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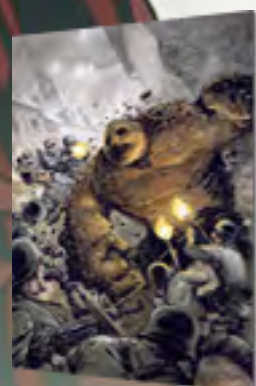
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NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN JUNE: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



BREATH OF BONES: A TALE OF THE GOLEM #1

STEVE NILES |
MATT SANTORO |
DAVE WACHTER

The giant clay monster from Jewish legend goes on a Nazi-killing rampage in order to protect the inhabitants

of a small Jewish stronghold and an injured British pilot.

From the creator of **30 Days Of Night**, Steve Niles!

Art by 2012 Russ Manning Award nominee Dave Wachter!



BALTIMORE: THE INQUISITOR (ONE-SHOT)

MIKE MIGNOLA |
CHRISTOPHER GOLDEN |
BEN STENBECK

The sadistic Judge Duvic, who we've seen serving God's vengeance on women and children, nearly has

Lord Baltimore in his grasp, but first he has to face Baltimore's last few friends in this doomed, war-torn world.



CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT #0 (ONE-SHOT)

JOSHUA WILLIAMSON |
VICTOR IBÁÑEZ |
PERE PÉREZ

Grab your decoder rings! Dark Horse reimagines radio, television, and comics' legendary hero in an all-new ongoing series!

Piloting a World War II dive-bomber, Captain Midnight—fighter pilot extraordinaire and expert inventor—hurtles out of a freak storm in the Bermuda Triangle and into the twenty-first century, where he's in for more than one surprise as he enters the modern era!

Collects the three stories from **Dark Horse Presents #18-20**. Joshua Williamson (**Masks and Mobsters**, **Voodoo**, **Uncharted**), Victor Ibáñez (**Rat Catcher**, **The Spirit**) and Pere Pérez (**Aquaman**, **Detective Comics**)!



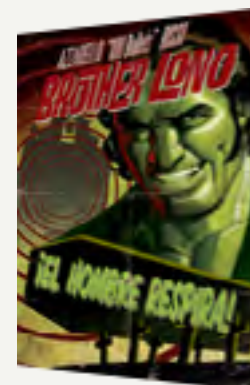
THE TRUE LIVES OF THE FABULOUS KILLJOYS #1 (OF 6)

GERARD WAY |
SHAUN SIMON |
BECKY CLOONAN

Years ago, the Killjoys fought against the tyrannical megacorporation Better Living Industries,

costing them their lives, save for one—the mysterious Girl. Today, the followers of the original Killjoys languish in the Desert while BLI systematically strips citizens of their individuality. As the fight for freedom fades, it's left to the Girl to take up the mantle and bring down the fearsome BLI or else join the mindless ranks of Bat City!

The follow-up to the album **Danger Days: The True Lives of the Fabulous Killjoys** from the creator of the **Umbrella Academy**!



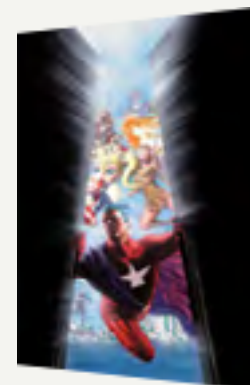
100 BULLETS: BROTHER LONO #1

BRIAN AZZARELLO |
EDUARDO RISSO

A brand-new 8-issue miniseries set in the world of **100 Bullets**!

The Eisner award-winning team behind **100 Bullets** - Brian Azzarello, Eduardo

Risso, Trish Mulvihill, Clem Robbins and Dave Johnson - reunites to tell the story of the baddest Minuteman of all. When last we saw Lono, Dizzy Cordova had shot him through the chest...but Lono always was too tough to die. Now, after the final events of **100 Bullets**, Lono finds himself in Mexico working on the side of the angels. But there's always more to a **100 Bullets** story, so pick up this extra-size first issue to see what's really going on with Brother Lono, the cold-blooded killer you hate to love!



ASTRO CITY #1

KURT BUSIEK |
BRENT ANDERSON

Astro City is back in a new, ongoing monthly series that showcases old heroes and new, as The Ambassador comes to Earth, and an ordinary man is caught up in a cosmic

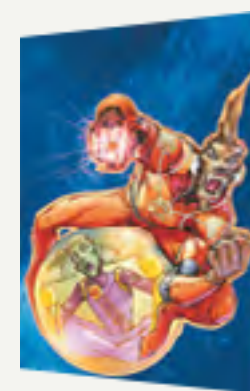
conflict! Featuring the return of favorites like Samaritan and Honor Guard, and the debut of some new sensations! Plus, the seeds of a new mystery: Who is the Broken Man? The entire award-winning creative team is back to kick off a new epoch of the human and the super human. Get in on the ground floor of Astro City's next epic!



BATMAN/SUPERMAN #1

GREG PAK | JAE LEE

A new epic begins with the debut of this new, ongoing series! Don't miss the first fateful meeting of Batman and Superman in The New 52!



LARFLEEZE #1

KEITH GIFFEN |
SCOTT KOLINS

Larfleeze, the breakout character from **Blackest Night**, last seen in the pages of **Threshold**, is back in his own solo, ongoing series—and he's not sharing it with anyone!

In his debut solo adventure, Larfleeze meets Laord of the Hunt, a pan-dimensional cosmic entity that believes all living things are prey—and he's out to turn the universe into his own private hunting reserve! And the only thing worse than Laord is the deadly beings he can summon!



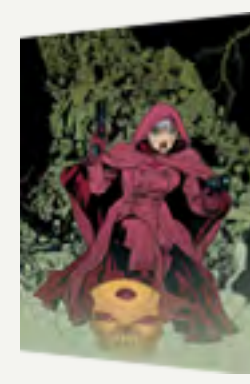
SUPERMAN UNCHAINED #1

SCOTT SNYDER | JIM LEE |
SCOTT WILLIAMS |
DUSTIN NGUYEN

When thirteen satellites fall from the sky in one day, the logical suspect is Lex Luthor—even though he's still locked up in prison! But a stranger

question remains: If Superman didn't stop the last satellite from falling, who did? There's a mystery hidden where even Superman can't see it—Can The Man of Steel drag a decades-old secret into the light? Don't miss the debut of this red-hot new series from two of comics' brightest superstars: Scott Snyder and Jim Lee!

This debut issue also includes a bonus two-sided, tipped-in poster measuring 11.6875" x 18.875" that is part of the reading experience and can be easily removed for display!



TRINITY OF SIN: PANDORA #1

RAY FAWKES |
DANIEL SAMPERE |
JONATHAN GLAPION

The mysterious woman connected to the creation of the New 52 gets her own series! Pandora is on an action-packed, blood-soaked mission

to hunt down the horrors she inadvertently unleashed upon the world. Can she save the DCU—and redeem herself in the process? A prequel to the upcoming "Trinity War"!

NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN JUNE: PREMIER PUBLISHERS

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WILD BLUE YONDER #1 (OF 5)

MIKE RAICHT |
AUSTIN HARRISON |
ZACH HOWARD

Incredible action, art and story will make this one of the top books of Summer 2013!

Take to the skies in this thrilling new action-adventure sci-fi tale. In the near future, mankind has destroyed the Earth, and the only refuge from radioactive pollution can be found in the skies. Unfortunately dwindling supplies and bloodthirsty air-pirates make life all the harder. Will the crew of the Dawn escape the merciless Judge and survive another week? Read the book everyone will be talking about and find out!

Top artist Zach Howard (**The Cape**) brings his best work to the page!

Unique characters in a classic sci-fi survival story from Mike Raicht (**Stuff of Legend**)!



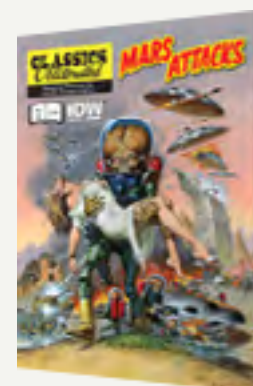
GODZILLA: RULERS OF EARTH #1

CHRIS MOWRY |
MATT FRANK

In the wake of the climactic conclusion of **Godzilla #13** comes a brand new series! Dozens of new monsters have risen from the depth and are staking out their own territory, regardless of humanity's political borders! A war of dominance beings... will Godzilla end up on top? First he'll have to beat a new upstart... Zilla!

This series introduces hordes of new Toho Monsters, most never before seen in comic books!

Fan-favorite creators Chris Mowry and Matt Frank return for their biggest project yet!



MARS ATTACKS: CLASSICS OBLITERATED

PHIL HESTER |
BEAU SMITH | NEIL KLEID |
JOHN MCCREA |
KELLEY JONES |
CARLOS VALENZUELA

Behold three classic tales of literary genius filtered through the

cracked lens of the **Mars Attacks** universe! Herman Melville comes face-to-face with a Martian in a twisted take on **Moby Dick**! Mars High Command has in its sights a serum that brings out the worst in humanity in a transformative version of **Jekyll & Hyde**! A shipwrecked Martian finds himself marooned on a lonely island on planet Earth in a send-up of **Robinson Crusoe**!

Darkly humorous takes on literary classics featuring an all-star creative lineup including Phil Hester, John McCrea and Kelley Jones!



TRANSFORMERS: MONSTROSITY #1 (OF 4)

CHRIS METZEN |
FLINT DILLE |
LIVIO RAMONDELLI

Megatron's Descent! In the early days of the war on Cybertron, Optimus Prime puts everything on the line to unify the planet—but not

everyone agrees that this new Prime should be in charge! Meanwhile, the fallen Deception leader, Megatron, begins a journey that will change everything. Plus—what is the terrible secret of the Dinobots?

The sequel to the amazing **Autocracy**! Written by Chris Metzen (one of the main creative minds behind Blizzard Entertainment's **Warcraft**®, **StarCraft**®, and **Diablo**® universes) and Flint Dille (writer on the original Transformers cartoon)!



THE CROW: CURARE #1 (OF 3)

JAMES O'BARR |
ANTOINE DODÉ

Retired Detroit cop Joe Salk was a good cop, but after a little girl's murder, his wife left him because of his obsession to find her killers. Now completely alone, his need for revenge might just be helped by the young victim, returned and empowered by the spirit of vengeance, the Crow...



JOE HILL'S THUMBPRINT #1 (OF 3)

JOE HILL |
JASON CIARAMELLA |
VIC MALHOTRA

Private Mallory Grennan had done terrible things as an Abu Ghraib prison worker. After being discharged from the army, Mal thought she was

leaving her sins behind to start a new life back home. But some things can't be left behind -- some things don't want to be left behind.

By Joe Hill and Jason Ciararella, the writing team that brought you the Eisner-award nominated one-shot, **The Cape**, with art by Vic Malhotra, **Thumbprint** will turn your guts inside out. Based on a novella by **Locke & Key** writer Joe Hill!



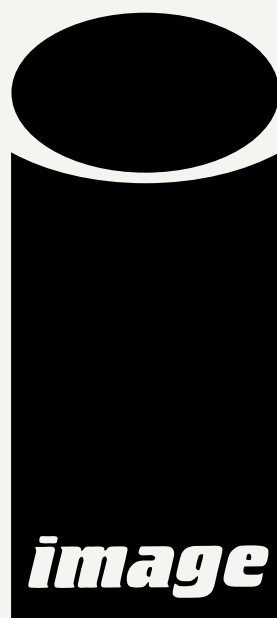
THE X-FILES: SEASON 10 #1

JOE HARRIS |
MICHAEL WALSH

Agents Mulder and Scully are back, continuing the story where the TV show and movies left off!

For years they investigated the paranormal, pursued the

"monsters of the week," and sought the truth behind extraterrestrial activity, along with the grand conspiracy surrounding it rooted deep within their own government. But when agents Mulder and Scully reunite for a new, ongoing series that ushers **The X-Files** into a new era of technological paranoia, multinational concerns and otherworldly threats, it'll take more than a desire "to believe" to make it out alive. **The X-Files: Season 10** also sees creator Chris Carter return to the fold as Executive Producer!



NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN JUNE: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



LAZARUS #1

GREG RUCKA |
MICHAEL LARK

"Family," Part One

In a dystopian near-future, government is a quaint concept, resources are coveted, and possession is 100% of the law. A handful of Families rule, jealously

guarding what they have and exploiting the Waste who struggle to survive in their domains. Forever Carlyle defends her family's holdings through deception and force as their protector, their Lazarus. Shot dead defending the family home, Forever's day goes downhill from there...



HOAX HUNTERS: CASE FILES #1

MICHAEL MORECI |
STEVE SEELEY |
RON SALAS | NICK PITARRA
AND MORE

"Case Files"

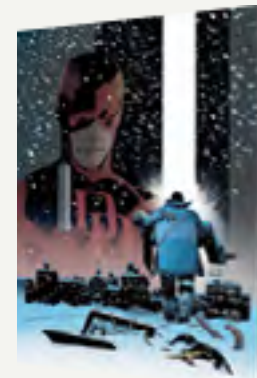
In this annual issue, the Hoax Hunters dust off some of their lost cases from the archives.

Featuring some of the industry's top creators, like Tim Seeley, Nick Pitarra, Erik Burnham, Ron Salas and more! Even **Fact or Fact's** Ben Hansen makes an appearance!

IMAGE FIRSTS:

Travel back in time - 13 issues for just a dollar!

- AGE OF BRONZE #1
- CHEW #1
- FATALE #1
- INVINCIBLE #1
- THE MANHATTAN PROJECTS #1
- PHONOGRAM #1
- REVIVAL #1
- SAGA #1
- SAVAGE DRAGON #1
- SPAWN #1
- THIEF OF THIEVES #1
- THE WALKING DEAD #1



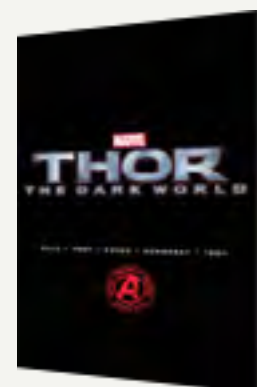
DAREDEVIL: DARK NIGHTS #1 (OF 8)

LEE WEEKS

A gorgeous new series featuring the greatest talents in comics brings you the rest of the Man Without Fear's story.

Legendary artist Lee Weeks returns to his favorite hero for "Angels

Unaware!" - A blizzard brings New York to a stand still -- and a young patient lies on death's door unless Daredevil can get to him in time!



MARVEL'S THOR: THE DARK WORLD PRELUDE #1 (OF 2)

CRAIG KYLE |
CHRISTOPHER YOST |
SCOT EATON

An all-new adventure leading you directly into the upcoming Marvel Studios blockbuster **Thor: The Dark World!**

What happened to your favorite Asgardians between the events of **Thor** and **The Avengers**? What comes next? Find out here!

Thor! Loki! Odin! Heimdall! Jane Foster! Sif! The Warriors Three! All this, brought to you by the powerhouse creative team of writers Craig Kyle (**Thor: The Dark World** executive producer) and Christopher Yost (**Thor: The Dark World** co-writer) and artist Scot Eaton (**Captain America**)!



STAR-LORD: THE HOLLOW CROWN

STEVE ENGLEHART |
CHRIS CLAREMONT |
STEVE GAN | JOHN BYRNE
| MICHAEL GOLDEN

As a child, Peter Quill spotted a flying saucer — and it ruined his life forever! Now a withdrawn, embittered

adult, Quill strives to become an astronaut — so he can return to space and take revenge!

How does a fateful encounter with the Master of the Sun change his destiny — and transform him into the intergalactic policeman known as Star-Lord? And can even the newly empowered Star-Lord triumph over a sadistic group of alien slavers?

Collecting material from **Marvel Preview #4**, **Marvel Preview #11** and **Star-Lord Special Edition**.



THE STEAM ENGINES OF OZ #1

ERIK HENDRIX | SEAN PATRICK O'REILLY | YANNIS ROUMBOULIAS
ARCANA

Straight from the pages of our FCBD Preview, **The Steam Engines of Oz** has arrived! Find out how the Emerald City has transformed in the last 100 years as Victoria Wright and her friends plot their escape only to fall into the clutches of a terrifying threat. This re-imagining of Oz through a SteamPunk lens is a must read for fans of Oz, SteamPunk, an exciting story, and fantastic art.



BUBBLEGUN #1 (OF 5)

MARK ROSLAN | MIKE BOWDEN | DAVID CURIEL
ASPEN

They like the tech, but live for the high stakes! Sisters Molli and Devyn, along with teammates Roman and Kyo—and a stockpile of cutting edge,

cyber-punk technology, form a confident team of mercenary thieves able to take on the most formidable jobs around. Yet, when one cyber heist turns out to be more than they bargained for, as a mysterious package and its contents threaten to unravel the group to its core, the menacing worlds of corrupt industry and deadly espionage is unleashed upon them!



FATHOM: THE ELITE SAGA #1

J.T. KRUL | VINCE HERNANDEZ | DAVID WOHL | KEN MARION
ASPEN

The most epic storyline in **Fathom's** 15-year history starts now!

Aspen Matthews is attempting to find solace above the surface by distancing herself from the demons of her past. Kiani is imprisoned within the underwater capitol city of Muria. And Killian is in search of his missing wife Anya, and his newborn child Anika, who fled their home in his absence. Yet, all of their paths will soon collide as the child's true nature could lead to immense power falling into the wrong hands, and those in search of her will stop at nothing to obtain her!

SELECTED NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN JUNE



EXTINCTION PARADE #1

MAX BROOKS | RAULO CACERES
AVATAR

The best-selling Zombie writer in history finally unleashes an all-new epic for comics!

As humans wage their loosing fight versus the hordes of the subdead,

a frightening realization sets in with the secretive Vampire race: our food is dying off. This is the story of Vampires decent into all-out war with the mindless hungry hordes of the zombie outbreak as humanity tries to survive them all. Three species in mortal conflict. This is how a species dies.

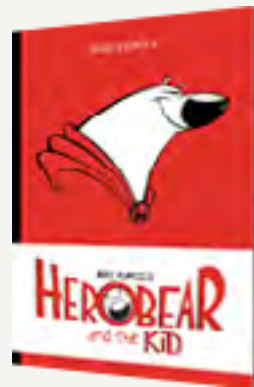


MALEVOLENT MR. BURNS #1

IAN BOOTHBY | GAIL SIMONE | NATHAN KANE
BONGO COMICS

Because he demanded it, **Bongo Comics** offers up a **Simpsons** One-Shot Wonder for the aged... er, we mean...

the ages. A senior citizen centenarian spectacular. Mr. Burns, the megalomaniacal scourge of Springfield, grants you permission to enter the billionaire boy's club with a miserly masterpiece of penny-pinching proportions. It's the humor comic of the year for the young at heartless.



HERO BEAR AND THE KID SPECIAL #1

MIKE KUNKEL
BOOM! STUDIOS

It's Picture Day at Tyler's school, and naturally he's forgotten! But before Tyler can pick his good side, he has to sneak out of class with his best friend Herobear

to stop an attack on the Simpleton Bridge from the mysterious Von Klom and his Sub-of-Doom! ...and he better not lose his hall-pass in the process. Don't miss as creator Mike Kunkel relaunches his Eisner award-winning creation at **KaBOOM!** with a brand new original adventure!



SIX GUN GORILLA #1 (OF 6)

SIMON SPURRIER | JEFF STOKELY
BOOM! STUDIOS

Welcome to "the Blister" -- a bizarre other-world colonized by humans sometime in the 22nd century, which quickly became a hotly-

contested source of fertile land and natural resources long ago exhausted on Earth. In this new frontier, a rogue gunslinger and his companion wander across a wilderness in the grips of a civil war, encountering lawlessness, natives, and perversions of civilization in a world at the crossroads between the past and the future. The fact that said gunslinger is a bio-surgically modified silverback gorilla toting a pair of enormous revolvers is neither here nor there.

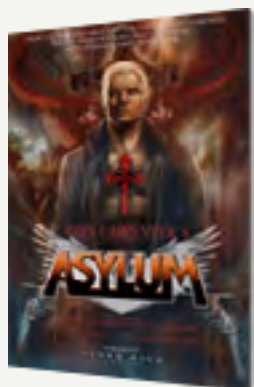


ATOMIC ROBO: SAVAGE SWORD OF DR. DINOSAUR #1 (OF 5)

BRIAN CLEVINGER | SCOTT WEGENER
RED 5 COMICS

AtomicRobo investigates cryptid sightings near the old Nazi space program, 'Science City,' buried deep in

the Venezuelan wilderness. Meanwhile, a mysterious package is delivered to Tesladyne - from Hashima Island Quarantine Zone. Is it from Alan? Majestic 12? Or something else entirely? If only the title could shed some light on this mystery!

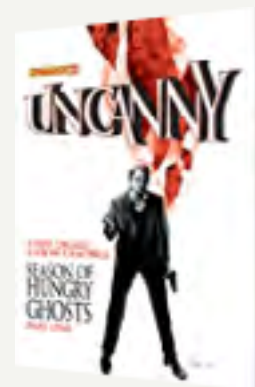


JOHN CARPENTER'S ASYLUM #1

BRUCE JONES | LEONARDO MANCO
STORM KING COMICS

There's a war coming, and the battleground is the City of Angels. In tunnels beneath the city, in the dark alleys among the homeless...demons

lurk and Lucifer bides his time. One man knows. One man sees. One man walks those dark streets.

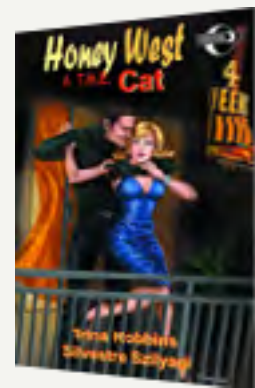


UNCANNY #1

ANDY DIGGLE | AARON CAMPBELL
DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT

Meet Weaver, a man born with an uncanny ability that allows him to steal other people's skills - their memories, abilities, and expertise - for a limited time. A man

with a power like that could change the world; but as a professional gambler, con-man, and thief-for-hire, Weaver prefers to look out for Number One. That is, until he finds himself drawn into a dangerous game of international intrigue where the rules keep changing, the players are hidden... and the first thing he stands to lose is his life. And maybe, just maybe, he isn't so unique after all...



HONEY WEST & T.H.E. CAT #1 (OF 2)

TRINA ROBBINS | SILVESTRE SZILAGYI | VALARIE JONES
MOONSTONE

Ex-cat burglar and aerialist Thomas Hewitt Edward Cat is back for the first time in 45 years!

He puts his skills to good use as a professional bodyguard - primitive and in love with danger! Now he teams up with TV's first lead-female private eye. In 'Death in the Desert', 1960's mob infested Las Vegas, they investigate a series of accidents - but will the attraction between the two cause the case to overheat?

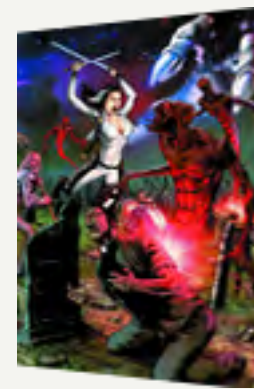


UNLEASHED: GRIMM FAIRY TALES 2013 ANNUAL

PAT SHAND AND OTHERS
ZENESCOPE

The events of **Godstorm** and **Grimm Universe** have all been building toward this moment!

After tragedy strikes, the gods are scattered and they only have one defense left -- flee! The Being has put his final, horrific plan into motion and no one is safe. Will one god's selfishness lead to their fall, or will Zeus' plan save the Nexus once and for all?



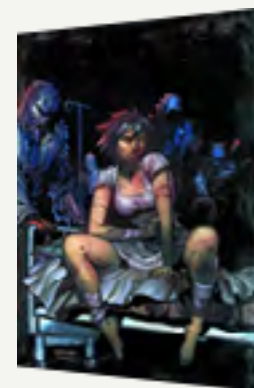
GRIMM FAIRY TALES PRESENTS DEMONS: THE UNSEEN #1

PAT SHAND | JASON JOHNSON
ZENESCOPE

Unleashed tie-in!

The darkest corner of the Grimm Universe is revealed in this brand new **Unleashed**

mini-series! When demonic spirits begin possessing innocent people with disturbing frequency, the mysterious Japanese warrior, Masumi, must find a way to banish the evil forces without harming the hosts. However, as she journeys deeper into the heart of evil, Masumi notices a dark pattern to the demonic activity that threatens to swallow her whole.



SCREWED #1

TYLER KIRKHAM | KEITH THOMAS | DAVID MILLER
ZENESCOPE

A young woman awakens in a hospital covered in scars as if she had been taken apart and put back together again. Her mind

is as fragmented as her body, leaving her delusional and seeing monsters everywhere. Is this the work of a serial killer, or something far worse? FBI Agent Erin Scott intends to help her find out, with or without the approval of her superiors in this visionary modern, mature re-imagining of the **Frankenstein** legend.



SPONGEBOB COMICS ANNUAL GIANT SWIMTACULAR #1

CHUCK DIXON | DEREK DRYMON | JACOB CHABOT | VARIOUS
UNITED PLANKTON PICTURES

The **Swimtacular** celebrates the submarine superheroics of SpongeBob's idols,

Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy, in forty-eight all-new pages! - Bear witness to a reunion of the Aquatic Adventurers! Encounter the quiet-loving super-fiend known only as Mendu! Ramona Fradon returns to draw the Mermaid Man classic **Sidekick Blues!** All this plus a tour of the Mermalair, Plankton and Gary's brief super-careers, spoofs of classic comic book ads, and a double-page spread depicting every Bikini Bottom superhero and villain!

NOVEL IDEAS

ACE Comics pick of the best new graphic novels and collected editions arriving from June onwards



SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN VOL. 1, HC

SLOTT | DEMATTEIS | VAN METER | ELSON | RAMOS | CAMUNCOLI | BUSCEMA | STEGMAN
Marvel, 248 Pages

It's the story that turned Spider-Man's world upside-down as a dying Dr. Octopus hatches his master plan for vengeance against Spider-Man: He will become him! When Peter Parker suddenly awakens to find himself trapped in the failing body of his greatest foe, Otto Octavius rejoices in the power and youth of his new form. Can Peter switch their minds back before his time runs out? Yes...and no! As Peter's story comes to a dramatic close, Otto vows to become better than his old foe in every possible way. Smarter, stronger — he will be the Superior Spider-Man! But even with his newfound sense of heroism and responsibility, can Otto survive his heroic baptism of fire against the Sinister Six? A new era of web-slinging excitement starts NOW!

Collecting **Amazing Spider-Man** (1963) #698-700 and **Superior Spider-Man** #1-5.



THE BLACK BEETLE VOLUME 1: NO WAY OUT, HC

FRANCAVILLA
Dark Horse, 152 Pages

After witnessing an explosion that decimates the city's organized crime community, killing dozens, the Black Beetle—Colt City's sleuthing sentinel—is on the hunt for answers and justice!

Follow Francesco Francavilla's critically acclaimed pulp hero as he searches island prisons, dank sewers, and swanky nightclubs for the mysterious man known as Labyrinth.



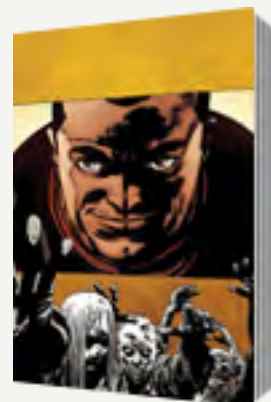
X-FILES CLASSICS VOL. 1, HC

PETRUCHA | ADLARD | SHEARON
IDW, 224 Pages

THE TRUTH IS... in here! Team up with Mulder and Scully as they unravel mysteries only seen in comic books! This first collection features stories like "Not to be Opened Until X-mas," "Firebird," "Trepanning Opera," "Silent Cities of the Mind" and more.

Collects issues #1-9 by Topps Comics.

Art by Charles Adlard of Walking Dead fame!



THE WALKING DEAD VOL. 18: WHAT COMES AFTER

KIRKMAN | ADLARD | RATHBURN
Image, 136 Pages

Following the events of **Something To Fear**, Rick and the other survivors accept a new way of life under Negan's rule, but not everyone agrees.

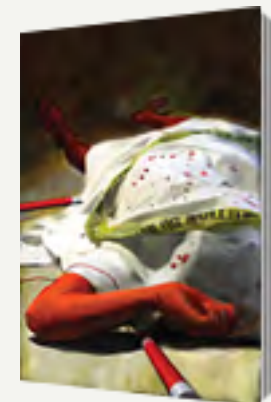
Collects **The Walking Dead** #103-108.



NIGHTWING VOL. 2: NIGHT OF THE OWLS

HIGGINS | DeFALCO | BARROWS | GUINALDO | VARIOUS
DC, 144 Pages

In this collection of issues #8-12 and 0, Dick Grayson must face a deadly adversary as he learns of his connection to the mysterious Court of Owls. But even if he can stop an undead assassin, he'll still have to deal with an anti-Gotham City army—and the mysterious Paragon.



DAREDEVIL: END OF DAYS, HC

BENDIS | MACK | JANSON | SIENKIEWICZ | MALEEV
Marvel, 216 Pages

Revealed at last: how it all ends for the Man Without Fear!

In the near future, the Kingpin and Daredevil have been murdered — but that's just the beginning. Reporter Ben Urich has one last story to write: What was Matt Murdock's final secret? Ben digs deep into the seedy underbelly of the Marvel Universe, tracking down Matt's buried sins and past loves to discover the secrets behind his death. But who is the new Daredevil that's tracking Ben? The investigation leads Ben through a harrowing gauntlet of Daredevil's greatest foes — and straight to the Church of the Hand! And when Daredevil's final mystery stands revealed, Ben Urich's life will never be the same! It's a story years in the making, brought to you by some of the finest creators in Daredevil history!

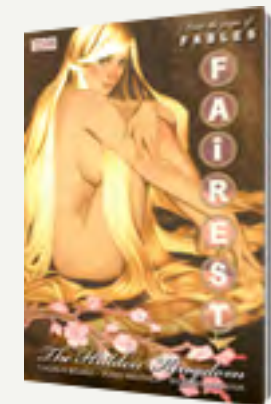
Collecting **Daredevil: End Of Days** #1-8.



TRUE BLOOD VOL. 1: ALL TOGETHER NOW

BALL | TISCHMAN | HUEHNER | MESSINA
IDW, 156 Pages

Blood and passion mix on a hot rainy night at Merlotte's as Sookie and the usual suspects settle in for the long haul. Until, that is, they find themselves unexpectedly trapped by a vengeful, vile creature that feeds off the miserable shame of others—and none will survive until morning unless all their dirty little secrets are revealed. So Sookie, Bill, Eric, Sam, Tara, Jason, and Lafayette are forced to dig deep and tell painful tales of their pasts—the kind you never willingly reveal!



FAIREST VOL. 2: THE HIDDEN KINGDOM

BEUKES | MIRANDA
DC Vertigo, 128 Pages

In this tale from issues #8-14, Rapunzel lives one of the most regimented lives in Fabletown, forced to maintain her rapidly growing hair lest her storybook origins be revealed. But when word of her long-lost children surfaces, she travels to Japan to find them—and a former lover.



FATALE VOL. 3: WEST OF HELL

BRUBAKER | PHILLIPS | BREITWEISER | STEWART
Image, 120 Pages

The third arc of the hit series hits stands the same day as the next one begins! From the dark days of the depression, to the middle ages and the old west, these tales of horror and myth and the mystery of the Femme Fatale reveal secrets even our heroine doesn't know about yet. Bold and experimental, this is pulp noir horror at its finest.

Collects **Fatale** #11-14.



BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER: WILLOW WONDERLAND

PARKER | GAGE | CHING | GORDER
Dark Horse, 144 Pages

Armed with Buffy's broken scythe, Willow has entered another dimension and begun a quest to somehow, someway, against all odds, bring magic back to Earth. She must keep her darkest self at bay while she battles demons—the scaly and horned type as well as her own! Collects the five-issue miniseries.

Season 9 continues with Willow's story!



**HACK/SLASH
VOL. 13: FINAL**
SEELEY | CASAGRANDE
Image, 160 Pages

The acclaimed series comes to an end as the machinations of the slasher-breeding Black Lamp Society drag Cassie and Vlad into an ultimate bloody confrontation!
Collects **Hack/Slash** Vol. 2 #20-25.



**FF VOL. 1:
FANTASTIC FAUX**
FRACTION | ALLRED
Marvel, 112 Pages

The Fantastic Four have formed a new team to guard the planet — and their wards in the Future Foundation — while they're on an interdimensional journey: Scott Lang, the incredible Ant-Man! Jen Walters, the original She-Hulk! Medusa, queen of the Inhumans! And...Ms. Thing?! But how does the world respond when the new FF makes its debut? Dynamo creators Matt Fraction and Mike Allred reinvent Marvel's First Family...NOW!
Collecting **FF** (2012) #4-8.



**LONE WOLF AND
CUB OMNIBUS
VOL. 2**
KOIKE | KOJIMA
Dark Horse, 700 Pages

Ronin samurai Ogami Ittō and his young son travel a dark road, beset by enemies sworn to destroy them. But how did the Shogun's loyal and trusted executioner become a dishonoured fugitive marked for death? What hidden forces moved to destroy Ogami's family and fuel his relentless quest for retribution?

This volume collects stories from volumes 3-, volume 4, and volume 5 of the original **LoneWolf and Cub** series. Over 700 pages!



**AVENGERS VOL. 2:
THE LAST
WHITE EVENT
PREMIERE HC**
HICKMAN | WEAVER |
DEODATO
Marvel, 136 Pages

The Avengers scramble to deal with the threat of another Universal System as the New Adam's true self is revealed — and the most dangerous hero on Earth is created.
As the Avengers face the World Breaker and discover the imminent threat to the Avengers World, the hidden connections between the events of **Avengers** and **New Avengers** are slowly revealed. What good is a White Event if it destroys the planet it was meant to transform? Plus, the Avengers discover Canadian super-team Omega Flight got lost in a Garden Origin Site — and learn why “adaptation” is the scariest word in the Marvel Universe! Then, as Shang-Chi battles an ancient enemy, the Avengers... hang out in Hong Kong's swankiest casino?
Collecting **Avengers** (2013) #7-11.



**UNCANNY
X-MEN VOL. 1:
REVOLUTION
PREMIERE HC**
BENDIS | BACHALO |
IRVING
Marvel, 136 Pages

In the wake of the Phoenix event, exactly what are Cyclops and his team of outlaw X-Men — visionary revolutionaries or dangerous terrorists? Whatever the truth, Cyclops, Emma Frost, Magneto, and Magik are gathering new mutants and redefining the name Uncanny X-Men. But they face harsh challenges: once again, robotic Sentinels hunt the team and the mutants they protect...but who's doing the hunting? And there's a mole on Cyclops' team — but who is it? A weakened Magneto must prove that he's still the master of magnetism, as Magik wonders why she is the only Phoenix Five member to emerge unscathed! Plus: learn what it's like to be a student at Cyclops' new school! Blockbuster creators Brian Michael Bendis and Chris Bachalo revamp the entire X-Men concept!
Collecting **Uncanny X-Men** (2013) #1-5.



EX SANGUINE
SEELEY | EMMONS
Dark Horse, 110 Pages

One's a natural born killer—a remorseless hunter gleefully prowling the night for victims to quench an unnatural blood lust. The other's a vampire. His centuries of existence have left him world weary and detached, until one day his thirst is reinvigorated when the deadly and intricate work of the Sanguine Killer catches his eyes.
Collects the five-issue miniseries.



**GREEN LANTERN
CORPS VOL. 1:
FEARSOME**
TOMASI | PASARIN |
BORGES | HANNA
DC, 160 Pages

In this collection of **Green Lantern Corps** #1-7, Guy Gardner and John Stewart lead a squadron of Green Lanterns to fight a mysterious force marching across the space sectors and devouring not only their natural resources but their entire populations! Then, on a mission to rescue John Stewart and Vandro, Guy Gardner assembles the nastiest Green Lanterns to ever put on a ring!

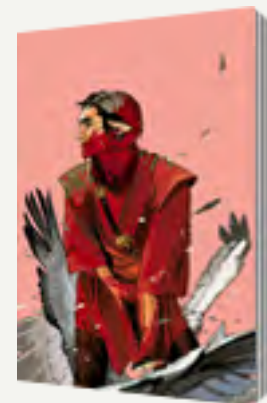


**TRANSFORMERS
30TH ANNIVERSARY
COLLECTION**
SORENSEN |
BUDIANSKY | FURMAN
| WILDMAN | SENIOR |
LEE | VARIOUS
IDW, 320 Pages

It's a celebration 30 years in the making!
Relive the landmark comics that helped define the legacy of **Transformers** and read along with the creators that made these great comics as Jim Sorenson provides insight from a range of writers and artists that breathed life into the denizens of Cybertron. From Marvel to Dreamwave to IDW and other iterations in-between, this book is a must have for Transformers collectors!

NOVEL IDEAS

ACE Comics pick of the best new graphic novels and collected editions arriving from June onwards



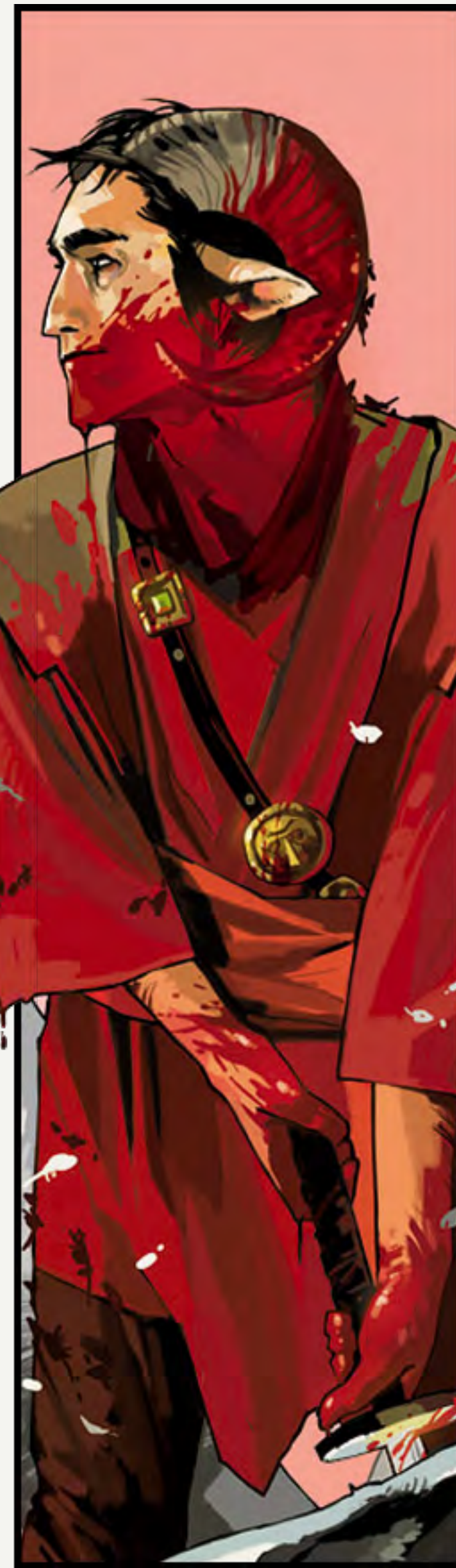
SAGA VOL. 2
VAUGHAN | STAPLES
Image, 144 Pages

Collecting the epic second storyline of the smash hit series Entertainment Weekly called “the kind of comic you get when truly talented superstar creators are given the freedom to produce their dream comic.” Thanks to her star-crossed parents Marko and Alana, newborn baby Hazel has already survived lethal assassins, rampaging armies, and alien monstrosities, but in the cold vastness of outer space, the little girl encounters her family's greatest challenge yet: the grandparents.
Collects **Saga** #7-12.



**BATMAN, THE DARK
KNIGHT VOL. 1:
NIGHT TERRORS**
FINCH | JENKINS |
HARRIS | BENES |
FRIEND
DC, 208 Pages

Batman battles the Scarecrow and Bane in this title collecting **Batman: The Dark Knight** #1-9, and delves into the mystery of The White Rabbit!





POP! MARVEL DEADPOOL PREVIEWS EXCLUSIVE VINYL FIGURES MASKLESS GREY AND RED VERSIONS

FUNKO

A Previews Exclusive! Deadpool, the Merc with a Mouth, expands Funko's best-selling POP! Vinyl Figures line with two variant figures! Instead of his familiar two-tone mask, these figures feature an unmasked Wade Wilson, revealed the scarred face beneath the mask! Available in his familiar red costume or his gray X-Force costume, the maskless Deadpool figure stands 3 3/4" tall and features the urban vinyl stylings that have made these figures fan favourites! Window box packaging.



HOT TOYS IRON MAN 3: TONY STARK 1/6-SCALE FIGURE

HOT TOYS

Hot Toys present the Tony Stark Limited Edition 1/6-Scale Collectible Figure, in his workshop, from the highly anticipated blockbuster film Iron Man 3. The movie-accurate Tony Stark collectible is specially crafted based on the image of Robert Downey Jr. as the genius billionaire Tony Stark, highlighting the newly developed head sculpt, newly sculpted advanced body with over 30 points of articulation and battery operated LED light-up chest. The figure stands 30cm tall and includes metallic gold and red painting on the armour. Highly detailed accessories and LED-lighted display stand included.



WALKING DEAD COMIC EDITION PREVIEWS EXCLUSIVE RISK

USAOPOLY

A Previews Exclusive! Risk: Walking Dead "Survival Edition" represents a fun, new twist on classic Risk game play. USAopoly is proud to debut a brand new map set in the southeast region of the United States where players battle and scavenge for their very lives. Contending for survival at every turn, gamers must not only fend off attacks from the living who compete for precious, limited resources upon which their survival depends, but they also must maintain their self-preservation from the unrelenting hordes of the undead that would feast upon them. A new deck of "Supply Cards" add strategy, fun and flavour to this classic tabletop game. Gamers can expect a fast-paced game of attrition and survival, where the last man standing wins! Ages 13+; 3-5 players.



DC 1966 BATMAN TV SERIES 6" ACTION FIGURES

MATTEL TOYS

One of the most beloved television series of all time, the 1966 Batman series starring Adam West and Burt Ward, comes to life with the first series in Mattel's new DC Classic TV Action Figures! Fans of the series can collect figures of Batman (complete with Batusi hands), the Riddler, the Penguin, the Joker, Catwoman, and Batman (with Radio Active cowl). Each figure stands 6" tall and features a sculpt based on the classic series! Blister card packaging.



WALKING DEAD 'KEEP CALM AND CALL DARYL' PREVIEWS EXCLUSIVE OLIVE T-SHIRT SM/MED/LG/XL/XXL

CHANGES

When you're confronted by the zombie hordes, when you're surrounded and there's no where to go, what are you going to do? Are you going to freak out? Are you going to quiver in fear? Or will you follow the advice on a new Walking Dead t-shirt and "Keep Calm and Call Daryl"? The betting's on the third! Wear this Walking Dead t-shirt and show the world this piece of survival advice!



WALKING DEAD COMIC EDITION PREVIEWS EXCLUSIVE MONOPOLY

USAOPOLY

A Previews Exclusive! Despite its post-apocalyptic setting, Monopoly: Walking Dead "Survival Edition" delivers classic Monopoly wheeling and dealing game play. Players vie for, and must then fortify, the prime real estate and resources that will sustain their lives. There's only one victor that will outlast the others - whether living or undead - when all is said and done. This completely customized game features 6 collectible Walking Dead-themed tokens, optional speed play and a fight to the finish! Ages 13+; 2-6 players.

SELECTED MERCHANDISE SHIPPING FROM JUNE



FIREFLY 8-BIT CREW PREVIEWS EXCLUSIVE CHOCOLATE HEATHER T-SHIRT SM/MED/LG/XL/XXL

RIPPLE JUNCTION

Imagine Mal Reynolds' band of rogues in a Nintendo game from the 1980s with this new t-shirt!



TINTIN, CAPTAIN HADDOCK AND SNOWY PVC FIGURES

MOULINSART

Fans of Hergé's beloved graphic album series The Adventures of Tintin can collect their favourite characters with these detailed PVC figures! This month, Tintin dressed in his blue sweater (3.3"), Snowy walking with a big bone in his mouth from The Crab with the Golden Claws (1.8") and Captain Haddock at the car rally from The Red Sea Sharks (3.5").



WALKING DEAD 'THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE HUNGRY' PREVIEWS EXCLUSIVE BLACK T-SHIRT SM/MED/LG/XL/XXL

CHANGES

The hit AMC series The Walking Dead is reimagined as a piece of Spaghetti Western poster art on this black t-shirt!



ADVENTURE TIME B-MO FACE PREVIEWS EXCLUSIVE BLUE T-SHIRT SM/MED/LG/XL/XXL

CHANGES

Adventure Time's Finn joins the handheld video game revolution with this throwback t-shirt!

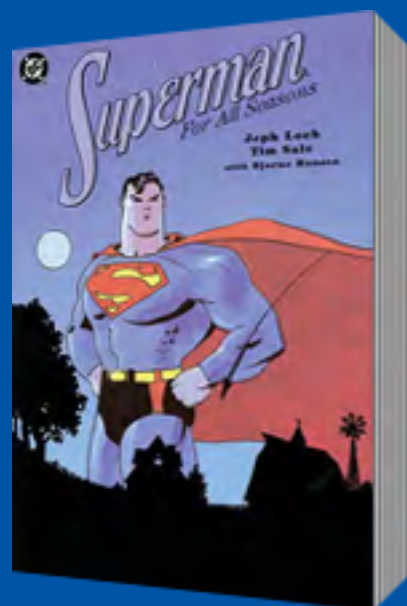
HISTORY BOOKS

With the huge volume of titles released each week, it can be quite easy to overlook the rich history of comic books available in the form of back issues and graphic novels, so we're going to take this opportunity to showcase some gems in Illuminations, that you previously might have missed.

SUPERMAN FOR ALL SEASONS

JEPH LOEB | TIM SALE

*"In this coming-of-age tale witness the experiences and adventures that transform a simple country boy into the world's greatest hero. Told through the course of four seasons in the Man of Steel's adolescent life, it illustrates that it is the person, not the powers, that makes Superman a hero. The catalyst for the "Smallville" television program, **Superman For All Seasons** is emotional and insightful, humanizing the alien from another planet so that he is not only realistic but also relatable. It also features in-depth characterizations of Lana Lang, Lex Luthor, Lois Lane and the Kents."* - DC



Lex Luthor, Lois Lane and the Kents." - DC

Following the success of Jeph Loeb and Tim Sale's brilliant *Batman: The Long Halloween*, they turned their attention to comic's most iconic hero, Superman. Not wanting to put himself in the Man of Steel's head, Loeb chose to narrate through Pa Kent, Lois Lane, Lex Luthor and Lana Lang over the course of the four issues/ seasons.

Superman For All Seasons is essentially Clark Kent's coming-of-age story and how he has to deal with the responsibility and expectation he has as Superman and the limits of his powers.

Despite being primarily character driven, there is still a good deal of action in the mix as Clark saves Metropolis and Smallville from impending danger. Tim Sale's art is magnificent, infusing the characters with a nostalgic quality, filling the panels with rich backgrounds and providing entrancing splash pages.

Master-storyteller Jeph Loeb uses his skills with great effect. The humanity and heart he infuses the characters with continue to draw people to this book. Morals, values and ethics all come into play.

In contrast to the dark of *The Long Halloween*, *For All Seasons* is an immensely enjoyable story of hope. Loeb and Sale have crafted a timeless tale and essential read for any comic book fan.

£13.50

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STAFF PICKS

We're often asked to recommend something fresh for our customers to read at ACE Comics, so we've decided to throw a few ideas in here.

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY (MARVEL)

Brian Michael Bendis and Steve McNiven have hit the ground running with **Guardians Of The Galaxy** and there is a real buzz around the title, possibly due to the fact that it has been announced as a big part of 'Phase Two' in Marvel's cinematic universe and the movie is due to hit on 8th August 2014. While the initial issue (#0.1) made a decent dent in the ACE Comics Top Ten at number five, issue #1 outsold everything else in its release week and debuted at number one!

Iron Man has now joined the team alongside Star-Lord, Gamora, Drax the Destroyer, Rocket Raccoon and Groot, in a move that seems to have been made as a visible link to the **Avengers** and the current success of that property. Echoing **Star Wars** (setting) and **Star Trek** (Kirk / Star-Lord), the galactic-sized stage for this space opera is set, with McNiven providing some fantastic panels and splash pages. With issue #1 now a sold out, we expect the **Guardians Of The Galaxy** to have some legs for the foreseeable future. If you missed it, make sure to grab a second print of #1 when it's available and get in on the ground floor!

EAST OF WEST (IMAGE)

History is not what it was. Following a comet-shaped act of God, the American Civil War ended in a treaty that founded the Seven Nations of America and gunslinging style of the old west has continued into the future. Add to this the Four Three Horsemen of the Apocalypse minus one estranged member and you have the beginning of Jonathan Hickman's **East Of West**.

This futuristic western focuses on Death, the absent 'Horseman', who clearly has a few scores to settle with people who sold him out (presumably to War, Famine and Conquest, his affronted brethren). As issue #1 has only just been released, Hickman teases us with nods to a 'bigger picture' behind the events, but it's one we won't fully be able to see until the series is in full swing.

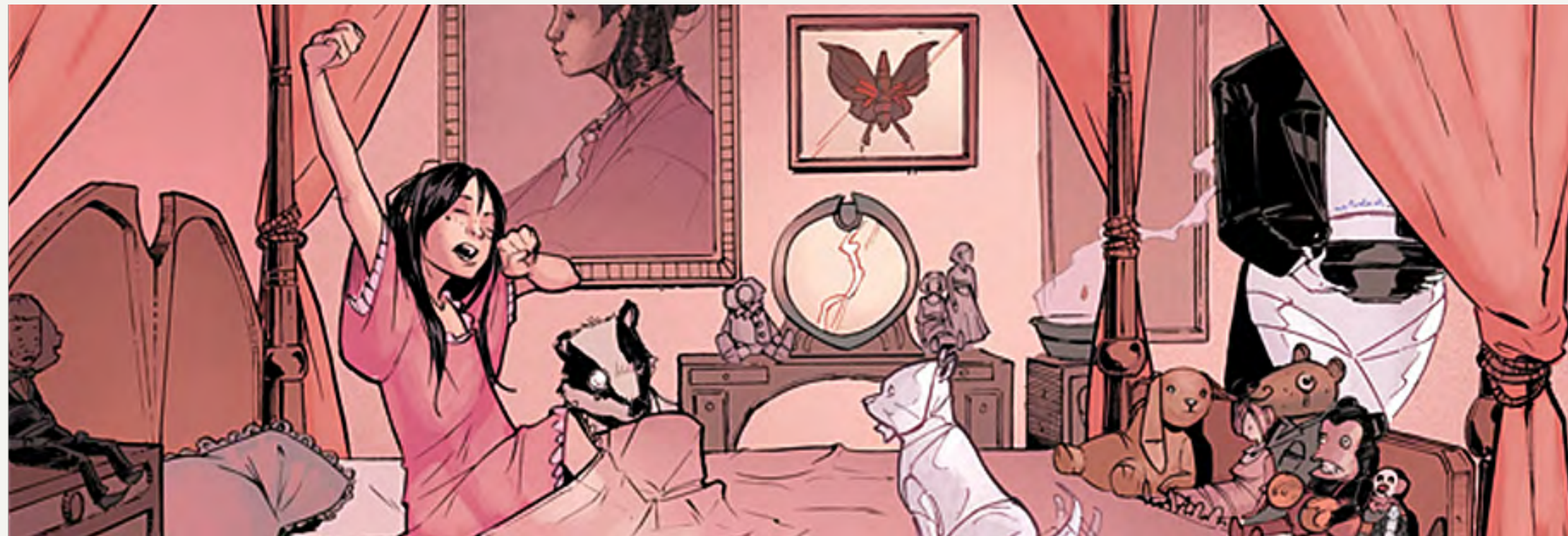
Nick Dragotta's art is great, lending a (true) grit to the space cowboys and the bloodthirsty shenanigans that ensue, with deft use of the panels throughout.

With an apocalyptic overtone and a murderous mystery at its core, **East Of West** looks to be a real winner for **Image Comics**.



BIFF'S BIT

E-mail Biff [here](#)



SPRING AND A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Many times I have opined about the lack of comics for children and general all ages comics. Here at ACE Comics, we have finally created an all ages section because, at last, there is a range of titles that fit that description. Leading the charge are not DC or Marvel but the small press.

IDW have varied titles that sound all ages, Transformers and GI Joe actually don't fill that bill, but TMNT, Ghostbusters, Popeye, My Little Pony and Doctor Who do.

Boom! are my champions of trying to really reach a wider all ages audience. They started with wonderful Muppets and Disney comics only to have Disney withdraw the licence, but have moved on and grown a very strong range that is Adventure Time, Garfield, Peanuts, Bravest Warriors, Regular Show and now the brilliant Herobear and the Kid by Mike Kunkel. A pile of Herobear will be on my all ages shelf.

Archie Comics have our top selling all ages comic, Sonic The hedgehog. We sell more of this series than half of the DC New 52 and the Marvel Superhero line! It is not the most well written comic I have ever read but it does connect with younger readers.

Cinebook are providing a wide range of wonderful European translations and for an incredible price. Check out any of these, I can highly recommend them.

NBM are up to Volume 14 of the Smurfs and their Papercutz imprint are all worth buying blind and passing on to friends and youngsters

Finally the latest addition to the above list is the BEST GRAPHIC NOVEL I have read in years - Porcelain A Gothic Fairy Tale. An in-depth review by Marc is [now on our website](#) so rush straight there and check out some of the most gorgeous art to grace a comic.

Over 76 pages my heart was lifted as 'Child' found herself in a wondrous new

world with an Uncle she felt proud of. I was in awe of the creations of Uncle, then my hope was dashed, my heart stabbed and close to tears after an hour long non stop read I realised that the whole gamut of human emotions had been reached by this incredible tale.

This isn't available via Previews nor all comic shops. ACE is one of the lucky few to get copies of the first print run. [Buy it on line from our web site NOW.](#)

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Yes it is that time again. Last year was a blast. For the first time ever a queue formed outside before we opened.

As we did last year, visitors to our Colchester store will be able to pick up a selection of the FCBD comics whilst also having another 50p blow out day with boxes and boxes of top comics for just 50p. Stock up on cheap reading material for the coming long summer days and have

a blast meeting up with all your friends at your local ACE store.

ACE Colchester, ACE Richmond, ACE Southend and Red Hot in Glasgow will all be participating with special deals and 50p comics! Keep up-to-date with what's on offer at our [FCBD page](#).

Motto for the month: Look at that glass of water and be pleased the glass is half full and not disappointed that you do not have it all.

That just leaves me to say on behalf of all at ACE Colchester, Biff, Tina, Kerrie, Marc, Guy, Evil Stu, Victoria, Colin, Ed, Glenn, Matt and of course Joe and Bryony, Lea in Southend, Richard and Guy in Richmond, Ivor, Scott, Scott, Stacy, Lorna, Stuart, Daren and Berrie in Glasgow...

...READ MORE COMICS!!