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CONAN THE SLAYER #1

Bunn, Davila, Bermejo

Alone, battle weary, and with nothing but his sword, Conan of Cimmeria faces his inevitable death in the arid wastes... but instead stumbles into a camp of Kozaki raiders. With a knife at his throat and a band of Turanian hunters at his back, will the half-dead barbarian find a new ally in the Kozaki chief?

In Shops: **13/07/2016**

DARK HORSE

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY



BOUNTY #1

Wiebe, Lee

The Gadflies were the most wanted criminals in the galaxy-robbing corporations to redistribute wealth to the destitute. Now, with a bounty to match their reputation, the Gadflies are forced to abandon banditry for a career as bounty hunters... 'cause if you can't beat 'em, join 'em-then rob 'em blind!

In Shops: **06/07/2016**



GROO: FRAY OF THE GODS #1

Aragones, Evanier

The gods did not bless Groo with brains, only with the ability to battle. Now, they themselves are in conflict over the spirit and future of mankind . . . and it is Groo who becomes the pawn (unwitting, of course) in their war. If the future of humanity depends on the wanderer-we're all in a lot of trouble. It's the basis for the new twelve-issue Groo limited series, *Groo: Fray of the Gods*, featuring a fable told by the same old guys as always: Sergio Aragonés and Mark Evanier, with Tom Luth coloring, and Stan Sakai on the lettering pen.

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



PREDATOR VS JUDGE DREDD VS ALIENS #1

Layman, Mooneyham, Fabry

The ultimate science-fiction crossover pits the legendary lawman Judge Dredd against the universe's supreme hunters, the Predators, as they both try to survive an onslaught by the galaxy's ultimate killing machines, the Aliens!

A co-publication with IDW and 2000 AD!

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



HELLBLAZER: REBIRTH #1

Oliver, Moritat

John Constantine's lost weekend in New York City was fun, but London's where his heart is—only a pissed-off demon and a curse on his soul stand in his way. Even Constantine's questionable ethics are pushed to the limit when he puts eight million souls on the line to get what he wants...

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



BATMAN 66 MEETS STEED AND MRS PEEL #1

Edginton, Dow Smith, Allred

England swings and so does the Dynamic Duo in this historic pairing of two of the hippest shows from 1960s television. DC Comics and Boom! Studios join forces to bring these iconic characters together for the first time!

As Bruce Wayne shows the beautiful head of a UK electronics company the sights of Gotham, they are interrupted by the felonious feline Catwoman! Unwilling to leave Miss Michaela Gough unprotected, Bruce resigns himself to the fact that Batman cannot save the day. But some new players have arrived in town—though even as the lovely, catsuit-clad Mrs. Peel and her comrade John Steed take control of the situation, nefarious plots continue apace!

In Shops: **06/07/2016**



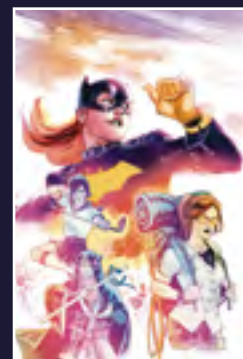
BATGIRL AND THE BIRDS OF PREY: REBIRTH #1

Benson, Benson, Roe, Paquette

Tynion IV, Barrows, Ferreira

"Who Is Oracle" Chapter One: Batgirl and Black Canary are together again, working a case that strikes right at the heart of their partnership! Someone's uncovered the greatest secret Barbara Gordon ever kept: her time as Oracle, the most powerful hacker on the planet. And not only do they know her secret, they're using her name to sell dangerous information to criminals! Now one of those deals has brought some major heat to Gotham City... Helena Bertinelli is out of Spyral, wearing the hood of the Huntress, and making mafia blood run in the streets! Everything you thought was hidden will be revealed if the Oracle has their way...

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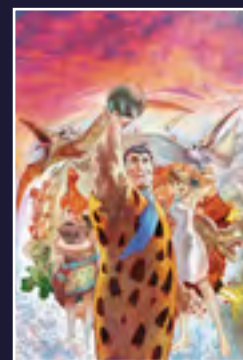


BATGIRL #1

Larson, Albuquerque

"Beyond Burnside" Chapter One: The Batgirl you know and love is going global with Eisner Award-winning and New York Times best-selling writer Hope Larson (*A Wrinkle in Time*, *Goldie Vance*) and all-star artist Rafael Albuquerque (*American Vampire*). In order to up her game, Babs travels to Japan on a quest to train with the most elite modern combat masters of the East. But when a chance meeting with an old friend puts a target on her back, Batgirl may need to use her new skills to solve a deadly mystery.

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



FLINTSTONES #1

Russell, Pugh

Welcome to Bedrock, where Paleolithic humans head to dinner for a taste of artisanal mammoth after shopping at 'Neandertall & Big Men's Clothing', where Wilma shows her modern art, and where, if you take a plane, you could literally end up sitting on the tail section. Join Fred and Barney as Mister Slate sends them on a mission to show some Neanderthals a night on the town in hopes of luring them into this new system called "working for a living." In Slate's Quarry, of course. Is Fred's ship about to come in? Find out when the gang finishes out the evening at the employee hot tub party, where they learn how the one percent lives here in Bedrock, home to the world's first civilization and the modern stone-age family—The Flintstones. Don't miss this extra-sized debut issue!

In Shops: **06/07/2016**

DC

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY



HAL JORDAN AND THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS: REBIRTH #1

Venditti, Van Sciver

Superstar artist Ethan Van Sciver returns to the world of *Green Lantern!* In the absence of the Green Lantern Corps, Sinestro and his fear-inducing Yellow Lantern Corps patrol the universe as its sole protectors—but deep in space, a green light still burns. Harnessing the remainder of his will, Hal Jordan must become a one-man GL Corps to defeat his greatest foe and restore freedom to the cosmos.

In Shops: **13/07/2016**



HAL JORDAN AND THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS #1

Venditti, Sandoval, Tarragona

"Sinestro's Law" Chapter One. With no backup and only his ring and battery to keep him alive, Hal Jordan streaks toward battle with the Sinestro Corps, while his greatest foe prepares to wipe the last Green Lantern of them all out of existence!

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



JUSTICE LEAGUE: REBIRTH #1

Hitch

Spinning out of the events of *DC Universe: Rebirth #1*, a new day dawns for Earth's greatest heroes as they welcome three new members to the team, including... Superman? Who is this strange visitor from a dead world-and can he be trusted? Batman and Wonder Woman aren't so sure.

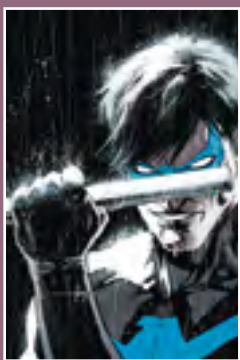
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JUSTICE LEAGUE #1

Hitch, Daniel, Florea

"The Extinction Machine" Chapter One. The oceans rise. The earth quakes. And an ancient power rises to reclaim not just the world, but the universe itself-and not even the combined might of the Justice League can stop it. An all-new era begins with this epic by comic book legend Bryan Hitch (*JLA*, *The Ultimates*) and master storyteller Tony S. Daniel (*Batman: R.I.P.*, *Deathstroke*).

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



NIGHTWING: REBIRTH #1

Seeley, Paquette,
Fernandez

He's been Robin, Batman, a spy, a ghost. Now, Dick Grayson returns to Gotham City to reclaim the life that was taken from him. But when a new evil threatens those he loves most, Nightwing faces being torn away from home once again in order to destroy the dark force once and for all. Powerhouse artist Yanick Paquette (*Batman*, *Swamp Thing*) joins series writer Tim Seeley (*Grayson*, *Batman And Robin Eternal*) to return Nightwing to the DC superhero stage!

In Shops: **13/07/2016**



RED HOOD AND THE OUTLAWS: REBIRTH #1

Lobdell, Soy, Camuncoli,
Smith

When a shocking encounter with Batman solidifies the Red Hood's status as a villain, Jason Todd goes deep undercover to take down Gotham City's criminal underworld from the inside. Along the way, Jason meets two unlikely allies: a disgraced Amazon warrior named Artemis and a half-baked Superman clone called Bizarro-and the DCU's "Dark Trinity" is born!

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



NIGHTWING #1

Seeley, Fernandez

"Better Than Batman" Chapter One: Batman taught Nightwing everything he knows-but what if everything he taught him is wrong? When Dick is stuck with a new mentor who challenges everything Batman taught him, Nightwing has to shatter his concept of justice in order to fight for what he knows is right. Writer Tim Seeley (*Grayson*, *Batman And Robin Eternal*) launches Nightwing onto a new quest alongside rising talent Javier Fernandez (*Red Hood/Arsenal*).

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



TITANS #1

Abnett, Booth, Rapmund

"Remember The Titans" Chapter One. After an old ally returns to the team, the Titans set their sights on a dangerous enemy with the power to change reality itself! But the Titans have never faced a threat this massive before, and with so much on the line, will they be able to stand united as a team? Or will their past mistakes be their undoing?

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



NEW SUPER-MAN #1

Luen Yang, Bogdanovic

"Made In China" Chapter One: An impulsive act of heroism thrusts an arrogant young man into the limelight of Shanghai as China begins to form its own Justice League of powerful heroes. Rising from the ashes of The Final Days of Superman, award-winning writer Gene Luen Yang and on-the-rise art star Victor Bogdanovic introduce readers to Kong Kenan-the New Super-Man! When the world needed a new hero, China made him!

In Shops: **13/07/2016**

DC

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY





**MICKY MOUSE:
SHORTS –
SEASON 1 #1**

Rudish, Suriano

Join Mickey, Minnie and all their pals in a comic adaptation of the celebrated, multi-Emmy and AnnieAward-winning shorts from Disney Television Animation! In this issue, Mickey battles his way through a Tokyo bullet train during rush hour, an unlikely character competes in a dog show, and Donald suffers from... Flipperboobootosis?! And that's just the start!

Newly adapted for print by Scott Tipton, these Disney shorts have one multiple Emmys, Annies, and more!

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



POWERPUFF GIRLS #1

Mancini, Goldman, Charm

Ah, the City of Townsville, home to none other than: The Powerpuff Girls! But things have been pretty calm lately... So much so, that Blossom, Bubbles, and Buttercup have fallen out of the public eye-which makes it the perfect time for their super-simian arch nemesis Mojo Jojo to take over and win the hearts of millions, backed by his army of paparazzi!

The Powerpuff Girls are back in a big way, with a new, 40-episode season on Cartoon Network starting in April. New powers! New friends... and new villains, too, all gloriously illustrated by Derek Charm (*Powerpuff Girls*, *Super Secret Crisis War*, *Star Trek: Starfleet Academy*).

Written by show writers Jake Goldman and Haley Mancini (Haley is also the voice of arch-villainess Princess Morebucks), each issue is ripped directly from the new world of *The Powerpuff Girls*.

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



ROM #1 Ryall, Gage, Messina, Williams III

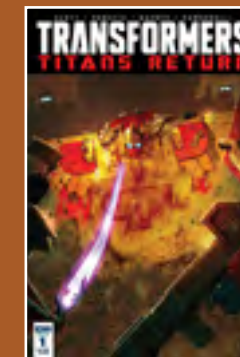
We've been invaded and only a Space Knight can save us!

First there was his epic return in this year's FCBD #0, and now the ongoing tale of Rom begins in earnest! Christos Gage, Chris Ryall, and David Messina kick off the wildest new series of the

year as Rom's war with the Dire Wraiths hits close to home in "Earthfall, part 1!" The long-beloved and even longer absent space hero returns at long last! First, we brought back Micronauts! And Now... Rom!

In Shops: **20/07/2016**

IDW NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY



**TRANSFORMERS:
TITANS RETURN #1**

Scott, Ramondelli, Various

The last Autobot! Once he ruled Cybertron with a brutal (and literal) iron fist... left for dead four million years ago, Sentinel Prime is back. But in a world where Starscream rules Cybertron, Optimus Prime has invaded Earth, and Megatron is an Autobot - Sentinel doesn't like what he sees!

After Optimus is hailed; after the light dies... the next phase of Transformers comics starts here! The story continues in Transformers #56 and More Than Meets The Eye #56 next month, and expands to Till All Are One this fall!

For the first time ever-Scott, Roberts, and Barber working together on one story! Plus the powerful noir art of superstar Livio Ramondelli!

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



**X-FILES
ANNUAL 2016 #1**

Aydin, Scott, Valenzuela

Mulder uncovers rumors that the 'Jade Helm 15' exercises were a smokescreen for a shadow-government group to rendezvous with aliens. Mulder and Scully follow the trail to Mesa Verde in southern Colorado, where they meet skeptical natives and a man who believes he's an alien, on their way to finding the truth.

From the co-writer of *March*, Andrew Aydin, and artist Greg Scott!

In Shops: **20/07/2016**

IMAGE

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS
FOR JULY



HORIZON #1

Thomas, Gedeon, Martin,
Howard

Zhia Malen thought she'd fought her very last war, until she learned her planet was targeted for occupation... by a desperate world called Earth. The people of Earth will be told that her arrival on their planet means invasion; these are lies, this is retaliation.

Skybound's newest original series by Brandon Thomas (*The Many Adventures of Miranda Mercury*), Juan Gedeon (*Ghost Racers*), and Frank Martin (*East Of West*) will show you that survival isn't just a human instinct...

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THROWAWAYS #1

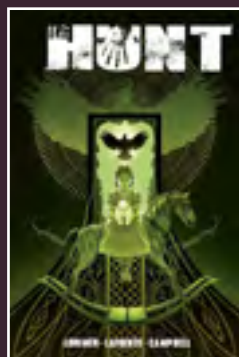
Kittredge, Sanders,
Kuzunishi

Throwaway (n.)

1. A disposable asset, used for a single mission;
2. A disavowed assassin, meant to die alongside their target.

Abby Palmer and Dean Logan are two broken people - Abby a vet with severe PTSD and Dean a burnout trying to escape the shadow of his infamous father - when they are thrust into a modern-day MK-Ultra conspiracy... and discover they are both Ultra's human experiments.

In Shops: **06/07/2016**



HUNT #1

Lorimer, Lafuente

Dream or reality? For a long time, teenager Orla Roche couldn't tell them apart, and now *The Hunt* is coming with its nightmare world of the restless dead. An intense story of survival, *The Hunt* is a supernatural horror tale that will give Irish mythology a distinctly modern twist.

In Shops: **13/07/2016**



MECHANISM #1

Ienco

In the aftermath of an alien invasion, a prototype military robot is rushed into the field before it is combat-ready. Now attached to a group of survivors, it studies them to learn what it means to be human. Will it come to understand man as a noble creature worth preserving or that the human race isn't worth saving at all?

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



SNOTGIRL #1

O'Malley, Hung

Who is Lottie Person? Is she a gorgeous, fun-loving social media star with a perfect life or a gross, allergy-ridden mess? Enter a world of snot, blood, and tears in this new ongoing series from New York Times Best Seller Bryan Lee O'Malley (*Scott Pilgrim*) and dazzling newcomer Leslie Hung!

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



MILLARWORLD ANNUAL 2016 #1

Abnett, Banerjee, Zillah, Various

The first Millarworld Annual - the result of an international creator search seeking the best new writers and artists to tackle Mark Millar's extensive library of hit characters. From *Kick-Ass* to *Chrononauts*, they're all here in this instant collector's item.

In Shops: **13/07/2016**



GUIDEBOOK TO THE MARVEL CINEMATIC UNIVERSE: MARVEL'S GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #1

O'Sullivan, The Ohotmu, Mundo, Various

The Marvel Cinematic Universe goes cosmic! Our comprehensive coverage of the fan-favorite Marvel Studios films and Marvel Television shows continues as we reveal everything you need to know about Peter Quill and his unlikely band of galactic heroes! Featuring fact sheets, movie-to-comic comparisons and behind-the-scenes production art and stills, this issue is packed with profiles and updates on the Guardians themselves: Star-Lord, Drax, Gamora, Rocket and Groot; uneasy allies including Yondu, the Collector and the Nova Corps; and deadly foes including Ronan, Nebula, Korath and Thanos! Plus: the Orb, the Infinity Stones, Knowhere, Xandar, Bereet, Cosmo... and Howard the Duck!

Relive the thrills of Marvel's *Guardians of the Galaxy*, and continue building your indispensable library of Cinematic Universe reference books!

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



MARVEL UNIVERSE: AVENGERS - ULTRON REVOLUTION #1

Caramagna, Various

The band is back together! As the Avengers unite once more, they'll have to relearn how to work as a team. And they'd better figure it out quickly before Ultron's master plan kicks into high gear! If that weren't enough, the Scientist Supreme unveils the latest deadly creation from AIM!

In Shops: **06/07/2016**

MARVEL

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY



CIVIL WAR II: KINGPIN #1

Rosenberg, Lopez Ortiz, Kuder

An Inhuman with the ability to predict the future has helped the heroes of the Marvel Universe clamp down on crime before it can even happen. While this thwarts most criminals, one man has found a way to keep doing what he does best. Wilson Fisk has managed to stay one step ahead of the good guys and his crime enterprise is booming. But what's his secret?!

Rising stars Matthew Rosenberg (*We Can Never Go Home*) and Ricardo Lopez Ortiz (*Wolf*) present a gritty, street-level view of Civil War II starring the Kingpin in a world without crime!

In Shops: **06/07/2016**



MARVEL'S DOCTOR STRANGE - PRELUDE #1

Pilgrim, Fornes

Marvel's official prequel!

A powerful, ancient relic has been stolen from the British Museum - a relic that could do significant damage in the wrong hands...

Enter the Masters Of The Mystic Arts! The team is on a mission to find the relic and the mysterious mystic who stole it - but will they be able to track her down before it's too late?!

In Shops: **06/07/2016**



MARVEL UNIVERSE: ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN VS THE SINISTER SIX #1

Caramagna, Various

Hydra attacks! With the events of 'Spider-Verse' and 'Contest Of Champions' behind him, things are looking up for Peter Parker! S.H.I.E.L.D. leader + respected hero + good standing with family = happy Spider-Man! What could go wrong? How about Doc Ock + Arnim Zola + Hydra?!

In Shops: **27/07/2016**

DEADPOOL AND THE MERCS FOR MONEY #1

Bunn, Coello

Deadpool is one of the best mercenaries on the planet. He may even be a passable Avenger - jury's still out. But one thing's for sure, Deadpool is a terrible team leader. Think we're lying? Ask the Mercs for Money!

Deadpool's taken on a new high-paying mission to take out radioactive super villains... and his Mercs aren't nearly as immune to radiation as his healing-factored heinie is. Deadpool veteran Cullen Bunn brings us mo' mercs, mo' money and naturally, mo' problems.

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



INDIES

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY



FAITH #1 VALIANT

Houser, Perez, Sauvage,
Wada

In a city under siege by robots, aliens, monsters and even worse... celebrities, there is only one woman the people of Los Angeles can count on: the stratospheric superhero called Faith! Aspiring reporter by day and dedicated crime-fighter by night, Faith has tackled every obstacle in her path with confidence - like those crushing deadlines at work, the long-distance boyfriend half a world away, and the missing back issues that plague her comics collection! But, unbeknownst to her, Faith is about to collide with the one force she never saw coming: an up-and-coming supervillain bent on snuffing her out once and for all! But who is lurking behind the mask of her new foe...and could they just be the one person capable of rendering Faith powerless?

Jump on board now to find out why Valiant's one-of-a-kind hero is inspiring a whole new generation! Be here as Faith moves from her sold-out mini-series into the history-making debut of her first-ever ongoing series!

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



KIM AND KIM #1 BLACK MASK

Visaggio, Cabrera, Fowler,
Various

Kim and Kim are twentysomething besties out to make a name for themselves in the wild world of interdimensional cowboy law enforcement. In a massive "screw you" to their parents and the authorities, they decide to hijack some high stakes bounty - and end up in way over their heads.

A day-glo action adventure that's bursting with energy and enthusiasm, *Kim And Kim* puts queer women and trans women front and center.

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



★ COVER STAR ★ BETTY AND VERONICA #1

ARCHIE
Hughes

It's Betty vs. Veronica! The most highly-anticipated debut in comics history is here!

Betty and Veronica are America's sweethearts - until they turn on each other! Pops' Chocklit Shoppe is being taken over by a huge coffee company. When Betty and Veronica go head-to-head over the issue, all bets are off! Friendships will shatter. Cities will burn. Nails will be broken.

Betty and Veronica are back in this all-new #1 from comics legend Adam Hughes (*Wonder Woman*, *Catwoman*, *Before Watchmen: Dr. Manhattan*)!

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



MIRACULOUS #1 ACTION LAB

Zag

Marinette is the sweetest girl in Paris. She's just your average teenage girl, right? Did we mention she's also the crime fighting superhero, Ladybug?

Becoming Ladybug is a complicated process! Marinette needs a magical assistant (hers is named Tikki) and a magical accessory (hers is a pair of earrings), and her Ladybug super powers only work for a limited time!

When Hawk Moth uses his mind-controlling, moth-like creatures called akuma to turn people into baddies, it's up to Ladybug to capture them and save the day! Well, she gets a little help from her superhero friend, Cat Noir... but she insists she doesn't need him. If only she knew Cat Noir's true identity - her crush, Adrien! Will Ladybug and Cat Noir be able to balance their double lives and keep Paris safe? Until then... Spots on, claws out!

In Shops: **06/07/2016**



ASPEN UNIVERSE: REVELATIONS #1

ASPEN

Hale Fialkov, Krul,
Gunderson

For over thirteen years, devoted Aspen Comics fans have clamored for something special... something unique... something... unimaginable! Aspen Comics has answered the call for loyal fans and new readers alike!

This summer, legendary creator Michael Turner's two greatest creations, *Fathom* and *Soulfire*, unite as one in a crossover event so massive in scope, it can only serve to forge a brand new Aspen universe in the process! With the existence of humanity along with The Blue facing a catastrophic turning point for their own survival, one woman of both worlds, Aspen Matthews, must embark on a quest spanning not only time but also magic unlike any she's ever encountered!

From the mind of Harvey, Eisner and Emmy Award nominated writer Joshua Hale Fialkov and New York Times Best-Selling author J.T. Krul comes this world-shattering new crossover series that sets the stage for all future Aspen Comics titles to come!

In Shops: **13/07/2016**



ADVENTURE TIME COMICS #1

BOOM!

Cook, Millionaire, Baltazar,
Hunting, Various

Oh My Glob! We've unleashed some of the industry's best cartoonists loose in the Land of Ooo to share their most algebraic stories in their own voices!

The first issue is so math thanks to Katie Cook (*My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic*), Tony Millionaire (*Sock Monkey*), and Art Baltazar (*Patrick The Wolf Boy*). You're lumping welcome!

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN: FALL OF MAN #1

VALIANT
Jensen, Salas

The year is 1979. Iran has seized American hostages. Columbian drug cartels run rampant. And Le Chic's "Freak Out" dominates the charts. Amid this deeply troubled world, Steve Austin - everyone's favorite Six Million Dollar Man - is America's best hope in its fight against innumerable enemies.

When Steve discovers disturbing secrets in OSI's past, he uses his cybernetic upgrades to rebel against the agency... but he'll face plenty of threats, like an enemy cyborg, and lasers, and ninjas!

In Shops: **13/07/2016**



KONG OF SKULL ISLAND #1

BOOM!
Asmus, Magno, Massafra

King Kong, world-famous and original gargantuan ape, is the progenitor of an entire genre, spawning sequels, remakes, and countless other interpretations. You know Kong. You love Kong!

King Kong was created by Merian C. Cooper, and *Kong of Skull Island* is grounded in artist/author Joe DeVito's ground-breaking literary property Skull Island. This story is exclusively authorized and endorsed by the Cooper family as their official *King Kong/Skull Island* prequel and sequel origin story.

Two fractured and combative civilizations are forced to band together as they venture onto Skull Island-their new home.

From *All-New Inhumans* writer James Asmus and *Planet of the Apes* artist Carlos Magno.

In Shops: **27/07/2016**



DOCTOR WHO: THE CYBERMEN SUPREMACY #1

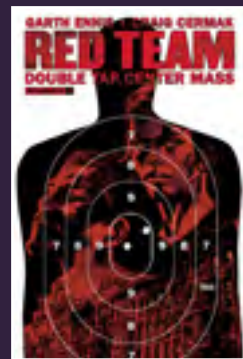
TITAN
Mann, Scott

For the Cybermen's 50th-anniversary... You will be deleted!

Exiled from Gallifrey at the very end of Time, Rassilon, fallen leader of the Time Lords, has been captured by the last of the Cybermen. Now the Cybermen have access to time travel. With it, every defeat is now a victory. Every foe is now dead - or Cyberized.

Titan Comics' 2016 *Doctor Who* event - and the biggest Doctor Who story of the year - begins here!

In Shops: **06/07/2016**



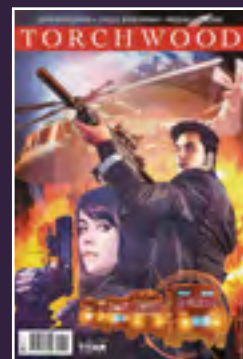
GARTH ENNIS' RED TEAM: DOUBLE TAP #1

DYNAMITE
Ennis, Cermak, Panosian

One year after the catastrophic events that ended the first series, Red Team survivors Eddie Mellinger and Trudy Giroux are in the doldrums. Considered a political liability, the two are kept busy on small-time cases by their suspicious NYPD commanders... but a chance encounter in the ghetto gives them a chance to get back in the game. Trouble is, it means going far beyond the law... which is what almost got them killed last time around.

Red Team: Double Tap, Centre Mass features the return of two of Garth Ennis' favorite characters, Detectives Eddie Mellinger and Trudy Giroux of the NYPD. The first Red Team saw them survive by the skin of their teeth; now they're dropped right back in at the deep end, with their growing feelings for each other only complicating matters.

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



TORCHWOOD #1

TITAN
Barrowman, Barrowman, Various

Torchwood is Back, in an all-new ongoing comics series written by Captain Jack himself, John Barrowman!

Captain Jack Harkness is back in Cardiff, and there's only one person he can turn to, the last person who expected to see him, Gwen Cooper! On the road, on the run, and under fire, can the pair put aside their differences and rebuild the heart of Torchwood, before its flame is stamped out forever?

Even better, the new comics series is in continuity with the amazing new *Torchwood* audio dramas from Big Finish; join us both for the official continuation of the *Torchwood* saga!

In Shops: **06/07/2016**



4001 AD: SHADOWMAN #1

VALIANT
Houser, Roberts, Gill, Foreman

A blood sacrifice is made, a war looms, and the Deadside... rises!

In the synapse-shattering world of the future, witness the dawn of the dead's greatest hero and the fate of a young girl who may be humanity's only hope! As Rai leads a revolutionary insurrection against the forces of New Japan, the legendary hero called Shadowman returns to fight another day in the year 4001 A.D.!

Valiant rising stars Jody Houser (*Faith*), Rafer Roberts (*A&A: The Adventures Of Archer And Armstrong*) and Robert Gill (*Book Of Death*) reveal the dark side behind the 41st century's coming conflict... and bring you the future of the Deadside today!

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ARROW: THE DARK ARCHER

DC

Barrowman, Barrowman,
Sampere, Albarran

Set in the world of the hit TV show *Arrow*, actor John Barrowman and novelist Carole E. Barrowman pen the stunning, never-before-told origin of Malcolm Merlyn-the Dark Archer!

In this tale in print for the first time, Malcolm retreats from his duties as Ra's al Ghul to return to his secret research team in South America only to be met by a figure from his past who's out for vengeance!

Collecting all twelve chapters of the digital series!

In Shops: **31/08/2016**



CLASSIC GI JOE VOL.18

IDW

Hama, Gallant, Frenz, Madden

Larry Hama picks up the storyline from the original *G.I. JOE: A Real American Hero*.

The hunt for the Blue Ninjas rages on all sides. The Joes go to Comic-Con as a new enemy that may share a history with the Arashikage clan emerges. Meanwhile, Darklon remains a G.I. Joe prisoner until an attempt to transfer him from The Pit goes horribly awry.

Continuing an American comic book tradition for 34 years!

Collects issues #176–185.

In Shops: **06/07/2016**



SPIDER-MAN / DEADPOOL VOL.1: ISN'T IT BROMANTIC

MARVEL

Kelly, Aukerman, McGuinness,
Brown

Now *this* is what you call a dynamic duo! When the Webbed Wonder and the Merc with a Mouth find themselves in a tight spot, hijinks and hilarity ensue! Spidey isn't looking for new friends in his neighborhood, but Deadpool's going all out in the name of bromance. Will this turn out to be a buddy book, or will the identity of Deadpool's next target - he's just a guy named Peter Parker - ruin everything?! With another Spider-Man (Miles Morales) and a few more Mercs (for Money) along for the ride, this is the ultimate Marvel Team-Up. But when our two stars go on a double date, who calls dibs on Thor? Plus: Mysteries deepen at Parker Industries, and Wade Wilson goes Hollywood! But will Spidey steal the show on the set of *Deadpool: The Movie*?

Collecting *Spider-Man/Deadpool* #1–6.

In Shops: **10/08/2016**



TROLL BRIDGE (HC)

DARK HORSE

Gaiman, Doran

Young Jack's world was full of ghosts and ghouls, but one monster-a ravenous and hideous troll-would haunt him long into manhood. As the beast sups upon a lifetime of Jack's fear and regret, Jack must find the courage within himself to face the fiend once and for all!

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



USAGI YOJIMBO: SAGA VOL.7

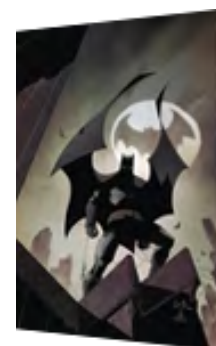
DARK HORSE

Sakai

This seventh volume includes "Traitors of the Earth," in which Usagi faces the undead, "A Town Called Hell," wherein Usagi is caught between two competing gang lords, "Those Who Tread on the Scorpion's Tail," which pits Usagi against the notorious Red Scorpions, and more!

Collects *Usagi Yojimbo Volume Three* #117–#138 and the Free Comic Book Day 2009 story "One Dark and Stormy Night."

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



BATMAN VOL.9: BLOOM (HC)

DC

Snyder, Capullo, Various

As the new Batman, former police commissioner Jim Gordon is in for the fight of his life against the bizarre threat of Mr. Bloom, who controls the underworld in Gotham City!

At the same time, an amnesiac Bruce Wayne has discovered the truth of his past as the Dark Knight-and now, he must descend into the Batcave and reclaim that painful legacy.

Don't miss the latest helping of Dark Knight tales from issues #46–50 and a story from *Detective Comics* #27.

In Shops: **07/09/2016**



INVINCIBLE IRON MAN VOL.2: WAR MACHINES (PREMIERE HC)

MARVEL

Bendis, Deodato, Various

Something is rotten in the house of Stark, and Tony must delve into the nooks and crannies of his international organization to root out the answers. As events begin to build that will rock the Marvel Universe once again, Iron Man teams with War Machine to face a brand-new threat - with a little help from Spider-Man! Tony and Rhodey are best pals on and off the battlefield, but their friendship will be tested beyond anything they've ever known as new power players reveal themselves in a bloody and dangerous fashion. Can anything Iron Man and War Machine do prevent an all-new Civil War? Or will fresh conflict pit Tony against some of his nearest and dearest?

Collecting *Invincible Iron Man (2015)* #6–10.

In Shops: **24/08/2016**



ASTRONAUTS IN TROUBLE

IMAGE

Young, Adlard

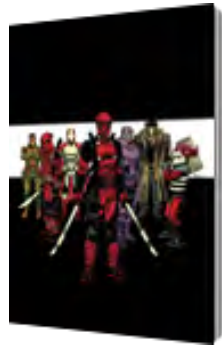
Fifty years after Armstrong's one small step, the world's richest man claims the moon as his own personal property... and Channel Seven is there! This graphic novel shows what happens when absolute power corrupts absolutely, when The Mob has nuclear first-strike capability, and when cows jump over the moon.

Collects *Astronauts In Trouble* #1–11.

In Shops: **10/08/2016**

NOVEL IDEAS

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



DEADPOOL AND THE MERCS FOR MONEY: MERC MADNESS

MARVEL
Espin, Koblish, Shalvey, Various

If Deadpool is all busy Avengin' and Assemblin', who's picking up the slack and taking care of mercenary business? How about his own crack team, the legally cleared-to-be-called Mercs for Money! Got a problem you can't solve on your own and a pile of money you'd like to be rid of? Just call Deadpool, Stingray, Solo, Foolkiller, Terror and Slapstick - and watch as that problem is shot, stabbed, eviscerated, pulverized and generally made bloody! Then there's the new guy, Masacre, the Deadpool of Mexico! But whatever their native tongue, the language of violence is universal, and these massed Mercs will make themselves heard against a boatload of villains, a demonic trucker and anyone else who gets in their way!

Collecting *Deadpool And The Mercs For Money* #1-5 and *Deadpool: Masacre*.

In Shops: **17/08/2016**

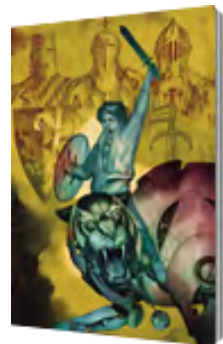


SUNSTONE VOL.5

IMAGE
Sejic

This is how we fix what is broken, this is how we overwrite the bad memories; one honest smile at a time. Lisa thinks this, for a moment at least, but finds out it takes words, courage, and actions. This is where we finish the first arc, but we'll be back!

In Shops: **31/08/2016**



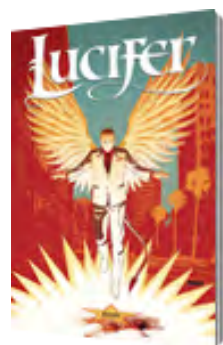
FABLES VOL.13 (DELUXE EDITION HC)

DC
Willingham, Buckingham, Ruas, Various

In these stories from issues #114-129, Snow and Bigby's cub Therese receives a Christmas gift from an unknown admirer. But this innocent red plastic boat holds the key to a deep, disturbing secret that will incite a series of soul-crushing events for the denizens of Fabletown.

And when Snow White is locked up by ruthless Prince Brandish, she'll be forced to take up arms in her own defense.

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



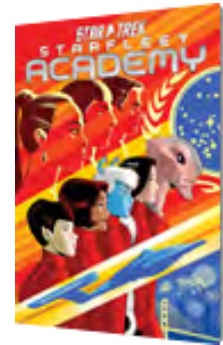
LUCIFER VOL.1: COLD HEAVEN

DC
Black, Garbett, Johnson

In these tales from issues #1-6 of the new hit series, God is dead-and Gabriel has accused Lucifer of His murder. Lucifer had motive and opportunity, but claims he can prove his innocence.

If Gabriel finds the killer and takes the culprit into custody, his sins will be forgotten, and he'll be welcomed back to Silver City. Their investigation will span Heaven, Hell, Earth and beyond in this antagonistic buddy-cop noir with an angelic flair.

In Shops: **17/08/2016**



STAR TREK: STARFLEET ACADEMY

IDW
Johnson, Parrott, Charm

A bold new chapter for *Star Trek* begins here, in an all-new series that shows you what life is like for cadets at the galaxy's greatest school!

Witness the student days of the iconic cast before they joined the Enterprise! Plus, meet an all-new group of students as they embark on bold new adventures of their own!

The first new characters in the Star Trek movie universe make their mark here.

In Shops: **20/07/2016**



BITCH PLANET VOL.2: PRESIDENT BITCH

IMAGE
DeConnick, De Landro, Soma

A few years down the road in the wrong direction, a woman's failure to comply with her patriarchal overlords results in exile to the meanest penal planet in the galaxy. But what happened on Earth that this new world order came to pass in the first place?

Return to the grim corridors of Auxiliary Compliance Outpost No.2, to uncover the first clues to the history of the world as we know it... and meet President Bitch.

Collects *Bitch Planet* #6-10.

In Shops: **12/10/2016**



STAR WARS VOL.3: REBEL JAIL

MARVEL
Gillen, Aaron, Dodson, Various

What comes next for the rebels after the events of 'Vader Down'? Find out as the adventures of Luke Skywalker and friends continue!

The rebel crew is en route to a prison base with a very important captive. But unlucky for them, they aren't the only ones with their eyes on this prize! Plus: Meet a rebel spy at the heart of the Empire, and join him on a mission of life and death! And in another tale from the journals of Obi-Wan Kenobi, journey back to the Jedi's days of exile on Tatooine. Moisture farmer Owen Lars may have taken in young Luke, but he refused to let Ben be part of the boy's life. Now, prepare to discover the reason why! Collecting *Star Wars* (2015) #15-19 and *Annual* #1.

In Shops: **17/08/2016**



TRANSFORMERS: SINS OF WRECKERS

IDW
Roche

The Wreckers return!

Somebody's kidnapped Prowl... but does anybody want him back? A lifetime of messing with everybody's lives comes around to haunt him. Fortunately, he's always got a plan. In this case... the team of brutal, broken heroes... the Wreckers!

In Shops: **20/07/2016**





BIFF'S BIT

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IMAGE PLUS

Ordering comics for both you, the customer, and we, the retailer, is now more complex than ever. The vast array of comics available is mind boggling at the best of times. Then there are all the wonderful graphic novels to choose from. What is needed is clear, precise information that avoids too much hyperbole. I find that each month I need two whole days to sit and digest the information in the *Previews* catalogue and then to decide how many to order, if at all.

There is only so much space in any shop, and never enough space for the hundreds of comics published each month. This means that decisions have to be made over which titles will be stocked for 'shelf' sales. Obviously all titles are available for pre-orders, but shelf space is valuable. Many Marvel/DC/IDW and Image titles do not get to our shelves. Every space has to earn it's wages and if a title sells very little it loses it's slot. Smiths newsagents actually charge a £30K deposit to every publisher that wants shelf space in their outlets and if the sales do not hit the breakeven target, the publication is removed and the deposit can be forfeited.

Image have just made my job - and possibly your task - even easier with *Image Plus*. If you order *Previews* you get this anyway, but it can be purchased separately. The first issue is marvellous. The features and interviews are informative and interesting. I will say that again - interesting. Yes, I actually stopped and read it cover to cover. There were also

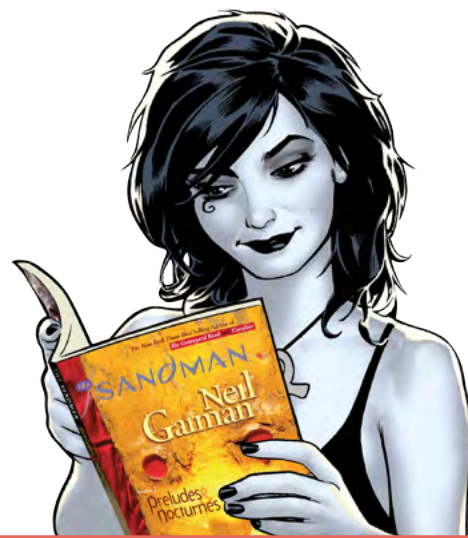


twenty-four pages of actual story art from upcoming projects; projects that I will support in store and online. If you already like Image Comics I recommend this and if you want to try something really new and need a helping hand, then this magazine is a must. Trust me, I am a collector as well as a retailer and I loved this magazine!

I find *Marvel Previews* so filled with superlatives, universe altering sagas and character changing moments, that my mind switches off - occasionally to my detriment as I miss a genuine moment amongst the same old, same old. The same can be said of the DC section in *Previews*. When I get to Titan Comics I get completely confused as they seem to list the information three separate times! Once would be sufficient with clearer and informative prose.





My recommendation for the month and future months is pick up *Image Plus*. From and through this magazine, a world of imaginative alternative genres become available to you. There are so many titles that you cannot read them all, but I can guarantee that whatever you choose, it will be excellent for it's genre.

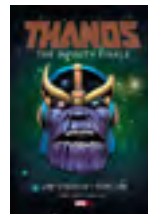

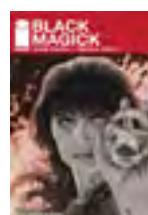





Tip for the month... If you have a few graphic novels that you no longer want to keep, visit your local library and see if they have a use for them. I am sure that if the books are 'as new' they will, metaphorically, snap your hand off! A two-fold win as you make a librarian happy and the visitors to the library happy!











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