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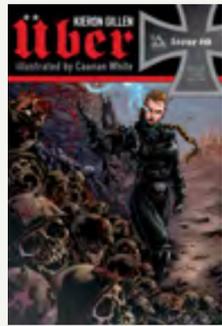
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**UBER #0**

KIERON GILLEN | CAANAN WHITE

Kieron Gillen unveils his epic new monthly series, launching with a special double-sized issue! 1945. Germany is in ruins. The war in the west can only be days away from ending. Threats of

“wunderwaffen” to be unleashed by the dying Reich have become laughable. There are no miracle weapons here. It’s over. It has to be over. It’s not. There’s been stories which have mixed enhanced humans and World War 2 before. There’s never been one like this. See super beings in a whole new light as Gillen presents an epic new series that not only rewrites history, it redefines the genre.

The Nazis have the Uber. The Allies don’t.



**HE-MAN AND THE MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE #1**

KEITH GIFFEN | POP MHAN

First exciting issue of the new, ongoing adventures of He-Man and the Masters of the Universe!

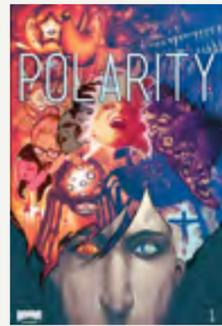
While the Masters of the Universe mourn the loss of a fallen friend, Hordak

infiltrates Eternia!

Featuring the return of She-Ra! Now known as Despara, the most lethal weapon in Hordak’s army, she returns to Eternia as He-Man’s newest enemy!



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**POLARITY #1**

MAX BEMIS | JORGE COELHO

From the mind of Say Anything frontman Max Bemis comes Polarity, a manic-depressive trip you’ll never forget.

Timothy Woods is a bipolar artist stuck in the world of hipsters,

meaningless sex, and vain art — better known as Brooklyn. But after he survives a near fatal car accident, Timothy discovers that his mental instability is more than just a disorder, and that his bipolar medication hasn’t just been subduing depression and uncontrollable mania... it’s been suppressing his super powers! Now it’s time for Timothy to stand up to his disease alongside an onslaught of wretched human villainy as he finally finds his place in the world.

Each issue comes with a free download for a new original song written and performed by Max Bemis!



**REGULAR SHOW #1**

K.C. GREEN | ALLISON STREJLAU

Regular Show... it’s anything but!

Cartoon Network’s powerhouse series now has its own comic book series! Hot on the heels of the smash hit adaptation, Adventure

Time, KaBOOM! unveils the next all-ages comic phenomenon! Join Mordecai the Bluejay and Rigby the Raccoon, a couple of best bros in their twenties just tryin’ to chill for a bit, man. But when you’re livin’ in as crazy a world as they are, no day can be called...regular!

Also available:

**REGULAR SHOW COMPLETE COVER BOX SET**

Cover Artists: NICK EDWARDS | NATHAN FOX | PHIL MCANDREW | JOHN ALLISON | NOELLE STEVENSON | CHUCK BB

Get all six main “character-focused” covers in a limited edition commemorative slipcase!

# NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN APRIL



**MISS FURY #1**

ROB WILLIAMS | JACK HERBERT

The pulp heroine returns! When Miss Fury foils a wartime plot by Nazi secret agents, she is catapulted through time... or so it seems. Is she really careening from past to future and back,

or has she lost her mind? And if her sanity remains intact, can one lone heroine possibly hope to end World War II by herself, a conflict still waged into the year 2013?

As witness to generations of bloodshed and violence, Miss Fury has lots of righteous rage... and anger is her fearsome power!



**DARK SHADOWS: YEAR ONE #1**

MARC ANDREYKO | GUIU VILANOVA

The origin of Dark Shadows, finally revealed! How did Barnabas Collins become a bloodthirsty vampire? What tragedies befell the Collins family through the generations?

All it took was one night of weakness, and Barnabas cursed his family — and himself — forever! The twisted tale of one of pop culture’s most iconic and enduring vampires begins here!



# NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN APRIL



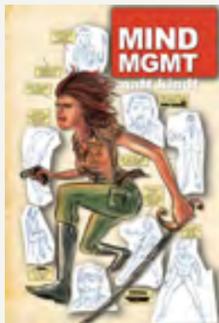
## 1 FOR \$1: THE MASSIVE #1

BRIAN WOOD |  
KRISTIAN DONALDSON

In a post-war, post-Crash, post-disaster, post-everything world, the environmental action trawler Kapital scours the earth's oceans for its missing sister ship, The

Massive, while struggling to redefine its core mission. Captain Callum Israel, a man who dedicated his life to the ocean, now must ask himself - as our planet dies - what it means to be an environmentalist after the world's already ended.

It's the perfect intro to The Massive: Volume 1! A great buy for new readers!



## 1 FOR \$1: MIND MGMT #1

MATT KINDT

Just in time for the first collection, the sold-out Mind Mgmt #1 is back in print - for \$1!

Now's your chance to catch up with Matt Kindt's brilliant tale of lost memories, the Mind

Management psychic spy agency, its most infamous defector, and the journalist who uncovers their incredible secrets!



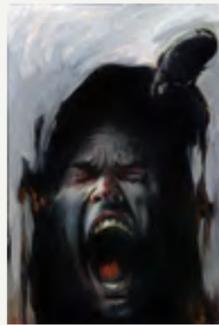
## AMALA'S BLADE #1

STEVE HORTON |  
MICHAEL DIALYNAS

The kingdom of Naamaron is bitterly divided into warring factions: the low-tech Purifiers and the high-tech Modifiers. Both fear the great vizier's deadliest assassin, Amala. But for

all her lethal skills, Amala's drawing too much attention for the vizier's taste. So what better way to deal with a troublesome cutthroat than to send her on a suicide mission?

Nonstop, kickass fun for fans of Avatar: The Last Airbender, Trigun, and Naruto.



## HOUSE OF GOLD & BONES #1

COREY TAYLOR |  
RICHARD CLARK

Trapped in an alternate reality, the Human must make his way to the House of Gold & Bones as he is chased by a crazed mob, and taunted by mysterious ally, Allen.

What the Human discovers on his journey will be his salvation . . . or his destruction.

Inspired by the Stone Sour album House of Gold & Bones.



## THE LAST OF US: AMERICAN DREAMS #1

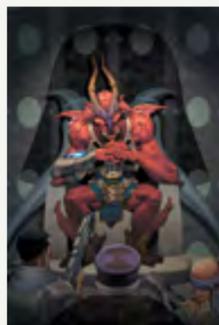
FAITH ERIN HICKS |  
NEIL DRUCKMANN

The comics-exclusive prequel to the new game from Naughty Dog! Creative director Neil Druckmann teams with breakout comics star Faith Erin Hicks to

present the story of thirteen-year-old Ellie's life in a violent, postpandemic world. A newcomer at a military boarding school, Ellie is reluctant to toe the line, which earns her new enemies—and her first glimpse of the world outside.

Must-read tie-in to the upcoming release from Naughty Dog Games!

Coscripted by The Last of Us art director and lead writer Neil Druckmann.



## STAR WARS: DARTH VADER AND THE NINTH ASSASSIN #1

TIM SIEDELL |  
STEPHEN THOMPSON

Eight assassins hired to murder Darth Vader—eight assassins dead. Now the man who enlisted them seeks a ninth assassin. The

price? A cost higher than all the credits in his bottomless coffers. But when it comes to avenging his son, no sacrifice is too great to acquire the one man who can kill the Dark Lord of the Sith...



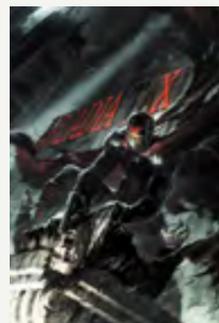
## ABE SAPIEN: DARK AND TERRIBLE #1

MIKE MIGNOLA | SCOTT ALLIE |  
SEBASTIÁN FIUMARA

Sebastián Fiumara (Loki, Mystery in Space) joins the Mignolaverse.

On the run from the B.P.R.D., a mutated Abe Sapien traverses a devastated America, with monster corpses scattered around and cities in ruin.

Abe's most defining moments in a new long-running series.



## X #0

DUANE SWIERCZYNSKI |  
ERIC NGUYEN

Three crime lords in the decaying city of Arcadia have received photographic death sentences from the mysterious "X Killer." Their cunning defenses won't stop Arcadia's

vigilante from making sure each one of them suffers.

From the pages of Dark Horse Presents, Duane Swierczynski (Punisher, Godzilla) and Eric Nguyen brutally relaunch Dark Horse's classic vigilante! Super Violent!



# NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN APRIL



## INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE #1

PHIL HESTER | TODD NAUCK

In the aftermath of INVINCIBLE 100 and "The Death of Everyone," Dinosaurus has left his mark on the world. Can heroes from across the universe – Invincible, the Guardians of the Globe, Tech Jacket, the Astounding Wolf-Man and more – contain the damage done? Or are the end times of the Invincible Universe ahead?



## '68 JUNGLE JIM #1

MARK KIDWELL | JEFF ZORNOW

Vietnam, 1968: Behind enemy lines, Private Brian Curliss is alone. The enemy caged him, the dead want to devour him and the voices in his head are driving him to madness. A madness

that emerges in the form of an unstoppable killing machine wrapped in burlap and bamboo...

Curliss is a one-man-army, sworn to wade through a wet red jungle gone straight to hell in search of a ghost named Jungle Jim. To the Viet Cong, he's a nightmare. To POWs trapped in enemy hands, he's salvation. To the legions of shambling, hungry dead...He's the Grim Reaper in a gas mask.

MeatGrinder Studios and Image Comics return to the grim world of '68 with an all-new, four-issue series continuing the story of Jungle Jim. The brutal sequel to the original one-shot, Jungle Jim #1 fleshes out the new dark star of the Vietnam/Zombie apocalypse. Scripted by Mark Kidwell with savage artwork by Jeff Zornow and Jay Fotos. Covers by Jeff Zornow, Nat Jones and Jay Fotos.



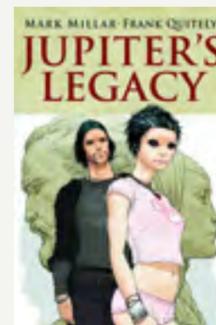
## CHIN MUSIC #1

STEVE NILES | TONY HARRIS

Shaw is a man on the run and lost in time. Fleeing ancient enemies, Shaw finds himself in prohibition-era Chicago surrounded by gangsters and demons alike and caught between law enforcement and the

local supernatural underground.

Chin Music is a tale of mysticism and violence like nothing you've experienced before.



## JUPITER'S LEGACY #1

MARK MILLAR | FRANK QUITELY

The comic-book event of 2013 finally arrives as superstar creators Mark Miller and Frank Quitely give us the superhero epic that all future comics will be measured by.

The world's greatest heroes have grown old and their legacy is a poisonous one to the children who will never live up to their remarkable parents. Unmissable.



## MICE TEMPLAR IV: LEGEND #1

BRYAN J.L. GLASS | MICHAEL AVON OEMING | VICTOR SANTOS

"A Dangerous Faith"

Long ago, the valiant Templar destroyed themselves through a vicious civil war, allowing the bloodthirsty crusade of the tyrant king Icarus to destroy mouse culture. Yet the inspiring tale of the young mouse Karic promises to restore the fractured Templar and overthrow the mad king. But while some accept Karic as a prophecy for good, still others see his rising legend as an omen of evil.

Thus begins the climactic chapter in the epic saga of hope and despair, of tragedy and triumph, and where every secret will at last be revealed.



## MIGHTY SKULLKICKERS #1

JIM ZUB | EDWIN HUANG

Mighty Skullkickers: A classic relaunch that blazes a new trail with familiar fan favorite sensibilities. A bold, new direction, a continuing story and a brand new adjective! Our twenty-

first issue is brand a new #1! Our B cover is a variant with the original numbering, in case readers want their issue super-duper "old school."



## MINIATURE JESUS #1

TED McKEEVER

Devil on one shoulder - angel on the other.

One tells you to do bad things, the other... well, you get the idea.

Bad news for a recovering alcoholic if the "good" one is MIA.

Between a liquor-gulping demon and a mummified cat hell-bent on mucking up his fragile stability with esoteric trappings of Egyptian Gods, it's all about to make our hero's day hit the proverbial fan.



## WITCHBLADE: DAY OF THE OUTLAW #1

JOSHUA FIALKOV | NELSON BLAKE II

Showdown with the Witchblade of the wild west!

In the days of the Wild West, before Sara Pezzini claimed her destiny, Witchblade

bearer Sheriff Enola protected the high plains from the Darkness that lurked beyond the horizon. Although her townspeople lived in peace, they were always mistrusting of their sheriff-witch. With her town seeking to banish her and the Darkness angling for a duel, will the Witchblade be enough to save Enola from becoming a footnote in the annals of the blade's history?

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## THE COLONIZED #1

CHRIS RYALL | DREW MOSS  
Part 1: "Minutemen in Black"

In this all-new miniseries, a spaceship crashes into a separatist camp and manages to reanimate the dead as well! It's aliens vs. zombies vs. militiamen in a carnage-

filled tale from the co-creator of *Zombies vs Robots!* And if that ain't enough, covers for this series will be by acclaimed *Cerebus* creator, Dave Sim!



## DANGER GIRL: TRINITY #1

ANDY HARTNELL | JOHN ROYLE | STEPHEN MOLNAR | BRIAN STELFREEZE

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 - It's a triple-play of danger that will climax with the biggest surprise of the year!



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: CUTTER #1

R.A. & GENO SALVATORE | DAVID BALDEON

Birthright! Tierflin and Doum'weille are half-Drow siblings, locked in competition for the ownership of the bloodthirsty sword Khazid'hea - the Cutter!

Their father, the Drow renegade Tos'un - a veteran of battles against the Kingdom of Many-Arrows - is forced to choose his heir... but what does the powerful sword have to say on the subject?

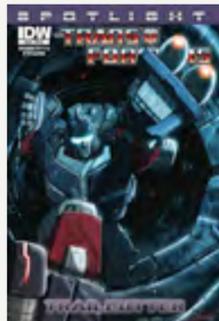


## G.I. JOE: THE COBRA FILES #1

MIKE COSTA | ANTONIO FUSO

A snake in their midst! Her name is Chameleon - and she used to be a COBRA agent. Now she's made her way into the G.I. Joe team - the honest way. But

even with the best of intentions, does she have what it takes to fight on the side of the angels? Flint thinks she does, and he's willing to gamble the lives of this teammates on her... Unfortunately, with the Crimson Twin called Tomax pulling the strings, no bet is a sure thing.



## TRANSFORMERS SPOTLIGHT: TRAILCUTTER #1

JAMES ROBERTS | MATT FRANK

Stealth attack! Trailcutter has a problem: the Lost Light has been taken over by the Decepticons - and no one else seems to have noticed! Can the

Autobots' defense strategist singlehandedly see off an army of infiltrators? And even if he does, will it convince his crew mates that he's got more to offer than kind words and forcefields?



## ULTRON #1

TBD | AMILCAR PINNA

Ultron took over the world.

Ultron killed the heroes.

Ultron...is your father.

When you're Victor Mancha, android teen runaway, "daddy issues" doesn't quite cover it.



## THANOS RISING #1

JASON AARON | SIMONE BIANCHI

What comes after "Marvel NOW!?" Whatever it is, it starts here.

The vile face left movie audiences in shock after last summer's *Marvel Studios' "The Avengers"* movie, but who is this

eerily disturbing villain?

Thanos rises as the unrivaled rogue of wretchedness in this gripping tale of tragedy, deceit and destiny. Where did this demi-god of death and destruction come from and...more importantly what does he want?

The answers come from the incredible creative team of Jason Aaron (*Wolverine*, *X-Men Origins*) and Simone Bianchi (*Wolverine*, *Astonishing X-Men*) as they take you on journey that will not only change the course of one boy's life ...but will soon change the very nature of the Marvel Universe.



## X-MEN #1

BRIAN WOOD | OLIVIER COIPEL

Because you demanded it! The X-Women finally 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 come back to earth. Meanwhile, Jubilee has come home, and she's brought with her an orphaned baby who might hold the key to the 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 steps up and puts together a team to protect the child and stop a new threat that could destroy all life on earth!

# MARVEL

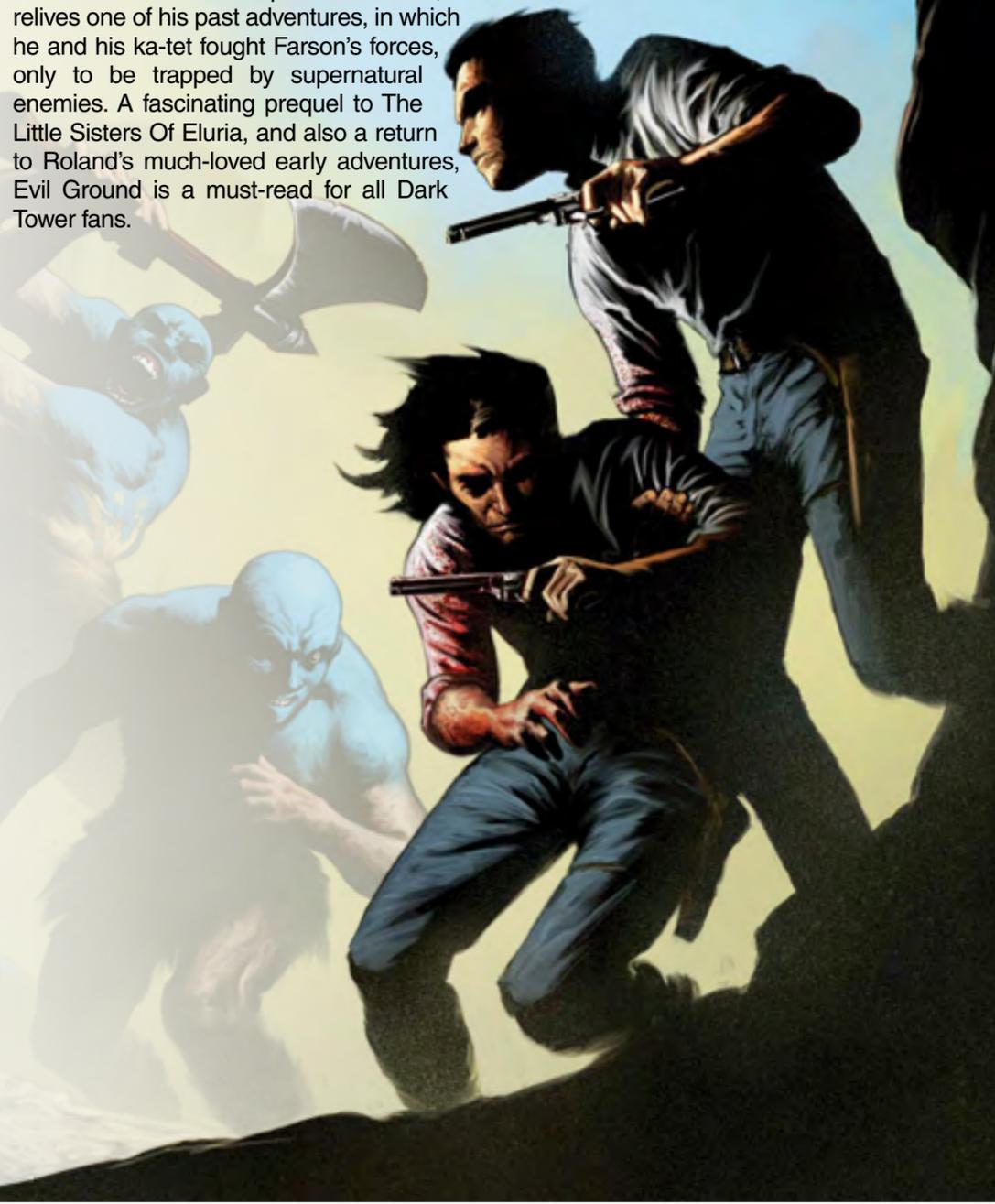


## DARK TOWER: THE GUNSLINGER - EVIL GROUND #1

ROBIN FURTH | PETER DAVID | RICHARD ISANOVE

While traveling through the Desatoya Mountains towards Eluria, Roland comes across a haunted camp. While there, he

relives one of his past adventures, in which he and his ka-tet fought Farson's forces, only to be trapped by supernatural enemies. A fascinating prequel to *The Little Sisters Of Eluria*, and also a return to Roland's much-loved early adventures, *Evil Ground* is a must-read for all *Dark Tower* fans.



# NOVEL IDEAS

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



## WOLVERINE: SEASON ONE PREMIERE HC

ACKER | BLACKER |  
ESPIN  
Marvel, 136 Pages

Discovered as a feral mutant prowling the wilds! Recruited as a covert operative by a secretive government agency! Destined to pursue a dream of peaceful coexistence between man and mutant!

Witness the birth of the Wolverine as the man called Logan makes his journey from animalistic wildling to beloved X-Man.

Including Logan's first blockbuster battle with the Hulk, as well as pivotal appearances by Sabretooth and Wendigo, this blood-splattered tale features a contemporary retelling of the Clawed Canuck's formative years!



## CONAN VOL. 13: QUEEN OF THE BLACK COAST

WOOD | CLOONAN |  
HARREN  
Dark Horse, 152 Pages

Kicking off Dark Horse's sweeping adaptation of Robert E. Howard's "Queen of the Black Coast," Conan turns his back on the civilized world and takes to the Western Ocean. Finding first danger and then passion in the arms of the pirate queen Bêlit, the Cimmerian begins a new life of pleasure and pillage along the Black Coast, in this epic of romance and terror!

A perfect jumping-on point for new readers!



## POINT OF IMPACT

JFAERBER | KURANEL  
Image, 104 Pages

A gripping, provocative murder mystery from acclaimed writer Jay Faerber and stunning artist Koray Kuranel begins with one woman's murder and branches out to follow the investigation by three people with personal connections to her: her husband, an investigative reporter; her lover, an ex-soldier; and her friend, a homicide detective. Her death will change all of their lives.

Collects Point Of Impact #1-4.

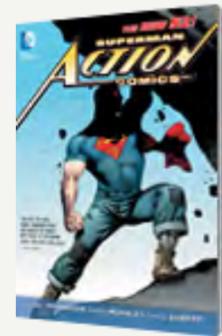


## BATMAN BEYOND: 10,000 CLOWNS

BEECHEN  
NORM | BREYFOGLE  
DC, 176 Pages

When the Jokerz gang, a group of criminals inspired by the Clown Prince of Crime, launches a series of coordinated attacks all around the town, Terry McGinnis can only save so many people. Who can he turn to for help?

Collects stories from Batman Beyond Unlimited #1-13.



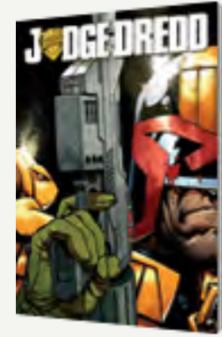
## ACTION COMICS VOL. 1: SUPERMAN AND THE MEN OF STEEL

MORRISON | FISCH |  
MORALES | KUBERT |  
ANDERSON | OTHERS...  
DC, 200 Pages

The first collection of Grant Morrison's epic run on Action Comics, with art by Rags Morales, Andy Kubert and more!

In these startling tales, the people of Metropolis turn on their new champion! Plus, the Superman of today and the Legion Of Super-Heroes must save the jeans-wearing Superman of five years ago!

Collects Action Comics #1-8.

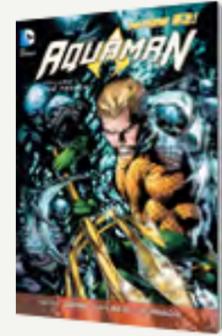


## JUDGE DREDD VOL. 1

SWIERCZYNSKI |  
DANIEL | GULACY |  
McCARTHY | FOSS |  
MIRANDA  
IDW, 124 Pages

In the 22nd century, crime runs rampant in Mega-City One, home to over 400 million citizens, robots, criminals, and lunatics. The only line of defense between anarchy and chaos are... the Judges. And Judge Dredd is the toughest of them all.

IDW is proud to re-introduce Judge Dredd to America in this new series.



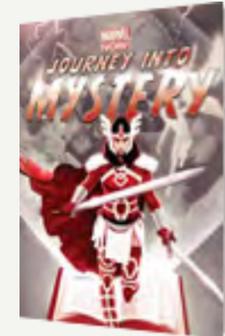
## AQUAMAN VOL. 1: THE TRENCH

JOHNS | REIS | PRADO  
| FERREIRA  
DC, 144 Pages

The first collection of the new Aquaman series, now in trade paperback!

The superstar creators from Blackest Night and Brightest Day reunite to take Aquaman to amazing new depths! Aquaman has renounced the throne of Atlantis — but now, from a forgotten corner of the ocean emerges...the Trench!

Collecting Aquaman #1-6.



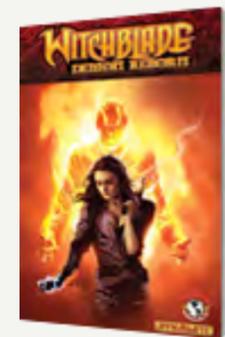
## JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY FT. SIF VOL. 1: STRONGER THAN MONSTERS

IMMONEN | SCHITI  
Marvel, 120 Pages

A new journey begins, starring Sif ...the Berzerker?! When the latest crop of beasts besets Asgardia, our sword-slinging heroine leads the battle charge — but that no-holds-barred zeal for glory may be the very thing that brings the realm down around her winged helm! Finding herself newly minted with an ancient version of the Berzerker spell, Sif returns to an unsuspecting Midgard — and with no patience for relative peace, starts putting out fires with gasoline! And things heat up even more when our heroine falls in with a group of brutal Asgardian savages — and joins them in their millennia-old battle against monsters! But can the berzerkers keep their bloodlust in check? And can Sif master her new abilities and serve Asgard?

Guest starring the Superior Spider-Man and a collection of Marvel superstars!

Collecting Journey Into Mystery (1952) #646-650.



## WITCHBLADE: DEMON REBORN

PARKS | JOSE LUIS  
Dynamite, 120 Pages

Since sending the Demon to his rightful damnation, police officer Sara Pezzini has turned her attentions to raising her child, dealing with the stresses of a criminal trial, and bearing the responsibility (and burden) of the mystical Witchblade. But the Demon's tale is not yet finished! In the depths of Hell, he encounters the Demoness, a creature capable of sending him back to Earth. Sara will soon learn that there's nothing so dangerous as a being of pure evil, full of revenge and fueled by hope!

Collects the four-issue miniseries, the original Witchblade: Demon #1 by Mark Millar and Jae Lee, and a complete cover gallery by Dennis Calero and Jae Lee.

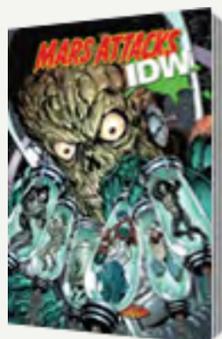


### MIND THE GAP VOL. 2: WISH YOU WERE HERE

McCANN | ESQUEJO | McDAID  
Image, 136 Pages

New threats arise as the curtains pull back to reveal some of the most shocking secrets surrounding the mystery behind the attack on Elle Peterssen. Meanwhile, what is her connection to a 10-year-old girl who claims to actually be Elle's mind trapped in this girl's body? All of this plus the acclaimed silent issue "speechless" and the unmasking that changes the entire series.

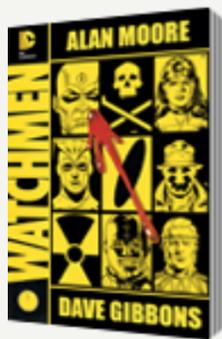
Collects Mind The Gap #6-10.



### MARS ATTACKS IDW

POWELL | RYALL  
| BURNHAM |  
MCCARTHY | BEATTY  
| KUHN | ROBINSON |  
HOLDER | FRANK  
IDW, 162 Pages

The Martians of Mars Attacks invade five different IDW timelines and universes. Popeye, Zombies vs Robots, Kiss, The Real Ghostbusters, and The Transformers each must fight off the threat to their respective worlds.



### WATCHMEN DELUXE EDITION HC

MOORE | GIBBONS  
DC, 448 Pages

In the mid-eighties, Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons created Watchmen, changing the course of comics' history and essentially remaking how popular culture perceived the genre. Popularly cited as the point where comics came of age, Watchmen's sophisticated take on superheroes has been universally acclaimed for its psychological depth and realism. Now, DC collects this 12 issue series in the popular Deluxe Edition format.

Includes sketches, bonus material and a new introduction by artist Dave Gibbons.



### THE LONE RANGER OMNIBUS VOL. 1

MATTHEWS |  
CARIELLO | POPE  
Dynamite, 632 Pages

The complete story of how fallen lawman John Reid was transformed into the Lone Ranger!

Alongside his partner Tonto, the West's quintessential masked man sets a new standard of justice in this character-defining origin story, a collection of twenty-five epic issues by the all-star creative team Brett Matthews, Sergio Cariello, Paul Pope, and John Cassaday!

With over 600 pages (including the bonus story "Creed"), this must-have omnibus showcases the Lone Ranger's entire struggle against the unrivaled evil of outlaw Butch Cavendish.



### THE TWELVE

STRACZYNSKI |  
WESTON  
Marvel, 328 Pages

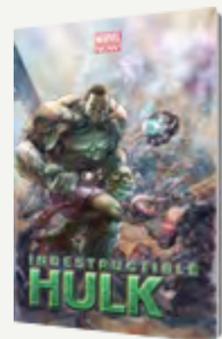
Yesterday's men of tomorrow — today! The Phantom Reporter. Electro. The Black Widow. The Laughing Mask. The Blue Blade. Dynamic Man. Master Mind Excello. Mister E. The Fiery Mask. The Witness. Rockman. Captain Wonder. Laying dormant for sixty years, they awaken in a tormented world that needs them more than ever. But has the world grown beyond their brand of old-fashioned heroism?

Writer J. Michael Straczynski (Babylon 5, The Amazing Spider-Man) and artist Chris Weston (The Invisibles, Fantastic Four: First Family) present a post-modernist tale of sacrifice, betrayal and human nature. Plus: Journey into the past to follow the death-defying exploits of the Phantom Reporter on the front lines of World War II and witness his first encounter with history's greatest super heroes!

Collecting The Twelve #1-12 and The Twelve: Spearhead.

# NOVEL IDEAS

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



### INDESTRUCTIBLE HULK VOL. 1: AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. PREMIERE HC

MARK WAID | YU  
Marvel, 136 Pages

Hulk: Indestructible force more weapon than man. Banner: smartest man alive. Combined, they are the strongest, smartest weapon on the planet! Now an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D., the Indestructible Hulk must take down the new Quintron Man and battle Attuma on the ocean floor to learn the secret of Lost Lemuria! But not everything is as it seems: What is Banner's secret hold over S.H.I.E.L.D. Director Maria Hill? What and where is Bannertown, USA? And which one of Banner's lab assistants holds a deadly secret? Plus: Bruce Banner and Tony Stark are friends, but Hulk and Iron Man are anything but!

The Golden Avenger guest-stars as Eisner Award-winning writer Mark Waid (Daredevil) and superstar artist Leinil Yu take the Hulk in a new direction...NOW!

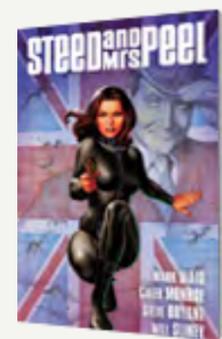
Collecting Indestructible Hulk #1-5. Includes designs, sketches, script, and pencils!



### STAR TREK: COUNTDOWN TO DARKNESS

JOHNSON | MESSINA  
IDW, 104 Pages

Like the best-selling Star Trek: Countdown in 2009, this all-new collection leads directly into the next movie, with a story by Star Trek writer/producer Roberto Orci and Mike Johnson (Star Trek ongoing series), and drawn by the original Star Trek: Countdown artist, David Messina!



### STEED AND MRS. PEEL VOL. 1: A VERY CIVIL ARMAGEDDON

WAID | MONORE |  
BRYANT | SLINEY  
Boom!, 128 Pages

Saving the world in style!

The British icon The Avengers, one of the longest running TV shows in history, returns in comic-book form with all-new adventures!

John Steed and Emma Peel face off against a reformed Hellfire Club, led by the children of their past antagonists. This new incarnation does not look to the past, but instead seeks to warp the British Isles to fit their idea of what "the future" should look like. Eisner Award winning writer Mark Waid (Irredeemable, Daredevil) begins a new era of Spy-Fi action alongside Caleb Monroe (Batman), and artists Steve Bryant (Athena Voltaire) and Will Sliney (Fearless Defenders)!

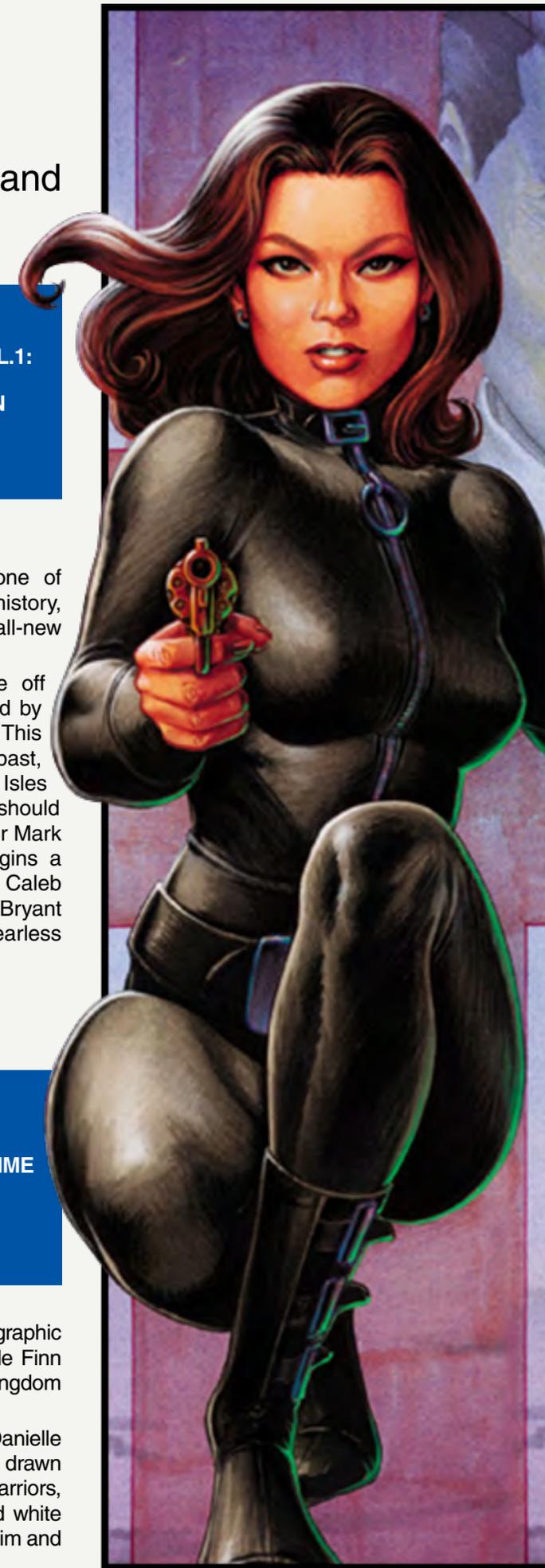


### ADVENTURE TIME VOL. 1

CORSETTO |  
STERLING  
Boom!, 160 Pages

An all-new Adventure Time original graphic novel! Join Flame Princess, alongside Finn and Jake, as she leaves the Flame Kingdom and goes on her very first adventure!

Written by acclaimed cartoonist Danielle Corsetto (Girls With Slingshots) and drawn by rising star Zack Sterling (Bravest Warriors, Adventure Time). A pocket black and white edition appealing to fans of Scott Pilgrim and Japanese manga!



# 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.



## BATMAN: A DEATH IN THE FAMILY

JIM STARLIN | JIM APARO

*"Batman readers were allowed to vote on the outcome of the story and they decided that Robin should die! As the second person to assume the role of Batman's sidekick, Jason Todd had a completely different personality than the original Robin. Rash and prone to ignore Batman's instructions, Jason was always quick to act without regard to consequences. In this fatal instance, Robin ignores his mentor's warnings when he attempts to take on the Joker by himself and pays the ultimate price. Driven by anger with Superman by his side, Batman seeks his*

*vengeance as he looks to end the Joker's threat forever." - DC*

Dick Grayson's green pixie boots were always going to be hard to fill, but Jason Todd donned the Robin costume for the first time in Detective Comics #526. Following Crisis On Infinite Earths, Todd's origin as an acrobat much like Grayson was rewritten and he became a street orphan encountered by Batman as he attempted to steal the wheels off of the Batmobile. Contrary to Todd's earlier popularity, this smoking, swearing, rebellious version was not a favourite with fans.

In 1988, Batman editor Dennis O'Neil suggested an audience might be attracted to the comics by being offered the opportunity to influence the creative process. Wanting to ensure the public's opinion was used on something significant, it was decided to give the option to vote on the life-or-death outcome of a fight between the Joker and Robin, via two telephone numbers. Over 10,000 votes were cast and the outcome became part of comic book history, causing controversy throughout society, let alone the arena of the comic book fans.

One of the stand-out emotional events in Batman's history, 'A Death In The Family' is well written with some great artwork, and has served as an influence over DC's highly successful New 52 Batman story arc 'Death Of The Family'.

£18.99

Buy Print Edition

It's a new paperback edition of the classic Batman tale that sealed the fate of the second Robin, Jason Todd, collected from Batman #426-429 and 440-442 and The New Titans #60-61!



## 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...

Hawkeye's profile in the Marvel universe has been raised significantly in the past year following Jeremy Renner's great performance as the world's greatest marksman in the Avengers movie. The Marvel NOW! relaunch schedule gave the publishers the opportunity to capitalise on the increase in Hawkeye's popularity, and Matt Fraction, currently one of the best writers working for Marvel, was attached to the project. He was joined by Spanish comic book artist, David Aja and the new Hawkeye series was born.

Fraction and Aja have given Hawkeye an 'indie' feel, unfamiliar in a core title, focusing on the 'everyman' aspect of Clint Barton and his (albeit superhero incorporated) day-to-day life. The book is full of great humour, strong characterisation and outstanding dialogue, while the somewhat disjointed structuring fits the style perfectly.

David Aja's art is loose and unabrasive, with a level of detail that keeps it 'real' and his covers are truly exceptional, every single issue!

If you're not reading Hawkeye, it's the one of the Marvel titles we'd strongly recommend. If you are already reading Hawkeye, you'll know exactly what we mean.



Hawkeye Vol.1: My Life As A Weapon is due out on March 26th ([preorder](#)) with Vol.2: Little Hits due June 25th. ACE Economic Subscription customers can add Hawkeye to your monthly orders, while if you fancy picking up half-a-dozen issues without having to sign up for an account, you can buy a hassle-free, Six-Issue Subscription [here](#). Alternately, you can buy all of the digital issues [here](#).



# BIFF'S BIT

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## IMAGE: THE NEW HOUSE OF IDEAS?

*I still love my monthly dose of superhero comics but to keep my enthusiasm for comics alive I need the likes of Image to bring me fresh new takes on all manner of genres.*

*The only problem with Image is that there are just too many good new series.*

*Last month saw the first issue of East of West, a sci-fi western by Jonathan Hickman, listed. Jonathan's writing has yet to disappoint me and after the success of Manhattan Projects I would be a fool to miss out on this.*

*Chew, that glorious horror detective comic, Peter Panzer Faust a strange twist on Peter Pan and Nazi Germany, Thief of Thieves, Clone, Epic Kill, Fatale, Great Pacific, I Love Trouble - an assassin in training, Brian Woods Mara, Tim Seeley's Revival and of course Saga to name but a few.*

*My favourite at the moment is Bedlam by Nick Spencer. The story of a psychotic killer who killed scores of people in his crime rampage and apparently died on his last job, is in fact alive and well. Taken in by a rogue psychiatrist he is on his way to sanity but has a very skewed view on life nonetheless. Taking himself off into the city of Bedlam he wants to help the police track down a serial killer. Watching his story unfold, whilst flashing back to scenes from his past gives a unique viewpoint on madness and sanity. The atmospheric art of Riley Rossmo is both surreal and real, keeping you firmly planted in a balance of sanity and madness.*

*Just the sort of refreshing change after the usual superhero romp.*

*As DC seem to be closing down Vertigo, once a powerhouse of adult themed stories, Image with their new creator deals are attracting the sort of talent that used to live in Vertigo land.*

*So, there are two reasons to try a few new Image titles. Firstly they are, in the main, bloody brilliant. Secondly, the after publishing price of about one third of the titles has gone through the roof. Kind of handy if you buy a series and it doesn't quite work for you, because now you can offload it on eBay for more than you paid for it.*

## ACE ITALIA

*Unbeknownst to most of you, I expect, but we supply a legion of Italian customers. Mainly toys and hero figurines but a growing number of comics too. This has all been down to our Italian connection Stacy (Anastasia). A good friend of ours she has helped us create an Italian language side to our business which, unsurprisingly, has encouraged a veritable army of Italians to shop with us now. Thanks Stacy, keep up the great work.*

*Motto for the month. Talk comics to people. I am finding more and more 'secret' readers. They have been buying on E-bay and Amazon, so they are not seen going into comic shops. It is time to encourage them to out themselves.*

*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 Bennie in Glasgow...*

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