

= Millennium (2015 comic book) =

Millennium is a five @-@ issue comic book series published by IDW Publishing from January and August 2015 , based on the television series of the same name . The series was written by Joe Harris with artwork by Colin Lorimer , and featured cover art by menton3 .

Millennium focuses on Frank Black , a former offender profiler investigating the Millennium Group , a cult @-@ like organisation which had sought to control the end of the world at the turn of the 3rd millennium . Black learns that the Group is still operating over a decade after their supposed defeat , and have recruited his estranged daughter to combat gathering demonic forces .

The first issue , released on January 21 , 2015 , saw sales of over 8000 issues , though sales figures would subsequently drop . However , the series has been reviewed positively by critics , with Lorimer 's artwork frequently singled out for praise . The complete series was collected in a trade paperback after its run was finished .

= = Plot = =

= = = Background = = =

Set during the events of the season ten comic book series for The X @-@ Files , the events of Millennium see Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Fox Mulder joining the long @-@ standing crusade of offender profiler Frank Black as he combats the Millennium Group , a doomsday cult entrenched in elements of the United States law enforcement .

= = = Events = = =

Fox Mulder attends a parole hearing for Monte Propps , a serial killer he helped to apprehend in the late 1980s . Propps ' method of killing involved brainwashing his kidnapped victims until they were willing to commit suicide by drowning ; however he is now seen as a model reformee and is released . Shortly afterwards , Mulder meets with Frank Black , who warns him of the dangers of the offender 's freedom . The two visit the released man 's halfway house , arriving shortly after his parole officer ; inside they find Propps drowned in his bath . In an alley outside , they parole officer is also found dead , with the ouroboros symbol of the Millennium Group tattooed on her neck . A child in the alley momentarily speaks to Black with the voice of a demonic entity he recognises , warning of impending disaster .

Black attempts to locate further information about the Millennium Group 's activity , having believed them defeated in 1999 . He finds that his access to their old computer systems still works , and learns that they may know the whereabouts of his daughter Jordan . Spurred on by several momentary encounters with similarly demonic beings , Black returns to his home town of Seattle , Washington . As he visits the grave of his wife Catherine , he is tranquilised and apprehended by Group members . Waking in captivity , he learns that they seek his help against the same demonic forces he has been encountering ? and that Jordan is now a willing initiate of the Group . She has now begun to powerfully manifest visions of the future , similar to Black 's ability to see the past through others ' eyes .

Mulder follows Black to Seattle , arriving at the abandoned ruins of Black 's old family home , where he is confronted by the powerful demon Lucy Butler . Black arrives to find Mulder struggling against her attempts to control him , and she threatens to kill them both , before Jordan arrives to intervene . Butler , now appearing in her full demonic form , is eventually banished by Jordan 's psychic abilities . Jordan leaves again , knowing that the Group will need this power , as Mulder unsuccessfully tries to persuade Black to rejoin the FBI . Watching this is a black cat , which shapeshifts into Butler 's human guise , who vows to wait " a millennium " for revenge .

= = Publication = =

Published by IDW Publishing , Millennium is a five @-@ issue limited series , acting as a spin @-@ off from the seventeenth issue of The X @-@ Files Season 10 , itself another IDW title . It is an adaptation of the 1990s television series Millennium , which featured Lance Henriksen as Frank Black . The comic series was written by Joe Harris with art by Colin Lorrimer , and saw Chris Carter , the creator of Millennium , serve as executive producer . Both Harris and Lorimer had previously worked on The X @-@ Files Season 10 . Cover art for the series was provided by menton3 .

Harris cites the success of the adaptation of The X @-@ Files for providing the impetus for a Millennium comic , noting that IDW editor @-@ in @-@ chief Chris Ryall approached him to write the latter series having seen the reception the former had been receiving . Harris himself had been a fan of the series during its initial broadcast , personally favouring its second season . He also expressed interest in possibly adapting another of Carter 's creations , Harsh Realm .

= = Release and reception = =

The first issue was released on January 21 , 2015 , and featured a variant cover by artist Paul Shipper . The issue sold 8 @, @ 505 copies in North America , making it the 197th best @-@ selling comic by units for that month . By the release of the second issue , sales had dropped to 6 @, @ 273 issues , the 263rd highest sales figure for the month . A trade paperback collection comprising all five issues was released on August 12 , 2015 .

Critical reaction to the series was positive , with review aggregator website ComicBookRoundUp giving the series a score of 8 @. @ 2 out of 10 , based on 20 critics ' reviews of individual issues . Reviewing the first issue for We The Nerdy , Taneisha Jane gave a score of 90 out of 100 , describing it as having " excellent storytelling that will keep you engaged " , and complimenting Lorimer 's artwork . Comic Vine 's Tony Guerrero praised Lorimer 's " creepy " artwork , but felt that the storytelling required too much foreknowledge of the television series to fully understand . He summed the issue up as being " the crossover we 've been waiting for " . Reviewing the third issue for SciFiPulse , Patrick Hayes praised the series ' use of photographic alternate covers for subscribers , and complimented the artwork and colouring throughout . Hayes rated the issue an " A " overall .