



Graphic Novel Study Group
Study Guides

Ordinary Victories **by Manu Larcenet**

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1. What were your impressions of the characters? How did the artist's drawing style influence these impressions?
2. What is the main character's main struggle and how is it resolved?
3. In what way did the four-tier layout affect the pacing of the narrative?
4. Was the artist's style appropriate for the subject matter?
5. Choose a panel sequence that stood out to you and explain why.
6. How effective was the artist's technique of rendering "photographs" using different line densities than the rest of the comic?
7. What were some of the main themes of the story?
8. What was the main character's relationship to his art?
9. What might be some pitfalls of translation?
10. Have you read European comics before? If so, how does *Ordinary Victories* compare?