader. This is without doubt the most immersive piece of sequential art I have ever read. Each panel is a painted impressionistic masterpiece. The story is a monument to the author's feelings and experiences and research into the trauma of war. Pratt's artistic style is suited perfectly to the grim historical setting. The protagonist is lifted from his comic book origin in a fitting mature tribute. I didn't like this book the first time I read it, but now rank it with the best war stories in any format.

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