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NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN OCTOBER: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



SHAOLIN COWBOY #1 Geof Darrow

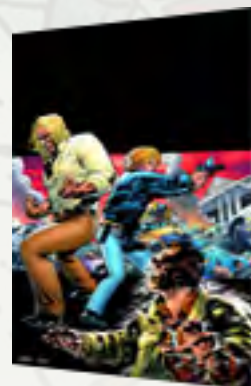
The Shaolin Cowboy returns, but nowhere in sight is there a dead Robin, any infinity gauntlets, or a single conquering Ultron-just flat-out action, intrigue, and plenty of roadkill. Geof Darrow's slow-talkin', kung-fu-gripping hero proves once again, in this brand-new new series, that the only thing that can stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a chainsaw!



ASTOUNDING VILLAIN HOUSE (ONE-SHOT) Shannon Wheeler

From the mind of Best Humor Publication Eisner winner Shannon Wheeler come four hysterical tales of failed bank robberies, bad dates, doomed team-ups, and ruined empires!

Introducing a new cast of lovable loser supervillains, Wheeler reveals what evil-and laugh-out-loud pathos-lurks within the walls of the Villain House! Collecting all four hilarious stories from Dark Horse Presents!



BLOODHOUND CROWBAR MEDICINE #1 (OF 5) Dan Jolley | Leonard Kirk

Travis Clevenger may not have superpowers, but he can put a beatdown on anyone who does! Consulting with the FBI in exchange for release

from prison, Clev is getting his life together when a rogue superhuman's destructive rampage and a scientist's response shock the nation, leading to Clev's biggest case yet!



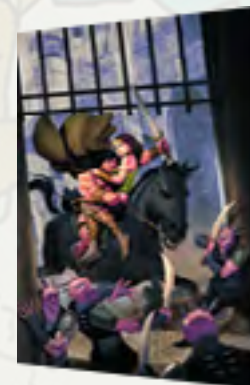
BLACK BEETLE NECROLOGUE #1 (OF 5)

Francesco Francavilla

Someone's murdering the citizens of Colt City, and there's only one man who can stop this killing spree: the Black Beetle!

But as Black Beetle investigates these grisly murders, questions arise about the masked detective: Is he a daring hero or a reckless vigilante? With a past veiled in the shadow of mystery, Black Beetle takes on a dark mission that will keep you screaming in the thrilling new miniseries Necrologue!

From the mind of Eisner Award-winning and New York Times best-selling creator Francesco Francavilla!

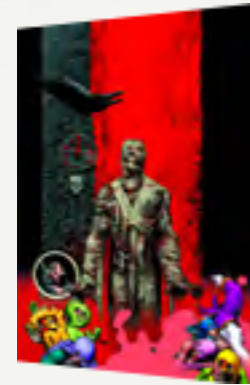


CONAN: PEOPLE OF THE BLACK CIRCLE #1 (OF 4)

Fred Van Lente | Ariel Olivetti

Two of the hottest names in comics-writer Fred Van Lente and artist Ariel Olivetti-reunite for a brutal Conan epic like no other!

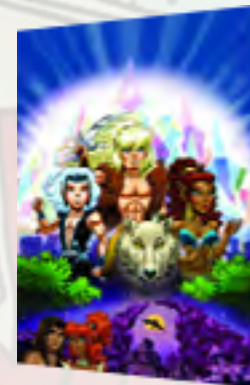
Assassins, dark magic, and a beautiful noblewoman mean trouble for the Cimmerian barbarian unlike he's ever seen in this full-tilt escapade through the mountains of Afghulistan!



EDGAR ALLAN POE'S THE RAVEN & RED DEATH (ONE-SHOT)

Richard Corben

Unwelcome and bloodthirsty guests are on the move in these two terrifying Poe stories presented by Eisner Hall of Fame inductee Richard Corben.



ELFQUEST SPECIAL: FINAL QUEST (ONE-SHOT)

Wendy Pini | Richard Pini

For generations, the elves sought a safe haven against all who would do them harm. But the dream that Chief Cutter and his Wolfriders

fought and died for may be the very thing destroying them. The skills that helped them survive the harsh world are fading, and the growing threat of a tyrant obsessed with exterminating all elves makes for a disastrous brew that must surely boil over.



OCCULTIST #1 (OF 5) Tim Seeley | Mike Norton

An evil witch doctor needs the book of spells known as the Sword to reject the Occultist. He needs the weapon itself to decide that he is a bad host in the ongoing war against the realm of the

dead. The solution lies in a Catholic schoolgirl who dabbles in death for a quick high.

Art by Mike Norton (Battlepug, The Answer!, Revival).

Written by Hack/Slash creator Tim Seeley!

Variant cover by Eisner winner Paolo Rivera.



SHOOT FIRST #1 (OF 4)

Justin Aclin | Nicolas Daniel Selma

The Secular Humanist Occult Obliteration Taskforce-defending humanity from angels, demons, and a bunch of other crap S.H.O.O.T. doesn't believe in.

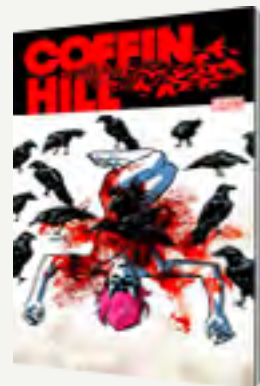
Justin Aclin (Star Wars: The Clone Wars, Twisted ToyFare Theatre) and Nicolás Daniel Selma (Tomb Raider: The Beginning) take aim at the supernatural in an all-new big-action, big-ideas sci-fi adventure!

NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN OCTOBER: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



AQUAMAN ANNUAL #1 **John Ostrander |** **Geraldo Borges**

Aquaman must reunite with The Others to investigate whether or not their recently deceased member Vostok has returned from the dead. If he has, he is definitely not the same Vostok they remember...



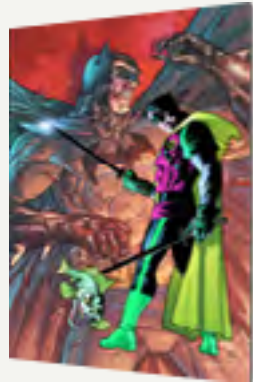
COFFIN HILL #1 (MR) **Caitlin Kittredge | Inaki** **Miranda**

COFFIN HILL stars Eve Coffin, a rebellious, teenage lowlife from a high-society family with a curse that goes back to the Salem Witch trials.

Following a night of sex, drugs and witchcraft in the woods, Eve wakes up naked, covered in blood and unable to remember how she got there. One friend is missing, one is in a mental ward and one knows that Eve is responsible.

After a stint as a Boston cop that ends in a bullet wound and unintended celebrity, Eve returns to Coffin Hill, only to discover the darkness that she unleashed ten years ago in the woods was never contained. It continues to seep through the town, cursing the soul of this sleepy Massachusetts hollow, spilling secrets and enacting its revenge.

Set against the haunted backdrop of New England, COFFIN HILL explores what people will do for power and retribution. Noted novelist Caitlin Kittredge, author of the Black London series, brings a smart, mesmerizing style to comics. Artist Inaki Miranda (FABLES) brings his dynamic storytelling to COFFIN HILL, following an acclaimed run on FAIREST.



DAMIAN SON OF BATMAN #1 (OF 4) **Andy Kubert**

Damian Wayne, the son of Batman, has adopted the cape and cowl as his own...but what horrific events set this troubled hero on the path of his dark destiny? The story of Damian Wayne begins

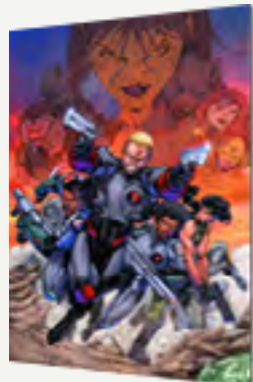
in this epic miniseries written and drawn by one of Damian's co-creators, Andy Kubert!



FOREVER EVIL #1 (OF 7) DIRECTORS CUT

Geoff Johns | David Finch

Reprinting the first issue of the world-shaking new miniseries, this issue showcases David Finch's stunning pencil artwork, accompanied by the original script by Geoff Johns.



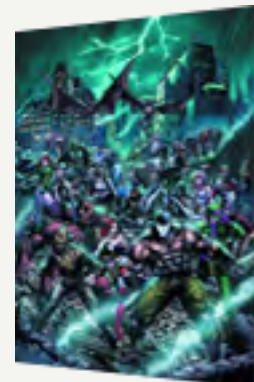
FOREVER EVIL: ARGUS #1 (OF 6) **Matt Kindt | Manuel** **Garcia**

The villains have killed the Justice League and decimated A.R.G.U.S.'s headquarters. Only Steve Trevor and the surviving A.R.G.U.S. agents can pick up the

pieces and save the civilian populace from unthinkable evil!



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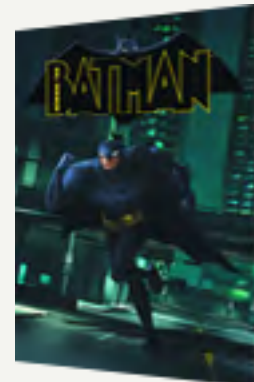


FOREVER EVIL: ARKHAM WAR #1 (OF 6)

Peter J. Tomasi |
Scot Eaton | Jaime
Mendoza

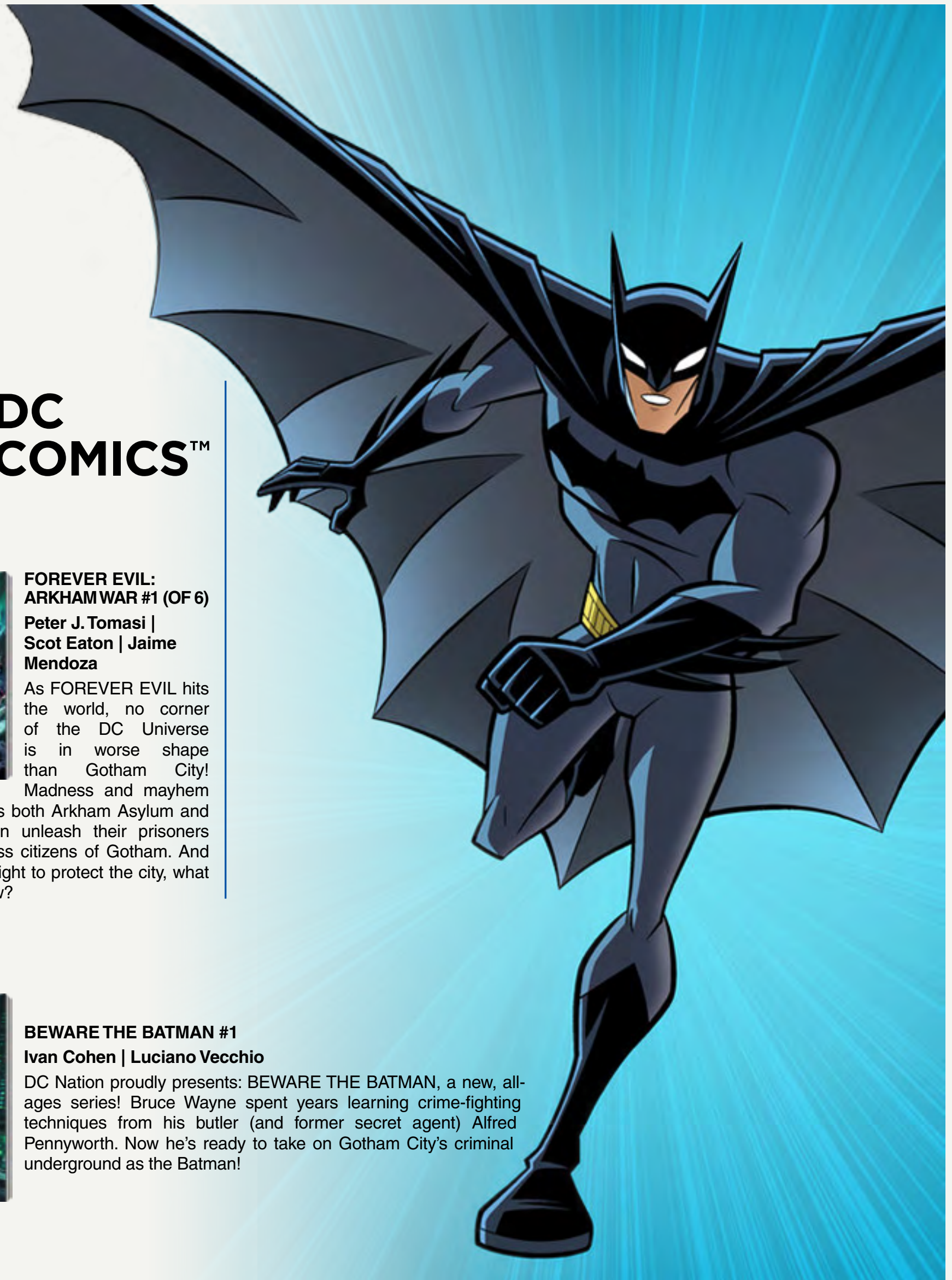
As FOREVER EVIL hits the world, no corner of the DC Universe is in worse shape than Gotham City! Madness and mayhem

hit the streets as both Arkham Asylum and Blackgate Prison unleash their prisoners upon the helpless citizens of Gotham. And with no Dark Knight to protect the city, what horrors will follow?



BEWARE THE BATMAN #1 **Ivan Cohen | Luciano Vecchio**

DC Nation proudly presents: BEWARE THE BATMAN, a new, all-ages series! Bruce Wayne spent years learning crime-fighting techniques from his butler (and former secret agent) Alfred Pennyworth. Now he's ready to take on Gotham City's criminal underground as the Batman!





**FOREVER EVIL
ROGUES REBELLION
#1 (OF 6)**

**Brian Buccellato |
Patrick Zircher**

The Rogues call no man boss, but a new evil threat might not leave them much choice! Will they fall in line, or refuse and risk certain death?

The answer will tear the Rogues apart!



HINTERKIND #1 (MR)

**Ian Edginton |
Francesco Trifogli**

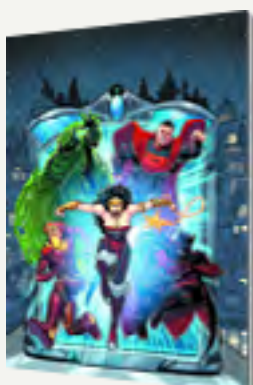
"Men go and come, but Earth abides."- Ecclesiastes 1:4

Decades after "The Blight" all but wiped out the human race, Mother Nature is taking

back what's hers, and she's not alone...The Hinterkind have returned.

From the last, lost corners of the world they come, a myriad menagerie of myth and magic...but these aren't childhood fairytale creatures. They are flesh, blood and passion, and they have a long-simmering hatred for those who drove them into the shadows: The human race!

After her grandfather disappears, Prosper Monday must leave the security and seclusion of their Central Park village to venture into the wilds to find him, unaware of how much the world has changed. Or how hungry it has become...

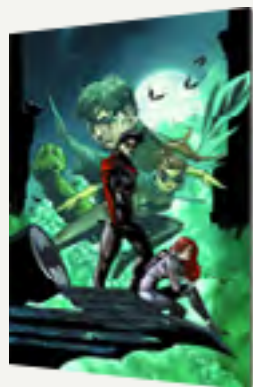


**JUSTICE LEAGUE
3000 #1**

**Keith Giffen | J. M.
DeMatteis | Kevin
Maguire**

Don't miss the debut of the new series starring the heroes of today-tomorrow! But what are they doing in the year 3000? And who (or

what) brought them there? Get ready for a double dose of wonder as only the stellar creative team of Keith Giffen, J.M. DeMatteis and Kevin Maguire can deliver!

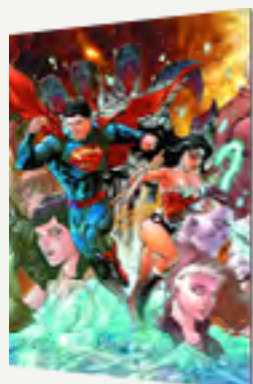


NIGHTWING ANNUAL #1

**Kyle Higgins | Jason
Masters**

Robin and Batgirl grew up fighting side by side... but with Dick Grayson about to embark on a new crimefighting quest and Barbara Gordon no longer fighting under the Bat, is there anything

left between them? Following the "Batgirl: Wanted" epic, this is the story of a twosome with nothing left to lose, fighting for the only thing they can: each other!



**SUPERMAN /
WONDER WOMAN #1**

**Charles Soule | Tony
S. Daniel | Matt Batt
Banning**

Beginning a bold new series that details the relationship between The Man of Steel and the Warrior Princess as rising star writer

Charles Soule is joined by fan favorite artist Tony S. Daniel to tell the tale of a romance that will shake the stars themselves. These two super-beings love each other, but not everyone shares their joy. Some fear it, some test it-and some will try to kill for it. Some say love is a battlefield, but where Superman and Wonder Woman are concerned it spells Doomsday!

This issue features an amazing wraparound gatefold cover that opens up to a triptych with Superman and Wonder Woman in the center!



**WITCHING HOUR #1
(MR)**

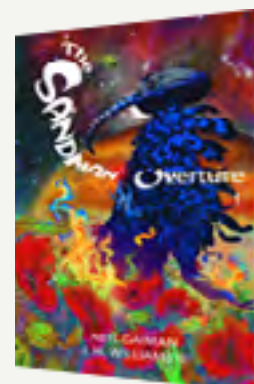
**Kelly Sue DeConnick |
Cliff Chiang | Various**

The secret spell to controlling the universe is contained in this anthology! Also included are nine new supernatural tales by a coven of the best writers

and artists VERTIGO could cram into 70 pages. Practice witchcraft with VERTIGO and destroy all men!



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**SANDMAN
OVERTURE #1 (OF 6)
(MR)**

**Neil Gaiman | J. H.
Williams**

Twenty-five years since THE SANDMAN changed the landscape of modern comics, Neil Gaiman's legendary series is back!

THE SANDMAN: OVERTURE heralds New York Times best-selling writer Neil Gaiman's return to the art form that made him famous, ably abetted by artistic luminary JH Williams III (BATWOMAN, PROMETHEA), whose lush, widescreen images provide an epic scope to The Sandman's origin story. From the birth of a galaxy to the moment that Morpheus is captured, THE SANDMAN: OVERTURE will feature cameo appearances by fan-favorite characters such as The Corinthian, Merv Pumpkinhead and, of course, the Dream King's siblings: Death, Desire, Despair, Delirium, Destruction and Destiny.

"People have often asked me what happened to Morpheus to make it possible for him to be captured in THE SANDMAN #1," Gaiman said. "And now they get to find out. And finding out, they get to learn secrets of the Endless that I've kept to myself for 25 years. Family secrets. And I should warn you: one of the Endless dies on page five."

The first issue of this 6-issue, bimonthly miniseries features a stunning double-page interior foldout.



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MEMORY COLLECTORS #1 (OF 3)

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Three jaded fetish models are unexpectedly thrown into a violent world and made to confront a horrible and unperceived truth: Hidden among us are

entities that feed on the very thing we hold most sacred, our memories. No longer content with their lives as hunted cattle, they become the hunters.



STAR TREK KHAN #1 (OF 5)

Mike Johnson | Claudia Balboni

"Shall we begin?"

Don't miss this all-new mini-series event overseen by Star Trek Into Darkness writer/producer Roberto Orci!

Witness the shocking origin of Khan Noonien Singh from his earliest years through his rise to power during the epic Eugenics Wars! Behold the events that led to his escape from Earth aboard the Botany Bay! Learn the truth behind his re-awakening by Admiral Marcus and Section 31!

It's the origin of Star Trek's greatest villain, only from IDW!



TRIPLE HELIX #1 (OF 4)

John Byrne

Where TRIO stopped, HELIX starts! There's a MONSTER on the loose in the City... but will the mysterious CHANGELINGS of TRIPLE HELIX destroy it before they realize it's

really an old FRIEND?



SAMURAI JACK #1

Jim Zub | Andy Suriano

Cartoon Network's hit animated series is back at IDW!

The legendary samurai known only as 'Jack' is stranded in a strange future ruled by the demonic wizard, Aku. His quest to return back to the past has tested him many times, but now the stakes are higher than ever. Can an ancient relic known

as the Rope of Eons finally take him home?

Writer Jim Zub (Skullkickers, Street Fighter) and artist Andy Suriano (Character Designer on the original Samurai Jack TV series) begin a new era of samurai adventure!



ZOMBIE WAR #1 (OF 2)

Kevin Eastman | Tom Skulan | Eric Talbot

When the denizens of Earth's military cemeteries begin to rise from the dead, who will stop them?

Over ZOMBIE WAR's two giant-sized issues,

Jina, a tough-as-nails fighter pilot sets about uncovering what reanimated these heavily armed monsters and more importantly, what will stop them?!

Featuring scripts and layouts by TMNT co-creator Kevin Eastman and art by Eric Talbot (Heavy Metal), this new incarnation will present ZOMBIE WAR in full color for the first time, courtesy of TMNT colorist Ronda Pattison!



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BUSHIDO #1 (OF 5)

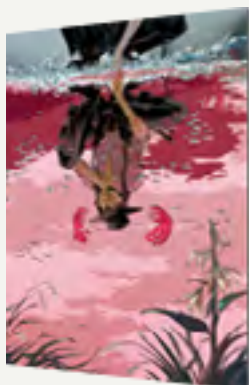
Rob Levin | Studio Hive

VAMPIRES IN FEUDAL JAPAN!

Kichiro is an outsider in feudal Japan. Lacking the Japanese blood that would allow him to become a samurai,

Kichiro must fulfill his dreams of serving the shogun in a less traditional manner... by eliminating every foreign supernatural threat that rears its fangs!

This Halloween month, treat yourself to an issue of BUSHIDO each Wednesday! All FIVE issues of Top Cow's and Heroes and Villains Entertainment's latest series will be released in October. Order now... if you dare!



PRETTY DEADLY #1 (MR)

Kelly Sue DeConnick | Emma Rios | Jordie Bellaire

KELLY SUE DECONNICK (Avengers Assemble, Captain Marvel) & EMMA RÍOS (Dr. Strange, Osborn) reunite to bring you

an all-new ongoing series that marries the magical realism of Sandman with the western brutality of Preacher. Death's daughter rides the wind on a horse made of smoke and her face bears the skull marks of her father. Her tale of retribution is as beautifully lush as it is unflinchingly savage.



ROCKET GIRL #1

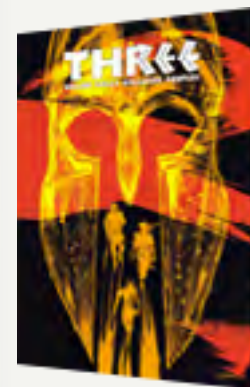
Brandon Montclare | Amy Reeder

A teenage cop from a high-tech future is sent back in time to 1986 New York City. Dayoung Johansson is investigating the Quintum Mechanics megacorporation for crimes against time. As she pieces together the clues, she discovers the "future" she calls home - an alternate reality version of 2013 - shouldn't exist at all!

Blast off with the new ongoing series by BRANDON MONTCLARE (Halloween Eve) and Eisner Award nominee AMY REEDER (Batwoman, Madame Xanadu).

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THREE #1

Kieron Gillen | Ryan Kelly | Jordie Bellaire

When a member of the Spartan ruling class visits an isolated homestead of Helot workers, a brutal massacre is only the beginning. KIERON GILLEN (PHONOGRAM, Über,

Iron Man), RYAN KELLY (Saucer County, Local) and JORDIE BELLAIRE (THE MANHATTAN PROJECTS, NOWHERE MEN) unite to tell the heroic story of three slaves and their desperate attempt to escape 300 of the finest warriors who've ever lived.



VELVET #1 (MR)

Ed Brubaker | Steve Epting | Bettie Breitweiser

ED BRUBAKER and STEVE EPTING redefined Captain America with the "Winter Soldier" saga... and everything they've done so far has been leading

to VELVET!

When the world's best secret agent is killed, Velvet Templeton, the Personal Assistant to the Director of the Agency, is drawn off her desk and back into the field for the first time in nearly 20 years... and is immediately caught in a web of mystery, murder and hi-octane action.

Sexy and provocative, with a dark twist on the spy genre, this EXTRA-LENGTH first issue by two of the industry's best-selling creators will knock you out!



WALKING DEAD TYREESE SPECIAL (MR)

Robert Kirkman | Tony Moore

Just in time for the premiere of Season Four of the TV show! Tyreese, a character prominently featured in the season, gets a

spotlight here. The special issue reprints his first appearance from THE WALKING DEAD #7 as well as a new origin story, first printed in THE WALKING DEAD: FREE COMIC BOOK DAY SPECIAL.



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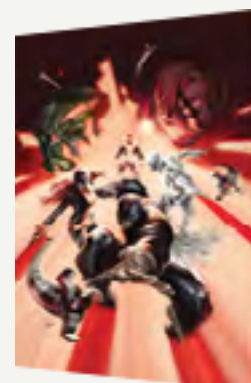
CAPTAIN AMERICA LIVING LEGEND #1 (OF 4)

Andy Diggle | Adi Granov

When a top-secret orbital research station is dragged from the sky by an unknown alien force, army-of-one Steve Rogers finds himself caught between two global superpowers on the brink of war!

But how does it involve Volkov - a decorated Russian officer he last crossed paths with during the closing days of World War II, who disappeared on an ill-fated lunar mission over forty years ago?

Andy Diggle and Adi Granov send living legend Captain America on a one-man mission into the heart of darkness-in search of another!



ALL NEW X-MEN SPECIAL #1

Mike Costa z Kris Anka

PART ONE OF "THE ARMS OF THE OCTOPUS!"

The All-New X-Men cross over with the Indestructible Hulk and

Superior Spider-Man!

What does Doctor Octopus want with the All-New X-Men and HOW IS HE ALIVE?!

This gets the immediate attention of Superior Spider-Man, but what does it have to do with the Hulk?



CATACLYSM #0.1

Joshua Hale Fialkov | Various

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FANTOMEX MAX #1 (OF 4) (MR)

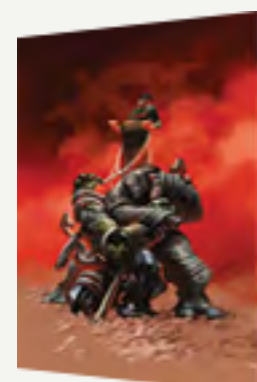
Andrew Hope | Shawn Crystal

The X-Men's own International Super-Thief in his own MAX miniseries!

Sexy secret agents, weird weaponry, vintage

champagne and a damsel in distress.

All the uncensored action you could ever want in a comic... and MORE!



INDESTRUCTIBLE HULK SPECIAL #1

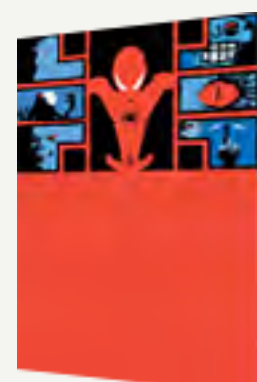
Mike Costa | Jake Wyatt

PART TWO OF "THE ARMS OF THE OCTOPUS!"

Banner helps The All-New X-Men and Superior Spider-Man get

to the mystery of Doc Ock!

But before they solve anything they're shocked by the return of the believed-dead ABOMINATION!



MARVEL KNIGHTS SPIDER-MAN #1 (OF 5)

Matt Kindt | Marco Rudy

From the haunted heights of a mysterious castle to the dizzying depths of the deep seas, the Amazing Spider-Man has to take on not

one, not six, not twelve - but ninety-nine of the Marvel Universe's deadliest villains to save the lives of countless innocents!

Matt Kindt (Mind MGMT) and Marco Rudy amp Thing) bring you a defining hour in the life of the webbed wonder in a race against time and a battle against evil.



**THOR:
CROWN OF FOOLS #1**

Bryan J. L. Glass | Andrea Di Vito

Join Thor, Sif, the Warriors Three - and even that sneaky trickster Loki - on an all-new, all-Asgardian adventure!

What deep-buried secrets will the Crown of Fools reveal about Thor's allies-and can the god of thunder resist his own temptations to free his friends?

Plus: Also reprinting the first appearance of Malekith the Accursed!



**MARVEL UNIVERSE:
AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE #1**

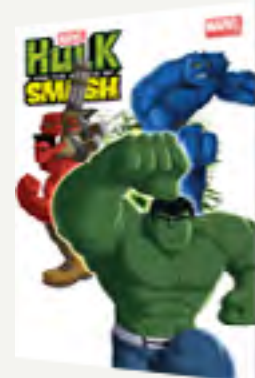
Joe Caramagna | TBD

Earth's Mightiest Heroes, the AVENGERS explode onto the scene with a new series and an all-new team member!

To save his own life, the RED SKULL must transfer his mind to a more fit body! And he has chosen the body of ...CAPTAIN AMERICA!

Based on the hit animated series, now airing on DISNEY XD!

Extra-sized issue with bonus LEGO comics featuring Marvel's greatest heroes!



**MARVEL UNIVERSE
HULK AGENTS OF
SMASH #1 (OF 4)**

Joe Caramagna | Various

Join the INCREDIBLE HULK, and his larger-than-life teammates as they tackle threats that are too enormous for other heroes to handle

in this all-new series!

Based on the upcoming animated series on DISNEY XD by the Emmy Award-winning Paul Dini ("Batman: The Animated Series") and Henry Gilroy ("Star Wars: The Clone Wars")



**MARVEL:
NOW WHAT? #1**

Various

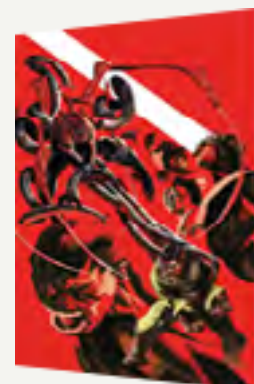
Get ready for the NOWest book in Marvel NOW History - Marvel NOW WHAT?!

SEE NOW! Captain America get Cat Fished! SEE NOW! The

Intervention of the Watcher! SEE NOW! The Wedding of Thor and Storm!

All that and more as a cast of comedy's shining stars and Marvel's most exciting artists bring you the stories of Marvel NOW that you never thought you'd ever

want to see - but you do want to see it, and you want it NOW!



**SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN
TEAM UP
SPECIAL #1**

Mike Costa | Michael Dialynas

PART THREE OF "THE ARMS OF THE OCTOPUS!"

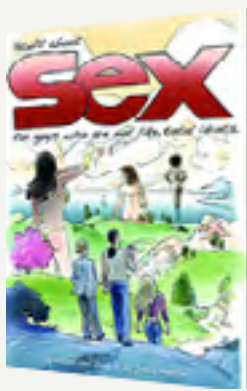
Who is in league with Doc Ock and the Abomination and how

can our heroes defeat them?

Can the Superior Spider-Man (who we all know is the mind of Otto Octavius in the body of Spider-Man) hold onto his sanity while facing his doppelganger?



**NEW TITLES SHIPPING
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STUFF ABOUT SEX (ONE-SHOT)

TOP SHELF
PRODUCTIONS

David Mellon

Hey dude! So... you've never had sex before. Or maybe you have, but you're not 100% sure what you're doing or how to feel about it. Well,

join the club! Thoughtful, funny, and sincere, David Mellon's *Stuff About Sex...* For Guys Who Are Not Like, Total Idiots is both an instruction manual and a pep talk, man-to-man, about the things they never tell you — the who, the what, and especially the why. It's full of friendly tips: how to make a good impression, how to do more staying cool and do less freaking out, and how to be the kind of lover that girls love instead of the selfish douche they complain to their friends about. So check it out, your future sweetie will be glad you did!



DEPARTMENT OF MONSTEROLOGY #1

RENEGADE ARTS
ENTERTAINMENT

Gordon Rennie | P. J. Holden

Investigating the Dark Forgotten Corners of our World, one Monster at a Time. Following the Department of

Cryptozoology, as they find and fight undead armies from the sands of Egypt, Cold Ones from the depths, and the people hell-bent on using them all for evil.



THE SHADOW NOW #1 (OF 6)

DYNAMITE
ENTERTAINMENT

David Liss | Colton Worley

Having spent decades in the east to rejuvenate himself, the greatest pulp hero of them all, The Shadow, returns to

New York in modern times. Lamont Cranston seeks to resume his old life, and his heroic alter-ego is ready to stand once more as an enemy to evil. But while he was gone, his foes have remained vigilant, and the most dangerous man The Shadow has ever faced prepares to rise once more. It's the shocking beginning to a new era for The Shadow!

SELECTED TITLES SHIPPING IN OCTOBER



CRYPTOZOIC MAN #1 (OF 4)

DYNAMITE
ENTERTAINMENT

Walter Flanagan |
Bryan Johnson |
Walter Flanagan

From Walt Flanagan & Bryan Johnson of AMC TV's "Comic Book Men"!

Alan Ostman, a middle-

aged husband/father, sees his life quickly unravel when his daughter goes missing on a camping trip in the Pacific Northwest... Bigfoot country. After gray aliens abduct him from a roadside bar, he learns that the fate of the world is dependent on trapping the world's most legendary cryptids...not to mention defeating a psychopath in a pig-shaped leather bondage mask. Alan knows he has his work cut out for him.

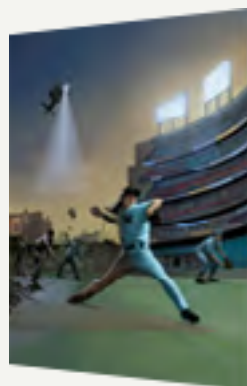


GHOST COP #1 (OF 3)

ANTARCTIC PRESS
V.J. Boyd | Justin
Boyd | Christian
DiBari

In 1947, hard-boiled police detective Tom Fraley was murdered by a vicious serial killer. Now, in 2013, someone

is replicating that killer's pattern. Fraley's spirit returns to hunt down the criminal and take vengeance for his own death.



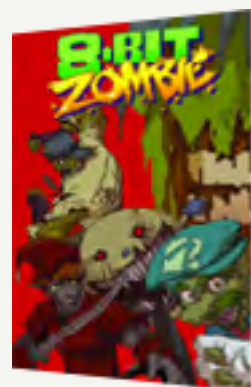
ROCKTHROWER #1

NEW PARADIGM
STUDIOS, CO.

Karl Bollers | Paul
Mendoza | Gene
DeCicco | Various

Dave Willis, a down and out baseball scout on his last leg, jets to Israel after seeing news footage of a Palestinian teen throwing

rocks with a speed and accuracy that defies even the best pitchers on most Major League Baseball teams. Does it really matter he's throwing them at Israeli soldiers? This new potential pitching discovery could redeem Dave in the eyes of his peers. But when the former athlete finds himself in the middle of a decades old conflict, will he fail in his mission before having a chance to even succeed?



8-BIT ZOMBIES #1 (ONE-SHOT)

ANTARCTIC PRESS
Fred Perry | David
Hutchison

Fred Perry (Gold Digger, Zombie Kid Diaries, Action Time Buddies) and David Hutchison (Biowulf, Mischief and Mayhem, Steamcraft)

team up to provide the most pixelated presentation of putrefied panic to grace the printed page! Zombies are roaming the streets, and no one is safe from being converted or devoured! The graphics may be low-res, but the terror's strictly high-def!



WILDER (ONE-SHOT)

MONSTERVERSE LLC
Mark Kidwell | Andrew
Mangum

December 1944: Private Roy Wilder and his fellow U.S. soldiers flee through the Ardennes Forest pursued by Nazi storm troopers. Wilder

falls as his brothers die in a hail of enemy lead. Wounded and helpless, he finds unexpected salvation as savage, unnatural howls tear the night and the full moon glistens off the blood-soaked snow. Wilder's destiny is forever changed and the Nazis face a deadly new foe.



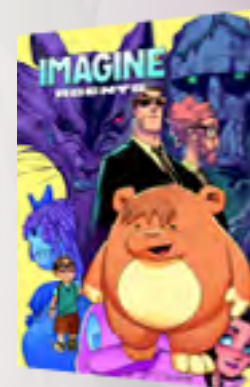
LETTER 44 #1

ONI PRESS

Charles Soule |
Alberto Alburquerque
| Warren Wucinich

There's something up there. As newly elected President Stephen Blades reads the letter left for him in the Oval

Office by his predecessor, he learns this stunning secret: seven years earlier, NASA discovered an alien construction project in the asteroid belt. A crew of heroic astronauts was sent to investigate, and they're nearing the conclusion of their epic journey. Don't miss the first chapter in this thrilling tale of real-world space travel, intrigue, and secret histories!



IMAGINE AGENTS #1 (OF 4)

BOOM! STUDIOS

Brian Joines | Bachan

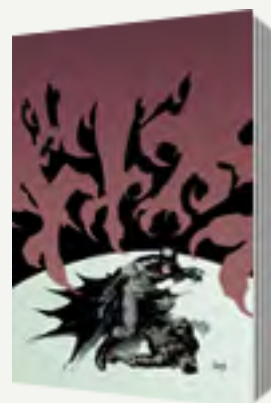
Brian Joines' story is one of wit, originality, and heart, complemented by imaginative and loveable art by Bachan. Big action

and bigger fun in the vein of *Men in Black* and *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, with a dash of Chew. Ever try to wrangle an illiterate, 30-foot tall rock monster away from his 5-year-old best friend? Or calm down a 400 pound muscle-man rag-doll during her daily temper-tantrum? For Dave and Terry, it's all in a day's work. As agents for I.M.A.G.I.N.E., they are responsible for keeping your imaginary friends in-line... Little do they know that six-year-old Elliot and his best bear-friend, Furdgurr, are about to be entangled in a plan to change everything!



NOVEL IDEAS

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BATMAN: NIGHT OF THE OWLS

SNYDER | TYNION IV
| DANIEL | TOMASI |
WINICK | SIMONE |
LOBDELL | CAPULLO |
FABOK | OTHERS
DC, 368 pages

In these stories from Batman #8-9, Batman Annual #1, Detective Comics #9, Batman: The Dark Knight #9, Batwing #9, Batman And Robin #9, Red Hood And The Outlaws #9, Birds Of Prey #9, Batgirl #9, Nightwing #8-9 and All-Star Western #9, evil spreads across Gotham City as Red Robin, Batwing, Robin, Batgirl, the Birds of Prey, Nightwing and even Catwoman find themselves in a battle coming from all sides.



JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY FEATURING SIF VOL. 2: SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION

IMMONEN | SCALERA |
SCHITI
Marvel, 112 pages

Beta Ray Bill returns! After her recent misadventures, Sif is working on controlling her berserker rages. But when a certain hammer-wielding, space-faring ex shows up, all bets are off! Can the burly Bill and the scorching Sif deny their fiery past? Do they even want to? And when the mysterious spaceship the Ark turns against them, it's all swords and hammers on deck as allies mutate, dead exes arise, and the ship gives up its secrets! To save the goddess Gaea, Sif and Beta Ray Bill race to stop the Ark — and the finish line is Asgardia! Plus: Volstagg's daughter only wanted a midnight snack, but something is rampaging in the lower kitchens of Asgardia! Sif, Thor, the Warriors Three and more must join forces to chain the vicious beast once and for all.

Collecting Journey Into Mystery (1952) #651-655.



MARA

BRIAN WOOD | MING
DOYLE
Image Comics, 136 pages

Acclaimed creator Brian Wood (The Massive, DMZ, X-Men) and brilliant newcomer Ming Doyle (Guardians of the Galaxy, Fantastic Four, Girl Comics) bring you MARA, the story of an especially gifted woman in a sports- and war-obsessed future. When she starts manifesting strange superpowers, the world that once embraced her turns against her, and for this young woman who once had it all, it's almost too much to bear. Both an intimate coming-of-age story and an epic superhero drama, Mara takes the genre to new places. Young adult friendly. Perfect for readers of Wood's Demo, Local, and X-Men work. Collects Mara #1-6.

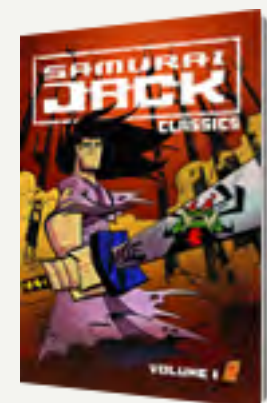


CONAN VOL. 14: THE DEATH

WOOD | CLOONAN |
LOLOS | SHALVEY
Dark Horse, 152 pages

Conan and Bêlit are the undisputed masters of the Western Ocean, their names whispered in fearful awe all along the Black Coast. But while fellow seafarers know better than to challenge their reign, other threats arrive from unexpected places. Such as when Conan returns to Cimmeria to track down an impostor destroying villages in his name, only to discover a tragic connection to his own past!

Collects Conan the Barbarian #7-#12.



SAMURAI JACK CLASSICS VOL. 1

TARTAKOVSKY | BUSCH
| ALEXANDER | FISCH |
NAYLOR | CHIARELLO |
MOY | DAVIS | GARCIA-
FUENTES | WRAY
IDW Publishing, 132 pages

Jack is back! The hit TV show turned hit comic book returns in this collection of classic Samurai Jack stories. Kicking off with Jack's origin story and continuing through the first of his "Action Pack" tales, see Jack's first battle with Aku as the events that propel the entire series unfold! It's sword-swinging, fist-pumping, vengeance-getting action at its best.

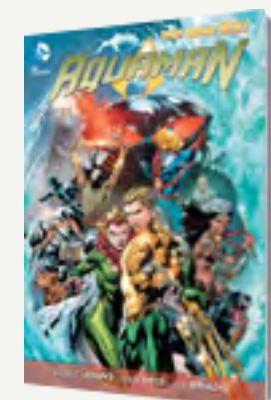


X-MEN VOL. 1: PRIMER

WOOD | COIPEL |
LOPEZ
Marvel, 112 pages

Because you demanded it! The X-Women get their own book, from critically acclaimed superstars Brian Wood (X-Men, Ultimate X-Men, DMZ, The Massive) and Olivier Coipel (AVX, House Of M, Thor)! An old enemy shows up at the X-Men's door, seeking asylum from an ancient evil. John Sublime is back, but he's not who we should be afraid of! Who or what is Arkea? Meanwhile, Jubilee returns home — with an orphaned baby who might hold the key to Earth's survival — or its destruction! Against a backdrop of what seems like an alien invasion and an eons-spanning war between brother and sister, Storm puts together a team to protect the child and stop a new threat that could destroy all life on the planet! Plus: Jubilee's classic first appearance!

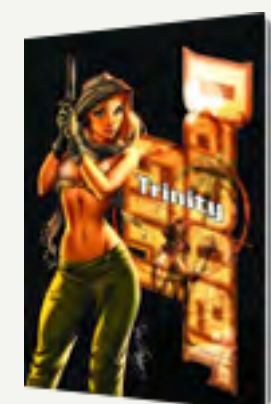
Collecting X-Men (2013) #1-4 and Uncanny X-Men (1963) #244.



AQUAMAN VOL. 2: THE OTHERS

JOHNS | REIS | PRADO
DC, 160 pages

In these stories from Aquaman #7-13, Aquaman joins up with his old teammates, The Others, to learn who destroyed Atlantis! But as they seek the truth, Black Manta is stalking them all—and Mera learns some dark truths about Aquaman!



DANGER GIRL: TRINITY

HARTNELL | ROYLE |
MOLNAR | TOLIBAO
IDW Publishing, 104 pages

It's three times the action, three times the thrills, and three times the danger!!! Abbey, Sydney, and Sonya embark on three different knuckle-clenching adventures, each an epic tale of intrigue and derring-do, and each drawn by a different fantastic artist.



BATMAN AND ROBIN VOL. 2: PEARL

TOMASI | GLEASON
| GRAY | GARBETT |
CLARKE | OTHERS
DC, 176 pages

Damian has a long way to go before he'll be accepted into Gotham City's crimefighting family in these stories from BATMAN AND ROBIN #9-14 and #0.

How can he live up to the standards that Nightwing, Red Robin and Red Hood set before him? After a battle with the former Robins, can Damian's convictions stand up to a confrontation with The Dark Knight's greatest foe: The Joker?



THOR VS. THANOS

JURGENS | ROMITA JR.
| RYAN | ORDWAY |
LADRONN
Marvel, 256 pages

It's the God of Thunder vs. the Mad Titan, and the stakes are higher than ever as writer Dan Jurgens introduces perilous new threats to both Asgard and Earth! Thanos has gathered artifacts that threaten Earth's very existence, and he's got the all-powerful Mangog at his side! For all his godly strength, can even Thor prevail against the might of two such powerful cosmic figures? Plus: Thor, Odin and the Scarlet Witch battle Enrakt the Enchanter in another dimension, while Loki gets up to more of his usual mischief! It's hammer-tossing, thunderous action just the way you like it!

Collecting Thor (1998) #18-25 and Thor Annual 2000.

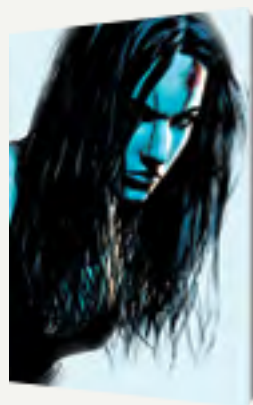


SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN VOL. 3: NO ESCAPE

SLOTT | CAMUNCOLI |
RAMOS
Marvel, 136 pages

The Spider-Slayer is scheduled for execution, and Mayor J. Jonah Jameson has called in the one man he can trust to oversee everything: the Superior Spider-Man! But when the Raft goes into complete shutdown, Spidey, Jonah, Glory and Norah are trapped inside with practically all the villains the Superior Spider-Man has brutalized during his short career! Now it's time for payoff! Then: The Superior Spider-Man takes down Shadowland. All of it. To the ground. And what's it like to be a villain once the Superior Spider-Man sets his sights on you? Find out from Phil Urich's point of view in what might be the final days of the Hobgoblin. Plus: Who's been helping the Tinkerer? And how is he, of all people, the reason everything in Spider-Man's life will be changed forever?

Collecting Superior Spider-Man #11-16.



LAZARUS VOL. 1

GREG RUCKA |
MICHAEL LARK
Image, 96 pages

Collecting the first four issues of the Eisner-winning team of Rucka and Lark's critically acclaimed new series about Forever Carlyle, the Lazarus of the Carlyle Family. Included are the first four issues of story, as well as the previously released introductory four-page short "Family: Prelude."

Collects LAZARUS #1-4.



BATMAN INCORPORATED VOL. 1: DEMON STAR

MORRISON |
BURNHAM | IRVING
DC, 176 pages

The first Batman Incorporated collection is now in trade paperback, with stories from issues #0-6!

Batman and Robin face off against the assassin called Goatboy as Leviathan's sinister mission continues to develop! Plus: Someone is trying to kill Damian; Wingman and Redbird descend upon Gotham City; and much more!



MY LITTLE PONY: PONY TALES VOL. 1

ZAHLER | LINDSAY
| COOK | KESEL
| ANDERSON |
MEBBERSON | FLEECS
| PRICE | BATES
IDW, 152 pages

Collecting the six hit spotlight issues on everyone's favorite ponies! Twilight Sparkle, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie...everybody gets a story!

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GREEN LANTERN CORPS VOL. 3: WILLPOWER HC

TOMASI | PASARIN |
CAFU | CHRIS CROSS |
OTHERS
DC, 256 pages

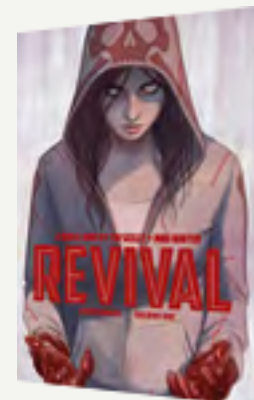
The Green Lantern Corps face their greatest threat ever when the Guardians deem them obsolete and raise The Third Army—but in doing so they unleash a far more dangerous threat: the First Lantern. Then, in the aftermath of their battle against the First Lantern and the Guardians, it's up to Guy Gardner, John Stewart and the other survivors to try to put the Corps back together, or decide if there should even BE a Corps anymore. Join Peter Tomasi and Fernando Pasarin for the epic conclusion of their run in these stories from Green Lantern Corps #15-20 and Green Lantern Corps Annual #1!



STAR TREK TNG / DOCTOR WHO: ASSIMILATION 2: COMPLETE SERIES

TIPTON | TIPTON | LEE
| WOODWARD | SHARP
BROS. | PURCELL
IDW, 200 pages

Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the USS Enterprise have joined forces with the Doctor and his companions to combat an unholy alliance between the Federation's most terrifying enemy and one of the Doctor's greatest antagonists. But once the Cybermen turn on their Borg allies, the Doctor and Picard find themselves at odds over how to proceed against the threat, with the fate of the universe hanging in the balance!

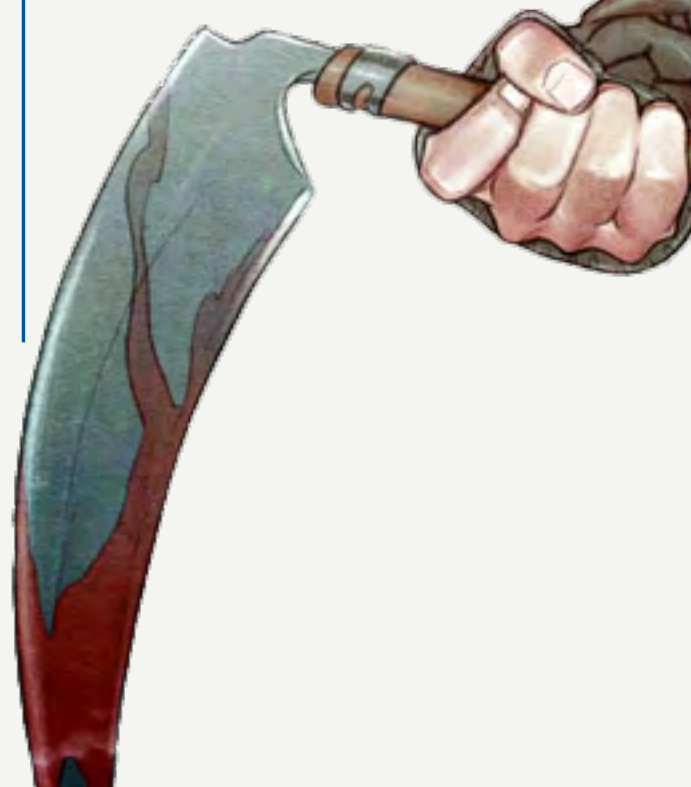


REVIVAL VOL. 1 DELUXE COLLECTION HC

SEELEY | NORTON
Image, 300 pages

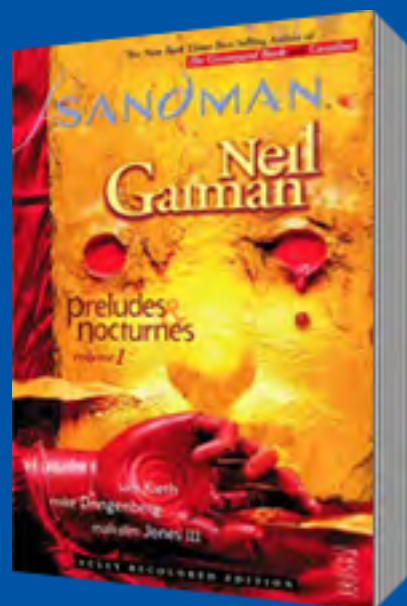
For one day in rural central Wisconsin, the dead came back to life. Now it's up to Officer Dana Cypress to deal with the media scrutiny, religious zealots, and government quarantine that has come with them. In a town where the living have to learn to deal with those who are supposed to be dead, Officer Cypress must solve a brutal murder, and everyone, alive or undead, is a suspect. The sell-out hit series created by New York Times Bestselling author Tim Seeley and Eisner-winning artist Mike Norton is collected in this oversized hardcover.

Collects Revival #1-11 and the Free Comic Book Day 2012 short story, plus many behind-the-scenes bonuses and other features.



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.



THE SANDMAN VOL.1: PRELUDES AND NOCTURNES

NEIL GAIMAN | VARIOUS

"The first volume collecting Neil Gaiman's seminal horror series is available in a new edition featuring the improved production values and coloring from the Absolute Edition. In 'Preludes And Nocturnes,' collecting issues #1-8, an occultist attempting to capture Death to bargain for eternal life traps Death's younger brother Dream instead. After his 70-year imprisonment and eventual escape, Morpheus goes on a quest for his lost objects of power. On his arduous journey Morpheus encounters Lucifer,

John Constantine and an all-powerful madman.

This book also includes the story "The Sound of Her Wings" which introduces the pragmatic, perky Death." - DC Vertigo

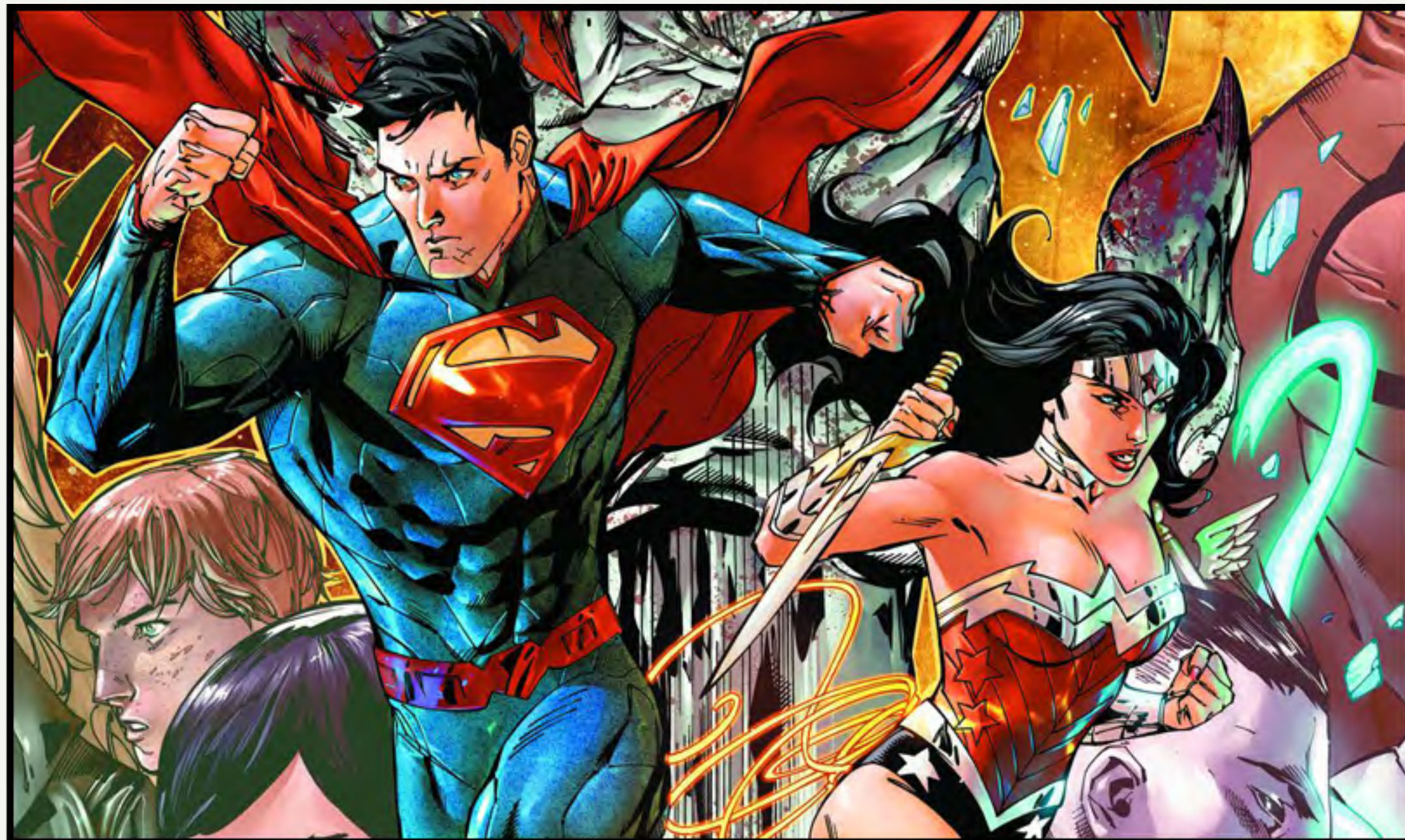
Centering on Dream's (or Morpheus's) journey to recover his artifacts of power, 'Preludes And Nocturnes' is essentially a folk tale about a monarch's quest to return to power and the trials he must undergo to do so. As an early example of the Sandman, the book has a handful of appearances and references to mainstream DC characters such as John Constantine, Etrigan The Demon and The Matian Manhunter, a feature that would become less common as the series progressed.

Gaiman creates a rich world of mysticism and esoteric characters that never feels pretentious. The writing is clever and engaging, and the characterisation distinct. The element of horror also present in 'Preludes', is another aspect that becomes infrequent as the series continues.

The dark and heavy artwork from Sam Keith, Mike Dringenberg and Malcolm Jones III is well executed throughout, with the chapters punctuated by Dave McKean's amazing cover art.

It's a great book, and yet many will say that the Sandman saga just gets better and better from here on...

£14.99 inc p&p



ONES TO WATCH

There are a number of titles to get excited about this October.

Firstly, Neil Gaiman's return to the iconic 'Sandman' series in 'The Sandman: The Overture'. The DC website has more information:

"On October 30th, Gaiman returns to his beloved universe for the first time in more than 10 years since ending the series. The story will explore Morpheus' world before he was captured, which is bound to captivate the hearts and imaginations of the most loyal fans and new readers alike. Brought to life by renowned artist J.H. Williams III (Batwoman, Promethea), The Sandman: Overture #1 will be an oversized issue and will showcase his talent with a spectacular interior gatefold.

"This is the one story that we never got to tell," Gaiman told The New York Times today. "In Sandman #1 Morpheus is captured somehow. Later on in the series, you learn he was returning from somewhere far, far away - but we never got to the story of what he was doing and what had happened. This is our chance to tell that story, and J.H. Williams III is drawing it. It's the most beautiful thing in the world."

Sandman fans may want to check out Image Comics' 'Pretty Deadly', the first creator-owned comics series by writer Kelly Sue DeConnick (Captain Marvel, Ghost) and artist Emma Ríos (The Amazing Spider-

Here's our look at the upcoming comics and graphic novels that you won't want to miss!

Man), hitting shelves on October 23rd. Inspired by spaghetti westerns, Japanese movies, and Grimm's fairy tales, and described as a stylistic cross between 'Sandman' and 'Preacher', 'Pretty Deadly' centres around Ginny, who happens to be Death's daughter and a reaper of vengeance, as she rides through the West on a horse made of smoke, her face tattooed with her heritage. Ye-hah!

From DC comics, we also have Superman/ Wonder Woman, an all-new ongoing series exploring the burgeoning relationship between the two DC goliaths following their surprising hook-up last year. Written by Charles Soule (Swamp Thing) and drawn by Tony Daniel (Action Comics, Detective Comics), it's an intriguing looking title debuting on October 9th.

Our cover star this month is Ed Brubaker and Steve Epting's 'Velvet', arriving October 23rd. The book is another creator-owned title from Image, and fans of 'Fatale' and 'Criminal' will know that, with Brubaker's pedigree, it's bound to be brilliant.

Brubaker: *"Velvet deals with espionage and a female spy ... A lot of what being a spy is about is pretending to be what you're not ... I started to build Velvet, and when I figured out her backstory, I felt like she was really powerful - especially in a world where women weren't allowed to be that powerful."*



BIFF'S BIT

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ACE GUIDE TO COLLECTING COMICS: PART ONE

Buying comics because you love reading comics is the easy way to collect comics. This means the value of the comics later on in life is not the driving force in your motivation to collect. It is a bonus if they accrue in value.

If you are buying solely to make money then this is a much more difficult criteria to fulfil. Buying modern comics, 2000 to 2013 will, for every success, provide you a dozen failures. After 40 years of comic retailing I have yet to find that unique ability to constantly know what will be a long term winner. The one time I did get it 100% correct, with Ultimate Spider-Man Vol.1. #1, I still sold all my stock before it hit top price. However, this is the double edge sword of being a retailer. I need to sell product all the time. I will always be selling too soon.

As a pure collector you have time on your side to properly assess when to sell. To make money you must set parameters, high and low, at the price at which you will sell if it is not a success and the price at which, as it rises, you will sell (cut and run). Exactly as stock market investors approach their investments. Once sold never dwell on any 'what might have been' thoughts, just move on. Determine your profit/loss parameters and never look back.

Modern comics are a tricky business but investing in established titles with proven track records, whose price has been determined over decades, is a much easier choice. Here, the risk is less and hence the increases will be less,



but consistent. A modern comic bought for £2.50 could easily rise to £100 within a year, a forty fold increase. Amazing Spider-Man #1 bought for £10,000 will not rise to £400,000 within a year. Between 2012 and 2013 this particular issue has risen by about 2%.

Conversely the £2.50 comic could rise

to £100 and fall back to £2.50 within 2 years, but Amazing Spider-Man #1 is very unlikely to drop in value. Track record at present suggests this will never happen.

My own thoughts on this are that comics published between 1939 and 1980 are an established commodity. With a little research you can soon establish which

titles you want to collect, what the past price increases have been and decided to invest or not.

My particular love for comics from previous decades is the window they give into the culture of that time. Adverts from the 1960s are fondly remembered by people of a certain age for exhorting you to sell seeds door to door or buy x-ray spectacles. As a 12 year old I so wanted the x-ray spectacles. Unfortunately they did not give you the powers of Superman. Each decade displays an overarching art and writing style which you do not perceive until time has past. I even find the occasional desecration of a comic page fascinating. In one comic I have, someone has given Superman moustaches on every page! I love that fact and find, for me, it adds to the value of the comic. It has become more than just a comic, but a comic that has seen generations read it. Whichever of the two camps you fall into, if you love your comics and want to make sure they last a lifetime and hold a value then preserving the condition of your comics is essential.

Next month I will detail the choices of comic bag, comic box and backing boards to use as protection. Polyethylene, Polypropylene or Mylar - that is the question, followed by Golden Age, Bronze Age or Modern. Alas poor Biff, the decisions are endless, but I will help guide you all through.

On behalf of all at ACE Colchester, ACE Southend, ACE Richmond and RED HOT COMICS...

...READ MORE COMICS!!