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DARK HORSE

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JANUARY



CONAN RED SONJA #1

Gail Simone, Jim Zub, Dan Panosian, Dave Stewart

Gail Simone teams with Jim Zub to bring together legendary warriors in this truly epic crossover!

In a story spanning multiple eras in the lives of these classic characters, Conan and Red Sonja become comrades to take down a sorcerer-priest hell bent on creating a dark new age in Hyborian warfare!

In Shops: **14/01/2015**

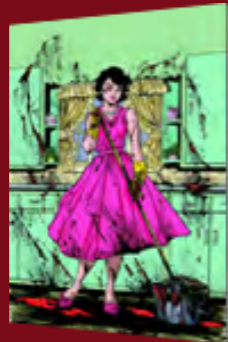


GROO: FRIENDS AND FOES #1

Mark Evanier, Sergio Aragones

Each month of this yearlong series, Groo and his faithful pooch, Rufferto, encounter a different acquaintance--or enemy--with the usual dire consequences! In #1, Groo crosses paths with Captain Ahax, the seaman with the world record for most ships sunk by the all-time stupidest character in comics! Brought to you by the award-winning team of Sergio Aragones and Mark Evanier!

In Shops: **21/01/2015**



LADY KILLER #1

Joëlle Jones, Jamie S. Rich

Josie Schuller is a picture-perfect homemaker, wife, and mother-but she's also a ruthless, efficient killer for hire!

A brand-new original comedy series that combines the wholesome imagery of early 1960s domestic bliss with a tightening web of murder, paranoia, and cold-blooded survival.

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



DC

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JANUARY



MULTIVERSITY GUIDE BOOK #1

Grant Morrison, Nicola Scott, Rian Hughes, Various

The guidebook to the greatest adventure in DC's history is here!

With a detailed concordance featuring each of the 52 worlds in the Multiverse, a complete history of DC Comics' universe-shattering "Crisis" events, a map of all known existence, and an action-packed dual adventure starring Kamandi of Earth-51 alongside the post-apocalyptic Atomic Knight Batman of Earth-17 and chibi Batman of Earth-42, this 80-page mountain of Multiversity madness cannot be missed!

The Multiversity Guidebook contains everything you ever wanted to know about DC's parallel worlds and their super-heroic inhabitants. Meet the Agents of W.O.N.D.E.R. The Light Brigade, the Super-Americans and the Love Syndicate! Meet the Accelerated Man, Aquafash, BiOmac and more!

Overflowing with today's top artists and completely written by Grant Morrison himself, readers of the DC Universe can't afford to pass up this oversized, sixth chapter of Multiversity!

In Shops: **21/01/2015**



EFFIGY #1

Tim Seeley, Marley Zarcone, W. Scott Forbes

After a sex-tape scandal, former Hollywood child star turned Z-lister Chondra Jackson returns to her hometown of Effigy Mound, IL, to find a seemingly impossible crime - a fresh corpse in an ancient Indian burial site. Even weirder, the murder resembles a scene from an episode of her old TV show, Star Cop, a live-action children's show about a kid detective.

As Chondra starts to investigate, she stumbles upon a bizarre cult that worships celebrities as eternal effigies. And these cult members aren't just worshiping - they're also ritually sacrificing anyone who defies their veneration of the beautiful and famous. Chondra's probe takes her on a terrifying tour of burial mounds across the world, from Stonehenge to the Nazca Lines of Peru. But what is the link between the cult, Chondra's hometown, and her own bloodline? Will Chondra become the hero detective she played as a child...or is she in fact the cult's unwitting messiah?

Written by rising star Tim Seeley (Batman Eternal, Grayson, Revival) and illustrated by Marley Zarcone (Black Circle, Madame Xanadu), Effigy is a twisted murder mystery and conspiracy tale that examines celebrity, godhood, and the price of fame.

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FABLES: THE WOLF AMONG US #1

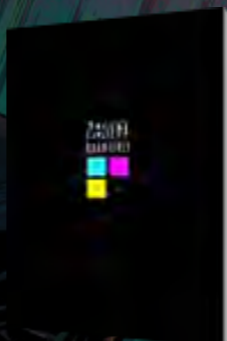
Matthew Sturges, Stephen Sadowski, Travis Moore, Chrissie Zullo, Various

Even before the first issue of Fables, there were stories to be told, shadowy avenues to explore, and lives hanging in the balance! Bigby Wolf has seen plenty in his time as Sheriff of Fabletown...but nothing can prepare him for this...

It all starts with a simple domestic disturbance. But when Bigby learns that his old nemesis, the Woodsman who has an axe to grind, is part of the scene, things go downhill fast. And how will Bigby and Snow White keep their heads long enough to crack the case when they get caught up in a grisly murder mystery?

Fables: The Wolf Among Us is a gripping adaptation and expansion of the smash-hit video game, and an official prequel to Bill Willingham's bestselling Fables!

In Shops: **14/01/2015**



VERTIGO QUARTERLY #1: BLACK

Mary H. K. Choi, Francesco Francavilla, Various

It's the final issue of the CMYK Quarterly. We've got some of comics' top writers and artists coming at you with bold statements and dark accents. Join us as we celebrate Vertigo's favorite color and the anthology that's been bringing it all year long.

In Shops: **28/01/2015**

MORTAL KOMBAT X #1

Shawn Kittelsen, Dexter Soy, Ivan Reis

Get over here...for an all-new digital-first series set before the events of 2015's highly anticipated game Mortal Kombat X! Prepare yourself for the brutal adventures of all your favorite Mortal Kombat characters and witness the rise of the next generation of Komatants!

This premiere issue features two interlocking covers by superstar artist Ivan Reis!

In Shops: **07/01/2015**





IDW

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JANUARY



GALAXY QUEST: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES #1

Erik Burnham, Nacho Arranz

Once upon a time, a troupe of has-been actors that starred on an old sci-fi show were enlisted by an alien race to save them from an intergalactic tyrant. Despite being way out of their depth, the cast somehow managed to save the aliens and stay alive... but their actions in outer space may have had dire consequences for another world. Join us this January as the cast of Galaxy Quest returns for another bombastic journey into space!

In Shops: **28/01/2015**



CREATURE COPS: SPECIAL VARMINT UNIT #1

Rob Anderson,
Fernando Melek,
Novo Malgapo

In a world where a rhino can be gene-spliced with a dog, freakish animals are everywhere, and the Creature Cops have to deal with them! From vicious gator-snakes to cute panda-dogs, these animal cops think they've seen it all... until they discover a nest of illegal hybrids that resemble mythological griffins, and suddenly find themselves on the trail of a death cult with even darker plans...

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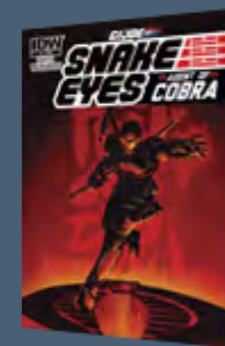


CREEPL PEOPLE #1

Patrick Pidgeon,
Matt Anderson,
Tim Lattie

It's weird science gone wild! A trio of gifted lab students hatches a bizarre scheme that runs amok when they inadvertently create a mystical bunch of wildly creepy troll-creatures that wreak havoc on campus.

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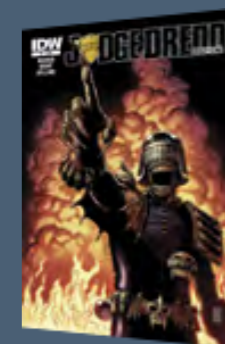


GI JOE - SNAKE EYES: AGENT OF COBRA #1

Miike Costa,
Paolo Villanelli

Destro, one of Cobra's top operatives, has been captured. As the metal masked maverick gets transferred to a new prison, a prison break is instigated by none other than... Snake Eyes! With Destro free and Snake Eyes under Cobra's control, a mission that will rock the world of G.I. Joe begins!

In Shops: **21/01/2015**



JUDGE DREDD CLASSICS: DARK JUDGES #1

Alan Grant, John
Wagner, Brian
Bolland, Darick
Robertson

His name is Judge Death and in his eyes all life is crime! Together with his brothers Fear, Fire, and Mortis, the super-fiend from Deadworld is determined to end all life in Mega-City One once and for all! This compilation features classic Judge Death tales from the pages of 2000 AD, including his stunning debut story by co-creators John Wagner and Brian Bolland.

In Shops: **21/01/2015**



MILLENNIUM #1

Joe Harris, Colin Lorimer, Menton3

Fifteen years ago, the end of the world-the anticipated "Millennium Event"-was avoided thanks to the efforts of Frank Black and FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully. Or was it? Frank's psychic gifts have been showing him that evil has continued to grow unabated in the world, and he's trying his best to ignore it. But soon the resurgence of the Millennium Group and their quest to find Frank's daughter Jordan will pull him into the fray once again, whether he likes it or not!

In Shops: **21/01/2015**



TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: COLOR CLASSICS VOL.3 #1

Kevin Eastman, Various

The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Color Classics line kicks off a new volume, re-presenting in the classic Mirage storylines in all-new full color! In "Shades of Gray, Part One," Casey Jones accidentally kills someone in self-defense, drawing the attention of the mysterious vigilante called Nobody. Will the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles be able to protect their friend from Nobody's vicious street justice? Originally printed in black and white as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Vol.1 #48.

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



POWERPUFF GIRLS: SUPER SMASH-UP #1

Derek Charm, Jeremy Whitley, Derek Charm, Jorge Monlongo, Derek Charm

Just when you thought you'd seen it all, Cartoon Network Crossover Cra-ziness continues! After their victory in the Super Secret Crisis War, the Powerpuff Girls take it easy with a rare VIP tour of Dexter's Laboratory! But when tag-along Dee Dee accidentally activates Dexter's newest invention, the fate of the entire multiverse is suddenly at stake! Plus: a bonus Courage the Cowardly Dog story by the Glyph- and Eisner-nominated Princeless's Jeremy Whitley!

In Shops: **21/01/2015**



TRANSFORMERS: PUNISHMENT (ONE-SHOT)

John Barber, Livio Ramondelli

Optimus Prime returns to Cybertron! And someone is killing Decepticons. Prime teams with Windblade to uncover the identity of the vigilante... but the answers will uncover darker secrets than anyone expected!

In Shops: **17/12/2015**



ZOMBIES VS ROBOTS #1

Chris Ryall, Steve Niles, Anthony Diecidue, Ashley Wood, Various

The first-ever ongoing Zombies vs Robots series, bringing you... new robots! A renewed zombie threat! New human survivors! And an all-new world ready for the taking from one or more of these factions... Part 1 of "Inherit the Earth!" and "The Orphan" start here!

In Shops: **21/01/2015**

IDW

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CASANOVA ACEDIA #1

Matt Fraction,
Michael Chabon,
Fábio Moon,
Gabriel Ba

Marooned in Los Angeles with no memory of his past, Casanova Quinn takes on the mystery of his criminal benefactor's tangled and bloody history-as strange occult forces from the future conspire to... do stuff? To him? To Los Angeles? To you? Yes.

Featuring the first in a series of backup stories by Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Chabon and Casanova co-creator Gabriel Bá.

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



DYING AND THE DEAD #1

Jonathan
Hickman, Ryan
Bodenheim

"Today, Tomorrow, The Grave"

A murder at a wedding reveals a fifty year-old secret. At great cost, a man with a dying wife is given the opportunity to save her. A lost tribe is reborn in another time. Seemingly disparate events that force relics from the Greatest Generation to come together for one last hurrah.

Brought to you by award-winning writer Jonathan Hickman and fan-favorite artist Ryan Bodenheim, The Dying And The Dead is high adventure meets end-of-life care. It's Indiana Jones for Old People. There are no fedoras, only bedpans.

In Shops: **28/01/2015**



IMAGE FIRSTS: SEX CRIMINALS #1

Matt Fraction,
Chip Zdarsky

A sex comedy for comics.

Suzie's a normal girl with an extraordinary ability: when she has sex, she stops time. One night she meets John... who has the same gift. And so they do what any other sex-having, time-stopping, couple would do: they rob banks. In the vein of The 40-Year Old Virgin and Bridesmaids, Image Comics invites you to come along with Matt Fraction and Chip Zdarsky for the series that puts the "comic" back in "comics" and the "sexy" back in "sex crimes."

In Shops: **28/01/2015**



REYN #1

Kel Symons,
Nathan
Stockman

Reyn is a freelance swordsman and monster hunter who also might be the last of the legendary "Wardens" of the land of Fate, whose ranks long since faded into myth. He's haunted and driven by visions from a "guiding angel" who sets him on the path of a great quest-though Reyn's hardly the errant knight-type. He'll rescue and partner with the sorceress Seph, a member of a coven known as the Followers of Tek, hunted as heretics for their beliefs, but who may know what secrets Fate holds.

In Shops: **21/01/2015**

IMAGE

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CRIMINAL: SPECIAL EDITION (ONE-SHOT)

Ed Brubaker, Sean Phillips, Elizabeth
Breitweiser

Criminal comes to Image!

To celebrate the return of Criminal to print, Brubaker and Phillips Return to their award-winning title for the first time in years for a 48-page special sure the thrill their readers, old and new alike!

It's 1976, and Teeg Lawless is doing 30 days in county jail with a price on his head, his only safe company from the savagery a beat-up old comic magazine his dead cellmate left behind. It's Criminal like you've never seen it before, with a comic within the comic and all those slick '70s thrills!

In Shops: **28/01/2015**



IXTH GENERATION #1

Matt Hawkins,
Stjepan Sejic

In the future there is no more natural death, no needs unfilled and everything you could ever want is yours... as long as you're one of the ones chosen to live in this new Utopia and you're willing to subjugate yourself to these new self-proclaimed gods with "IX"s emblazoned on them.

Aphrodite, Velocity, Hades, and the other Nines establish fiefdoms in this new world and attempt to rule. Their internal clashes have escalated, but they are forced to put that aside as they face off against the relentless hordes of the Darkness. The sins of the past have come to claim those who would pretend to be Gods. The cybernetic future established in Aphrodite IX and Cyber Force finally comes face-to-face with the supernatural Artifacts side of the Top Cow universe!

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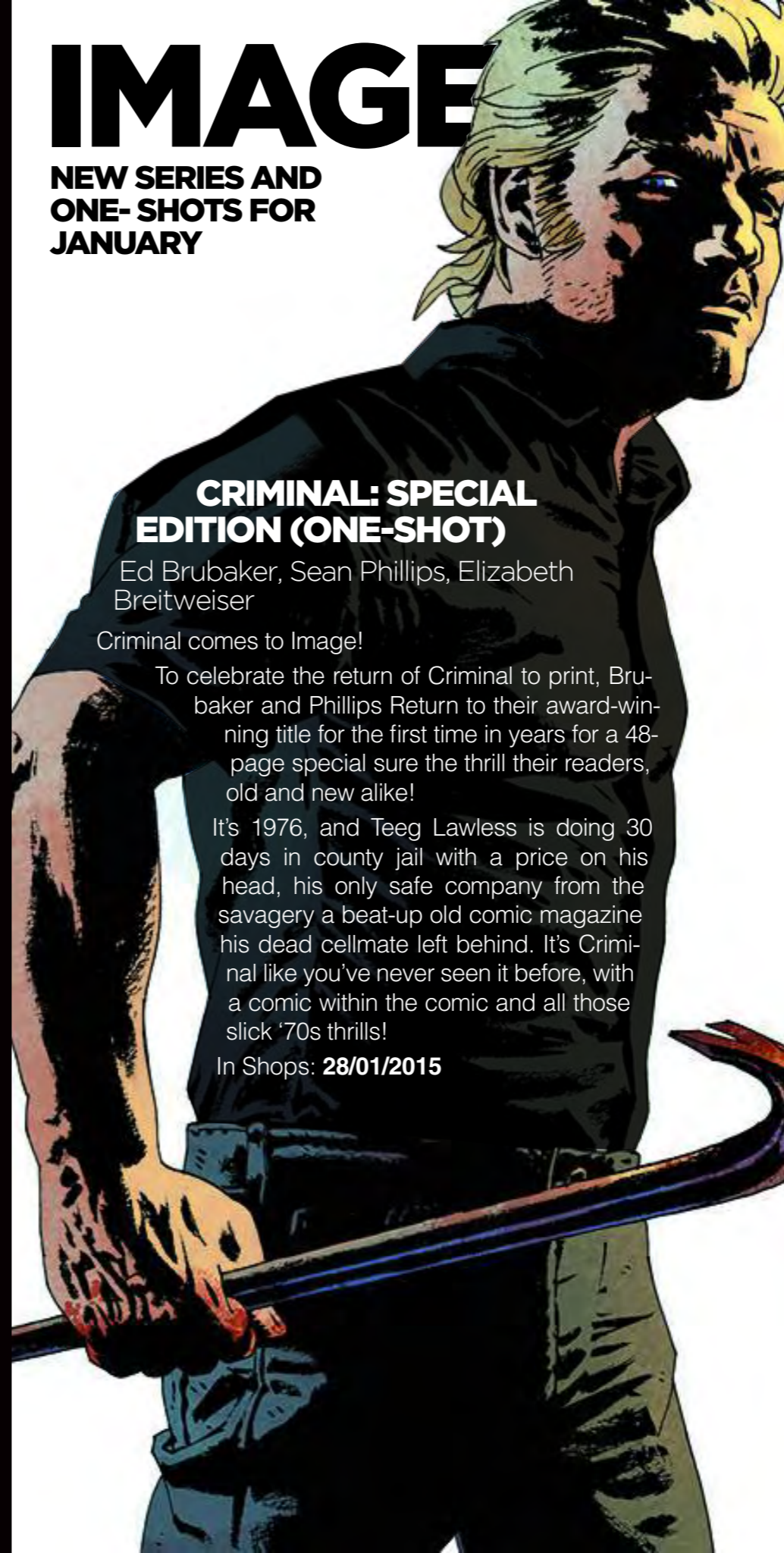


STRAY BULLETS: SUNSHINE AND ROSES #1

David Lapham

Stray Bullets continues with the beginning of a brand-new arc of stories! While every issue of Stray Bullets presents a complete story, the start of each new arc is the perfect place to jump on board and see what everybody else is talking about.

In Shops: **21/01/2015**





ANT-MAN #1

Nick Spencer,
Ramon Rosanas,
Mark Brooks

Scott Lang has never exactly been the world's best super hero. Heck, most people don't even think he's been the best Ant-Man -- and the last guy invented Ultron and joined the Masters of Evil, so that's saying something. But when the Superior Iron Man calls with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, Scott's going to get a chance to turn it all around and be the hero he's always dreamed of being. Sure he's been to prison! Sure he's been through a messy divorce! Sure he's been, um... dead. But this time is different! This time nothing is gonna stop the astonishing Ant-Man!

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



AVENGERS: NO MORE BULLYING #1

Gerry Duggan,
Paul Renaud,
Various

Earth's mightiest heroes make bullying a thing of the past!

The Avengers have always stood up for those who cannot stand up for themselves, but this time they're in for a bombastic adventure of the highest order!

Featuring surprise guest stars from across the Marvel Universe including Spider-Man and The Guardians of the Galaxy! Face front, readers! You won't want to miss this one!

In Shops: **07/01/2015**

MARVEL

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JANUARY



OPERATION SIN #1

Kathryn Immonen, Rich Ellis, Michael Komarck

Tying into the explosive events of Original Sin, see an untold story from the origins of the Marvel Universe!

After an alien energy source is discovered in Russia in the early 1950's, it's up to Peggy Carter and Howard Stark to find out what happened. But a newly-risen terrorist group going by the name Hydra also happens to be on the hunt for their own nefarious purposes! It's only when a mysterious operative going by the name of Woodrow McCord enters the picture to aid Peggy and Howard that they realize just how far some people are willing to go to keep the Earth safe!

Megawatt writer Kathryn Immonen (Journey Into Mystery) is joined by rising star artist Rich Ellis (Superior Foes Of Spider-Man) to tell an all-new tale featuring Agent Carter!

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



★ COVER STAR ★ STAR WARS #1

Jason Aaron,
John Cassaday

The greatest space adventure of all time returns to Marvel! Luke Skywalker and the ragtag band of rebels fighting against the Galactic Empire are fresh off their biggest victory yet-the destruction of the massive battle station known as the Death Star. But the Empire's not toppled yet! Join Luke along with Princess Leia, smugglers Han Solo and Chewbacca, droids C-3PO and R2-D2 and the rest of the Rebel Alliance as they strike out for freedom against the evil forces of Darth Vader and his master, the Emperor.

Written by Jason Aaron (Thor: God of Thunder) and with art by John Cassaday (Uncanny Avengers), this is the Star Wars saga as only Marvel Comics could make it!

In Shops: **14/01/2015**



UNBEATABLE SQUIRREL GIRL #1

Ryan North,
Erica Henderson

Wolverine, Deadpool, Doctor Doom, Thanos: There's one hero that's beaten them all-and now she's got her own ongoing series! That's right, you asked for it, you got it, it's Squirrel Girl! It's the start of a brand-new series of adventures starring the nuttiest and most upbeat super hero in the world!

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



UNCANNY AVENGERS #1

Rick Remender,
Daniel Acuña

"Counter-Evolutionary" Part 1. From the ashes of AXIS an all-new, all different Avengers assemble!

The tragedy at the end of AXIS has left the Uncanny Avengers vulnerable, and someone is taking advantage of it. One of the Avengers oldest foes returns with a terrible secret that will, all hyperbole aside, shatter the lives of two members of the squad. What is Counter-Earth? What terrible secrets does it house?

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



WOLVERINES #1

Charles Soule,
Nick Bradshaw

From the pages of Death Of Wolverine, The Logan Legacy and the Weapon X Program! Wolverine may be dead... but what will happen to his mortal remains, encased in something as rare and powerful as Adamantium? The battle for control of this valuable artifact has begun! But why does it matter so much... and why is a war brewing in Logan's name? Death is on the books for a dozen heroes and villains, and Mystique is playing chess with them all, including X-23, Sabretooth, Daken, Lady Deathstrike and more! Murder, mutilation, betrayal and trauma... none will be spared!

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FOR JANUARY



FEATHERS #1

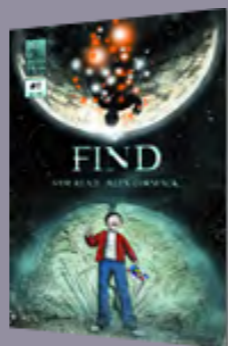
BOOM!

Jorge Corona

There's never been a better time for fantastic, all-ages comics that embrace both the darkness and beauty in life. Fans of Avatar: Legend of Korra, Mike Mignola, and Amulet will fall in love with Poe, the boy covered in feathers.

A recluse boy born covered in feathers must help his firstever friend, a young girl named Bianca, as she tries to return to her home beyond the slums of the Maze. They must dodge street gangs and childsnatchers along the way, and perhaps together will learn the secrets to his mysterious past.

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



FIND #1

COMIXTRIBE

Sam Read, Alex Cormack

When young Teddy Chance stumbles upon a strange, otherworldly object while out exploring, so begins a night of peril and excitement that will alter the course of his entire life. Written by Samuel Read (Exit Generation) and illustrated by Alex Cormack (Oxymoron, Future Proof), Find is an all-ages adventure about the power of curiosity and inspiration, and how comic books really are universal.

In Shops: **28/01/2015**



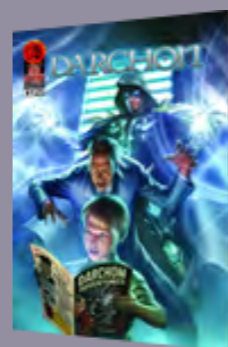
IVAR, TIMEWALKER #1

VALIANT

Fred Van Lente,
Clayton Henry,
Raul Allen

From the New York Times bestselling team of Fred Van Lente and Clayton Henry comes a centuries-spanning race against the clock, straight out of the pages of Archer and Armstrong! The past, present, and future of our universe are about to meet an untimely end, and only the mysterious Ivar Anni-Padda can prevent all three from collapsing in on themselves. Unstuck in time, and pursued by enemies simultaneously across every moment of his time-lost life, can the man called Timewalker save everything that ever was, is, and will be? Get ready for a clock-stopping odyssey into the distant past and far future as the most unlikely Valiant hero of all leaps into his first history-ripping adventure!

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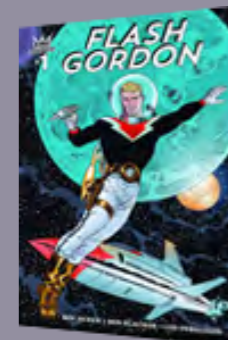
DARCHON #1

RED GIANT

Mort Castle,
Ricardo Jaime,
Lingarr

Darchon Blaque guards the portal between light and darkness. When nightmares from the other side threaten our reality he is the last defense. The master of magic holds secrets that we can only begin to imagine. What will happen when they are revealed?

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



KING: FLASH GORDON #1

DYNAMITE

Ben Acker,
Ben Blacker,
Lee Ferguson,
Darwyn Cooke

"He's nothing but a man!" Welcome to the King, full of uncanny planets and enormous explosions and furious holograms and impossible bravery and galactic heists and savage guerillas and mysterious flobotanim and massive hangovers and grinning impossibility!

Get pumped for astounding fun by Ben Acker and Ben Blacker (The Thrilling Adventure Hour) and Lee Ferguson (G.I. Joe) with a connecting King cover by comic legend Darwyn Cooke!

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KING: MANDRAKE MAGICIAN #1

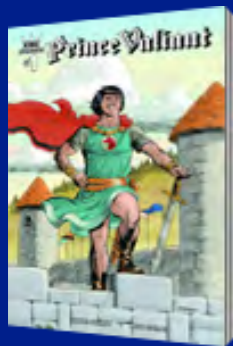
DYNAMITE

Roger Langridge,
Jeremy Treece,
Darwyn Cooke

"It's time to put on a show!" Welcome to the King, full of Impossible trickery and demonic destruction and heartbreaking villainy and witch doctoring and global catastrophe and smirking sleight-of-hand and dapper determination!

Witness magical mystery by Eisner-Award Winner Roger Langridge (Thor the Mighty Avenger) and Jeremy Treece (Marvel Zombies) with a connecting King cover by comic legend Darwyn Cooke!

In Shops: **14/01/2015**



KING: PRINCE VALIANT #1 DYNAMITE

Nathan Cosby, Ron Salas, Darwyn Cooke

"I'll dare any adventure!" Welcome to the King, full of brawling knights and arthurian adversaries and mystical meddling and courageous chivalry and serpentine sorcery and withering valor and time-shifting adventurers and catastrophic confidence!

Brave the battles courtesy of Nate Cosby (Cow Boy) and Ron Salas (Spider-Man) with a connecting King cover by comic legend Darwyn Cooke!

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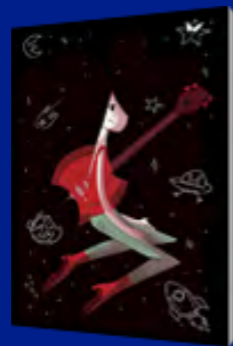
SCIENCE IS MAGIC #1 ANTARCTIC

Ben Dunn

The battle of the sexes is more pitched than ever, divided between reliance on the mystical and mechanical!

Certain women are graced with powerful magical talent, solving problems with spells both fierce and subtle. Many men are gifted instead with talent for technology and engineering, and believe these are the keys to resolve the world's woes. The two sides are fiercely, irrevocably opposed...until a pair of them fall in love!

In Shops: **28/01/2015**



ADVENTURE TIME - MARCELINE: GONE ADRIFT #1 BOOM!

Meredith Gran, Carey Pietsch, Reimena Yee

From the writer that brought you Marceline and the Scream Queens, Meredith Gran (Octopus Pie), and introducing indie talent Carey Pietsch, this is your chance to get some oneone time with one of your favorite residents of Ooo.

Marceline is on a rampage for mysterious reasons, and the kingdom of Ooo is desperately scrambling to stop her. In trying to save both Ooo and Marceline herself, Princess Bubblegum accidentally propels Marceline into the farthest reaches of space... and strips her of her powers! Guilt-ridden, Princess Bubblegum sets off on a space rescue that'll test the power of her mind... as well as the power of friendship.

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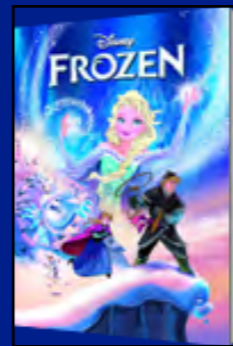


MUNCHKIN #1 BOOM!

Tom Siddell, Mike Holmes, Ian McGinty, Evan Palmer, Various

Kick open the door. Kill the monster. Steal the treasure. Screw over everybody you come in contact with. Welcome to the world of Munchkin, a gathering of stories based on the popular game series. It's a laugh a minute, pal. Plus, every first printing of every issue will ship with an exclusive card for the game.

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



FROZEN #1

DISNEY
Various

Fearless optimist Anna sets off on an epic journey - teaming up with rugged mountain man Kristoff and his loyal reindeer Sven - to find her sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter. Encountering mystical trolls and a hilarious snowman named Olaf along the way, Anna and Kristoff battle the elements in a race to save the kingdom.

Audiences who thrilled to the adventures of Anna and Elsa on the big screen can relive their favorite moments in this stunning comics retelling by Disney's own master artists.

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



PRINCESS: THE PIRATE PRINCESS #1 ACTION LAB

Jeremy Whitley, Rosy Higgins, Ted Brandt

Princess Adrienne is back! This time Adrienne and Bedelia have found another young princess locked away in a tower and decided to rescue her. But Princess Raven is more than meets the eye and Adrienne may have finally met her match. The story that started in FCBD 2013 will finally be told with Limited Edition Variant cover by the original FCBD artist Soojin Paek.

In Shops: **28/01/2015**

INDIES

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KING: JUNGLE JIM #1 DYNAMITE

Paul Tobin,
Sandy Jarrell,
Darwyn Cooke

“He is the forest!” Welcome to the King, full of rustic wars and bestial bluster and unforgiving terrain and impossible origins and enigmatic abilities and creepy domiciles and really really really weird monkeys!

Strap in for high adventure from Eisner-Award Winner Paul Tobin (Bardette) and Sandy Jarrell (Meteor Men) with a connecting King cover by comic legend Darwyn Cooke!

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HENCHMEN: I, HENCHBOT #1

ROBOT PAPER

Jamison
Raymond, Ryan
Howe

While attempting to find legitimate work after a shaky term as a Super Villain's henchmen, Gary encounters familiar roadblocks in his job hunt. Dead-end jobs are unwilling to hire him because he is either too old or too well educated. Meanwhile, a clandestine consulting firm acquires a controlling stake in struggling tech firm Vimco. Gary has no choice but to return to “henching” as Vimco rolls out a new flagship product, the “Henchbot”, which causes his fellow henchmen to fear for their jobs. After being asked to start a new union, Gary contemplates his next move as well as how to pay the bills.

In Shops: **21/01/2015**



BURNING FIELDS #1 BOOM!

Michael Moreci,
Tim Daniel, Colin
Lorimer

A geopolitical drama with monster mythos from the writers of Roche Limit and Enormous.

Dana Atkinson, a dishonorably discharged army investigator, is pulled back to the Middle East when a group of American oil technicians disappear under bizarre circumstances. What Dana discovers is unimaginable: a series of unusual incidents at the drill site lead her to discover a mythic evil that has been released, one that threatens both the lives of the entire region and the fragile peace that exists.

In Shops: **21/01/2015**



CLASS ACTION #1 ARDDEN

Neal Adams,
Mikael Bergkvist

From the mind of comic book industry legend Neal Adams!

Sarah and Jon are happy, wildly in love, and engaged to be married. However, what Sarah doesn't know is that Jon is the world's foremost super villain, recently pardoned by the government, but for reasons unknown. And now, Jon's secrets are about to come crashing down around both of them! Jump on this hot new series with the action-packed debut issue!

In Shops: **28/01/2015**



QUANTUM & WOODY MUST DIE #1 VALIANT

James Asmus,
Steve Lieber,
Mike Hawthorne

They came. They saw. They pissed off a whole lotta folks. And now a team of mystery vigilantes has singled out the world's worst superhero team for complete and utter destruction. The first target: their minds! But who are these all-new enemies? Are Quantum and Woody hitting it off with a sexy duo of cat burglars? And, dear god, what have they done to the goat? Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy? Sex Criminals isn't the only comic that can quote Queen, comics fans - here come Quantum and Woody! (Or so they think! - Trippy, right?!)

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KING: THE PHANTOM #1 DYNAMITE

Brian Clevinger,
Brent
Schoonover,
Darwyn Cooke

“What is The Phantom?” Welcome to the King, full of two-fisted scrapping and rugged courage and unstoppable purpose and daring infiltration and breakneck combat and indestructible legacy and ghosts... who...walk! Prepare yourself for bulletproof brawling by Brian Clevinger (Atomic Robo) and Brent Schoonover (Adventures of Superman) with a connecting King cover by comic legend Darwyn Cooke!

In Shops: **21/01/2015**

NOVEL IDEAS

NEW GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COLLECTED EDITIONS ARRIVING FROM JANUARY ONWARDS...



ROCKET RACCOON VOL.1: CHASING TALE (PREM HC)
MARVEL
Young, Andrade

Rocket Raccoon has been a hero to the weak, a champion of good, a heartthrob to many intergalactic females - but his high-flying life of adventure may be a thing of the past when he's framed for murder - and the authorities aren't the only ones on his tail! (Get it?) Superstar creator Skottie Young brings his A-game as writer and artist on the series we've been waiting decades for. Because really, Rocket and Groot are the only Guardians of the Galaxy you actually care about, right?

Collecting Rocket Raccoon (2014) #1-6.
In Shops: **11/02/2015**



TRANSFORMERS: DARK CYBERTRON (HC)
IDW
Roberts, Various

The end of everything! Shockwave makes a move millions of years in the planning-an ultimate strategy to remake Cybertron and destroy both the Autobots and Decepticons!

This oversized hardcover collects all 12 issues of the hit crossover!

In Shops: **21/01/2015**



SUPERMAN DOOMED (HC)
DC
Lobdell, Kuder, Various

It's Superman vs. Doomsday as you've never seen it before! In this New 52 epic, Superman's battle against Doomsday is only the beginning, as the Man of Steel becomes infected with Doomsday's powers and traits! How can he overcome this threat that comes from inside himself? Find out in stories from Superman: Doomed #1 and 2, Action Comics #30-35, Superman/Wonder Woman #7-12, Superman #30, Action Comics Annual #3, Superman/Wonder Woman Annual #1, Supergirl #34-35 and Batman/Superman #11!

In Shops: **25/03/2015**



MY LITTLE PONY - FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC VOL.6
IDW
Anderson, Whitley, Various

Applejack, Rarity, and Fluttershy visit Manehattan to see Trixie's magic show. Meanwhile, in Ponyville, the ponies' pets, Angel, Owlicious, Gummy, Tank, Winona, and Opal must save the day. Plus, Discord takes the Cutie Mark Crusaders on a trip through time! Collects issues #21-24!

In Shops: **07/01/2015**



EMILY AND THE STRANGERS VOL.2: BREAKING THE RECORD (HC)
DARK HORSE
Reger, Various

Emily-and her new band, the Strangers-won the battle of the bands and received a record contract with Awesomely Awesome Records, but can the girl who just figured out how to get along with her friends manage dealing with a major corporation? And what's the deal with the legions of stray cats around town? Collects Emily and the Strangers: Breaking the Record #1-3.

In Shops: **04/03/2015**



HACK/SLASH: SON OF SAMHAIN VOL.1
IMAGE
Moreci, Seeley, Laiso, Caselli

Your favorite slasher hunter is back! When a mysterious cult of monsters arises, Cassie is forced to return to the life she thought she'd left behind. Coupled with a new partner and faced with enemies unlike any she has battled before, Cassie must confront the darkness in the world-and in her own life-in new ways. The agents of evil never rest; unfortunately for them, neither does Cassie Hack.

In Shops: **14/01/2015**



BATMAN - THE DARK KNIGHT VOL.4: CLAY
DC
Hurwitz, Maleev, Various

In these tales from Batman: The Dark Knight #22-29, the origin of Clayface is revealed! Batman and Commissioner Gordon are forced into a tight corner as Clayface embarks on a murder spree throughout Gotham City. But what led him to become a monster?

In Shops: **11/02/2015**



GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY / ALL NEW X-MEN: TRIAL OF JEAN GREY
MARVEL
Bendis, Various

The arrival of the original X-Men in the present sent shockwaves through the Marvel Universe, but we've only seen the effects on Earth - until now! When an alien race discovers that Jean Grey - once host of the destructive Phoenix Force - is back on Earth, they decide to hold her accountable for the genocide committed by Dark Phoenix! Now, it's up to the spacefaring Guardians of the Galaxy to help the All-New X-Men save Jean from twisted intergalactic justice!

Collecting Guardians Of The Galaxy (2013) #11-13 and All-New X-Men #22-24.

In Shops: **28/01/2015**



NOVEL IDEAS

NEW GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COLLECTED EDITIONS ARRIVING FROM JANUARY ONWARDS...



CRIMINAL VOL.1: COWARD IMAGE

Brubaker, Phillips, Staples

The bestselling crime series returns to print in strikingly-designed new editions from Image, starting where it all began: Criminal, Vol. 1: Coward - a new take on noir that turned the heist story on its head and created a whole new underworld for Ed Brubaker and Sean Phillips to explore. Their recent series Fatale and The Fade Out have brought their work to a wider audience of new readers, and now is the perfect time to show them the work that made the award-winning team's reputation!

In Shops: **28/01/2015**



AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: WHO AM I? (HC) MARVEL

Slott, Fialkov, Bobillo, Various

The first printed edition of the story previously available in Marvel's innovative Infinite Comics format! Peter Parker has just returned from being replaced by Dr. Octopus - so now it's time to eschew Ock's more villainous tendencies and return to a life of heroic virtue, right? Maybe not! Gear up for a Spider-Man epic unlike any other as the recently returned wall-crawler travels to a place you never thought possible: the criminal underworld!

Collecting Amazing Spider-Man: Who Am I? Infinite Comic #1-12.

In Shops: **04/02/2015**



REFLECTIONS DARK HORSE

Mack

Collecting Marvel's Reflections series from multiple-Eisner-nominated creator David Mack.

This format shows off to full effect this gorgeous collection of Daredevil, Alias, and Kabuki cover paintings, drawings, and step-by-step art processes.

Readers have been waiting for an art-book collection of Mack's work for years, and this volume delivers with loads of extras!

In Shops: **18/03/2015**



HELLBLAZER VOL.10: IN THE LINE OF FIRE DC VERTIGO

Jenkins, Phillips

In these never before collected stories from Hellblazer #97-107, Constantine comes to the aid of his downstairs neighbor, a dimwitted, epileptic giant whose home is haunted by a persistent ghost. Plus, John's affinity with the supernatural spoils a soccer game when a demon that thrives on hooliganism shows up.

In Shops: **11/02/2015**



CHRONICLES OF CONAN VOL.29: SHAPE IN THE SHADOW DARK HORSE

Conway, Various

To pay his debts, Conan comes into the employ of an exiled prince who needs the barbarian's strength and skills to reclaim his royal heritage, the Eye of Bast, a priceless jewel with a deadly secret! Plus: Marvel Comics' origin of Conan the Barbarian! Collects Marvel's Conan the Barbarian #224-#232.

In Shops: **11/03/2015**



SECRET SIX VOL.1: VILLAINS UNITED DC

Simone, Walker, Jones, Various

Collecting the stories that led into Infinite Crisis from Villains United #1-6, the Secret Six 6-issue miniseries and Villains United: Infinite Crisis Special #1! Six of justice's deadliest enemies have banded together to keep the super-heroic community from tampering with their minds - and to show just how deadly they can be!

In Shops: **11/02/2015**



SQUIDDER IDW

Templesmith

An old soldier from a forgotten war in a post-apocalyptic world that has left him behind is one of the last of the legendary Squidder Legions. Can a discarded relic with a death wish and a rebellious Squid priestess overthrow humanity's tentacled alien overlords? Ben Templesmith returns to his roots to finally do the tentacle/Cthulhu-orientated book he's always promised!

In Shops: **28/01/2015**



DEADPOOL: ONES WITH DEADPOOL MARVEL

McGuinness, Various

When WaterWorld hires Deadpool to protect their theme park, he comes face-to-snout with Brute Force: Protectors of the Environment! Mysterious foes try to steal Wolverine's DNA, but Deadpool and Steve Rogers are on the case! The Secret of the White Caption Boxes is revealed! And finally, Deadpool "helps out" Spider-Man by donning his webs!

Collecting Deadpool Bi-Annual #1, Death Of Wolverine: Deadpool And-Captain America #1 and Deadpool Annual (2013) #1-2.

In Shops: **28/01/2015**





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COMICS FOR CHRISTMAS & NIGHT POST

COMICS FOR CHRISTMAS

'Tis the season to be jolly!

Yes, Christmas is almost upon us once again. It's been lurking at the tail end of a year full of fantastic comics, TV shows (Arrow, The Flash, Gotham) and movies (Captain America: The Winter Soldier, X-Men: Days Of Future Past, Guardians Of The Galaxy). As you dust off the Argos catalogue, preparing to flick through it's shiny pages for Christmas gift inspiration, or stare at the computer monitor, absorbing it's spewed suggestions of this year's hottest toys, videogames, and the

perfect gift for Mum, maybe you should take a look at the wealth of great literature available from Marvel, DC, et al.

My grandson is nearly thirteen and a pretty typical teenager - he communicates in grunts, exasperated whines and sarcastic comments. He insists on wearing odd socks. He lives in a room peppered with discarded clothes, food wrappers and used drink galsses. Given the choice, he would swap school for playing Halo, Destiny or Titanfall on his Xbox during the day and he cares about his hairstyle - a lot.

However, there's something else that he loves to do - read comics.

He's a highly intelligent, high achieving student with a penchant for all things Marvel and DC (Batman and Green Lantern in particular) and collects a number of comic series as well as certain trade paperbacks of the titles he doesn't follow week-in, week-out. Buried among his Christmas wish-list of videogames, DVDs and hair products, I was thrilled to see a solid section of requested graphic novels, - and not just current books either. He's a big fan of The Dark Knight Returns and has mentioned wanting to read Watchmen and V For Vendetta, although we're very careful to monitor what he's reading and will guide him towards books that suit.

What's most impressive about his love of comics is the way that he talks about them to our ACE customers whenever he happens to be in the shop, expressing a detailed knowledge of the storylines running through a surprisingly large number of the books! This demonstrates that there is a market for the comic books of the future, but it's important that, as an industry, we get the younger generation understanding comics and developing their own passion for these papery packages of entertainment.

So before you click 'add-to-basket' on 'Modern-Artillery-Duty-Man 7: Special Ops Edition' or 'Brat Ponies Magic Sparkle Castle', make sure to take a look a the wealth of great comics, books and subscriptions that would be a welcome sight on Christmas morning. Popular titles for young readers include Adventure Time (VERY popular in my household), My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic, Sonic The Hedgehog, Archie, Amulet and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Animated Adventures. Teen readers will enjoy all of the above as well as moving on to the regular DC and Marvel titles. There are also curios like Scott pilgrim and to peak their interest. If you're not sure, chat to the ACE staff instore or email us - we're always happy to pass on a suggestion or two. Graphic Novels and Comic Subscriptions are available on our website if you can't make it in to a brick and mortar store.

NIGHT POST

With Christmas in mind, we have to mention Night Post.

Following in the footsteps of the brilliant [Porcelain](#) (now back in stock for the holidays, with a sequel due very soon), Night Post is another release from Improper Books by Benjamin Read and Laura Trinder.

Telling the tale of a mail service for the ghosts, ghouls, witches, werewolves and all the creatures of the night, following a very special type of postman on his round, as he delivers macabre mail to a spooky set of customers. From graveyard, to cave, tower to lair, the post must get through, even if the postman is sometimes mistaken for supper.

Featuring no words, Night Post is a picture book for all ages, stunningly illustrated by Laura Trinder, in the mould of Raymond Briggs, Julia Donaldson and Janet and Allan Ahlberg. For fans of classic tales, this enjoyable book is [available here!](#)

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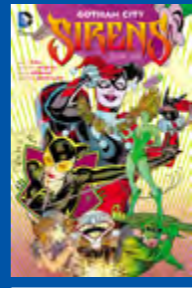
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