



Graphic Novel Study Group
Study Guides

Ordinary Victories **by Manu Larcenet** Study guide by Chuck Forsman

1. What was your overall reaction to *Ordinary Victories*? Were you surprised or disappointed by the book?
2. What was your initial reaction to Larcenet's drawing style? Did your feelings for it change after reading it?
3. How did you feel about the pages depicting Marco's photographs? Did it take you out of the story? What purpose do you think they served?
4. Pick a sequence where color played an important role and describe the impact it may have had on the storytelling.
5. If this was the first European comic you've read, does it make you more interested in reading work from Europe? If you are familiar with European comics, how did it compare to other European comics you have read?
6. Pick your favorite character and cite some sequences that made you relate or sympathize with that character.
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8. Were there any instances in the book where you felt confused as a possible result of unclear translation from French to English?
9. What was your reaction to the relationships depicted in *Ordinary Victories*? Were they believable to you?
10. How did you feel about the structure of Larcenet's pages? Did they ever feel cramped to you? Were you, as a reader, ever overwhelmed?
11. Compare or describe the change in Marco from the beginning of the book to the end. Has he changed? What has he learned?