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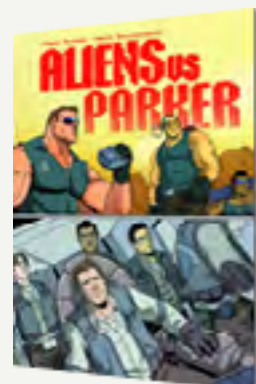
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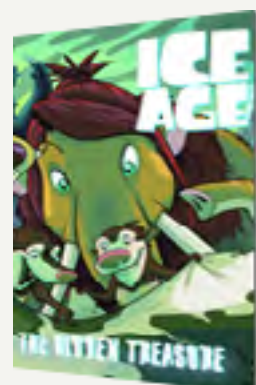


ALIENS VS PARKER #1

PAUL SCHEER /
NICK GIOVANNETTI /
MANUEL BRACCHI

Set in the not so distant future, a group of Space-Ex employees spend their days doing what they always do: getting sent all over the universe to mindlessly load and unload cargo bays. In the hierarchy of cool space jobs, these guys are on the bottom rung. Their only relief is playing a massive multi-player online game and seeing if there's anything good to eat in the mess hall.

That is, until, they have to deliver a package marked "classified" to a planet more dangerous than they've ever faced before...



ICE AGE THE HIDDEN TREASURE ONE SHOT

CALEB MONROE /
ANDY HIRSCH

When Crash and Eddie hear about a haunted treasure in a place called Bone Valley, they can't get the idea out of their heads! After convincing Peaches and Sid to join

them on their journey, they set off to become treasure hunters...but what surprise awaits them where "X" marks the spot? A brand-new story featuring popular characters from the summer smash hit Ice Age: Continental Drift!



ORPHANS #1 (OF 4)

PETER FACINELLI /
MICHAEL ALAN NELSON /
SCOTT GODLEWSKI

Adopted in secret by a specialized U.S. intelligence agency, six orphans spend the next decade of their lives under the foster care of "The Council," living

at a training facility called "The Playground" as they're molded into the next generation of superspies. But now that they've been unleashed on the real world, will their fictional lives come crashing down around them?

NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN MARCH



BIONIC MAN ANNUAL #1

SCOTT BEATTY /
DIETRICH SMITH

Three words: Venus Death Probe.

When a clandestine Chinese spacecraft crash lands north of Alaska, it's a race against time between China and

the United States—each anxious to salvage valuable high-tech secrets—to hunt down an errant rover built to survive the greenhouse hell of the Venusian atmosphere! OSI Agent Steve Austin tests the limits of his bionics as he hunts down an independent-minded machine determined to complete its mission no matter where it has landed!

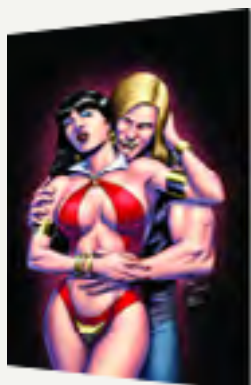


MARK WAID'S GREEN HORNET #1

MARK WAID / DANIEL INDRO

The Hornet faces his most dangerous enemy ever—an egotistical, arrogant Britt Reid! In his alter-ego as a powerful newspaper publisher, the Hornet has lost control, becoming a social crusader far too

sure of himself and of his judgment. But when he finally goes too far, an innocent man pays a terrible price—and the legend of the Green Hornet begins its cataclysmic collapse!

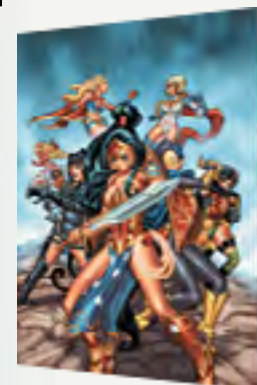


VAMPIRELLA: NUBLOOD ONE SHOT

MARK RAHNER /
CEZAR RAZEK

Vampirella continues to thrash her way through vampire pop culture, as she visits a sultry, trashy Southern town where the vampires are out of the closet and a synthetic

blood substitute is getting a test-run. In fact, it tastes better than the real thing. It could spell the end of the vampirism's murder and misery for good, and a chance for Vampi and Criswell to settle down. If nothing goes horribly wrong.



AME-COMI GIRLS #1

JUSTIN GRAY /
JIMMY PALMIOTTI

Art and cover by EDUARDO FRANCISCO

All-new digital adventures in print for the first time!

The new, monthly Ame-Comi ongoing series begins here!

The Ame-Comi Girls team up for the final showdown with Brainiac! Starring Wonder Woman, Power Girl, Supergirl, Batgirl, Robin, Steel and The Flash!



CONSTANTINE #1

ROBERT VENDITTI /
RENATO GUEDES

The star of Justice League Dark is unleashed in his all-new ongoing series!

Liar, cheat, manipulator... John Constantine is all of these, and yet he uses these skills and more to

protect the world from the darkest corners of the DC Universe.

What Constantine learns in this first issue will shake the very foundations of the New 52... and only he knows how to deal with it!



TIME WARP #1

DAN ABNETT / MATT KINDT /
DAMON LINDELOF /
PETER MILLIGAN /
TOBY LITT / RAY FAWKES /
SIMON SPURRIER /
TOM KING / GAIL SIMONE /
MARK BUCKINGHAM /
JEFF LEMIRE / M.K. PERKER /
VICTOR SANTOS /
JORGE CORONA /
RAFAEL ALBUQUERQUE /

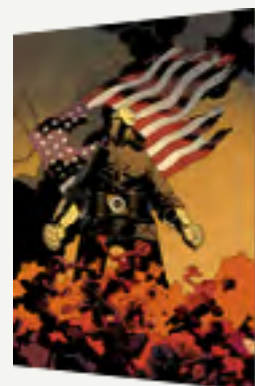
TOM FOWLER / I.N.J. CULBARD and others

Let's do the time warp again! It's time for another fantastic Vertigo anthology filled with spectacular sci-fi stories. Robots, deep space and lots of time travel twists by a bevy of comic greats and the up-and-coming stars of tomorrow. Damon Lindelof and Jeff Lemire bring us a blast from DC's past, plus another installment of the "Dead Boy Detectives" from Toby Litt, Buckingham and Victor Santos, Matt Kindt presents a stirring story of man vs. machine—and so much more!





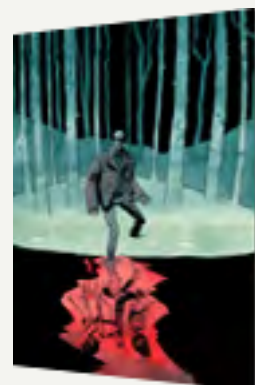
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SLEDGEHAMMER 44 #1

MIKE MIGNOLA /
JOHN ARCUDI /
JASON LATOUR /
DAVE STEWART

August 1944: a man in a suit of iron armor drops from an American warplane onto a French battlefield, where he attempts to fight his way through an army of Nazis and the massive war machine they keep protected in an armory.



B.P.R.D.: VAMPIRE #1

MIKE MIGNOLA /
FÁBIO MOON / GABRIEL BÁ
/ DAVE STEWART

After the horrific events of B.P.R.D.: 1948, we follow one doomed agent's quest for revenge against a clan of vampires and their Gorgon-eyed queen Hecate.



BUDDY COPS

NATE COSBY /
EVAN SHANER

Explosions! Monsters! beer! Dark Horse proudly(ish) presents Buddy Cops, the classic tale of a demoted space cop and a 1970s android that hate each other and beat up evil things.

Get ready to enjoy the laugh-inducing odd couple of Uranus and T.A.Z.E.R. as they take on gigantic orangutan and vegetation beasts while debating the sexualization of toasters! Monsterswat!

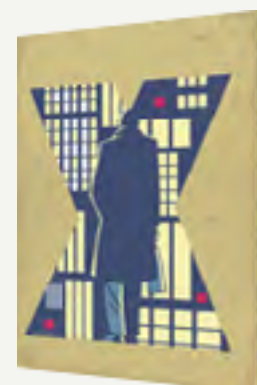


DRAGON AGE: UNTIL WE SLEEP #1

DAVID GAIDER /
ALEXANDER FREED /
CHAD HARDIN /
MICHAEL ATIYEH

Allied with the world's most feared warrior race—the qunari—the pirate Isabela, and the rogue Varric, King

Alistair brings battle royale to the evil mage responsible for his father's disappearance!



MISTER X: HARD CANDY

DEAN MOTTER

Someone has abducted the sole heir to the pharmaceutical company that transformed the City of Dreams into the City of Nightmares. Mister X is hired to find her... alive.

His payment—all the brain candy he could ever need. Will he trade his principles for this tasty payout, or stay on the path to saving Radiant City?!



STAR WARS: LEGACY PRISONER OF THE FLOATING WORLD #1

CORINNA BECHKO /
GABRIEL HARDMAN /
RACHELLE ROSENBERG

Despite her famous heritage, Ania Solo is just a girl trying to make her way in a galaxy gone bad. But it all gets

worse when she comes into possession of a lightsaber and an Imperial communications droid—and discovers she has been targeted for death!



WILD ROVER FEATURING THE SACRIFICE

MICHAEL AVON OEMING /
VICTOR SANTOS

Like his mother before him, Shane's an alcoholic. But his family curse goes deeper than that—Shane needs to overcome the black magic at the heart

of his addiction by killing a liquor demon if he hopes to reclaim his soul. Plus a fantasy short written by Oeming with art from Victor Santos!



DOCTOR WHO CLASSICS #1

RICHARD STARKINGS / JOHN CARNELL / DOUGIE BRAITHWAITE / ANDY LANNING / OTHERS

Doctor Who Classics is back! This new series presents strips never before reprinted, and in color for the very

first time! In this inaugural issue, enjoy two complete stories featuring the Seventh Doctor, "Time and Tide" and "Follow That TARDIS!" by such luminaries as Richard Starkings, Andy Lanning, and Dougie Braithwaite! Doctor Who Classics is back!



JUDGE DREDD: YEAR ONE #1

MATT SMITH / SIMON COLEBY / GREG STAPLES

"The Long Hard Road" begins here! In an all-new adventure from Joe Dredd's early days as a Mega City-One Judge, writer (and Eagle-award-

winning 2000 AD Editor) Matt Smith presents a tale where "all the young juves, carry the news," only in this case, the news is delivered with a lethal blow!



KISS SOLO: THE DEMON #1 (OF 4)

CHRIS RYALL / ANGEL MEDINA

The Four-Who-Are-One go it alone! Up first, the Demon takes the stage in "Radioactive" – a tale of blood, revenge, fire, and...the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

Beloved Kiss artist Angel Medina returns to the fold to tell this explosive tale!



MYSTERY SOCIETY SPECIAL 2013

STEVE NILES / ANDREW RITCHIE

The Mystery Society returns! Our outlandish heroes plumb the depths of the ocean to carry out an exchange with an eccentric collector who isn't what he seems.

What horrors await Nick Mystery, Anastasia, Secret Skull and the rest of the team at the bottom of the sea?



G.I. JOE: SPECIAL MISSIONS #1

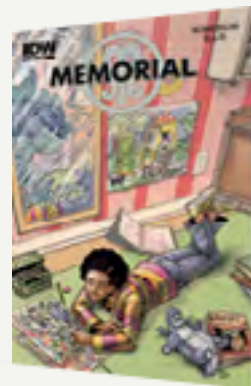
CHUCK DIXON / PAUL GULACY

A new beginning! The legendary team of Chuck Dixon and Paul Gulacy lead the G.I. Joe team undercover and into action! The Baroness tries to get back into

Cobra's good graces—and it's up to Scarlett to assemble a team to take the villainess down!

The second big launch in the new direction of G.I. Joe comics!

Ties in to the first G.I. Joe story arc!



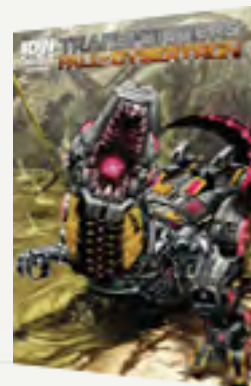
MEMORIAL: IMAGINARY FIENDS #1

CHRIS ROBERSON / RICH ELLIS

Return to the world of Memorial in "Imaginary Fiends," an all new 3 issue series! The fantasies and fears that seem so real to children are often forgotten in

adulthood. But after the events of the first Memorial miniseries, forgotten memories are being recovered all over the world. Can those lost fears and fantasies be far behind? Brought to you by Chris Roberson (Edison Rex, iZombie), Rich Ellis (Stars Below, Twilight Zone), and Grace Allison (Wander). Variant Rich Ellis cover!

New York Times best-selling author and Eisner-nominated creator of iZombie, Chris Roberson, is back with a new series, with art by Rich Ellis!



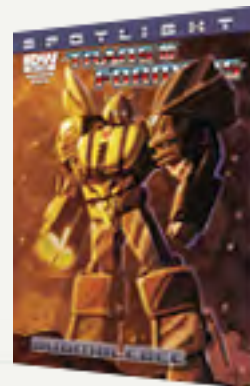
TRANSFORMERS: FALL OF CYBERTRON

JOHN BARBER / DHEERAJ VERMA

Rise Of The Dinobots! Searching for a missing teammate, Grimlock leads his team deep into Shockwave's citadel—and they'll pay for their trespass with their lives!

It's the origin of the Dinobots as you've never seen it before!

Never before released in print! Ties in with the hit Fall Of Cybertron video game—and IDW's Transformers Prime: Rage Of The Dinobots series!



TRANSFORMERS SPOTLIGHT: BUMBLEBEE

JOHN BARBER / DAVID DAZA / LIVIO RAMONDELLI

Escape From Earth! Before Cybertron was reborn—Bumblebee lead the Autobots on Earth. In this untold tale, he must take the

reigns of command... and he's got hundreds of rogue Decepticons standing between him and respect!

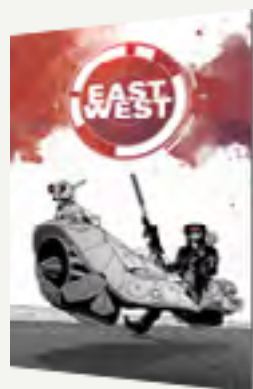
See how Bumblebee first rose to power, even as his control slips in Robots In Disguise! The first Transformers to be set on Earth in over a year! These Spotlight stories build toward the biggest event in Transformers comic history... coming in 2013!



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EAST OF WEST #1

JONATHAN HICKMAN /
NICK DRAGOTTA

"Out Of The Wasteland"

The things that divide us are stronger than the things that unite us. A Sci-Fi Western set in a dystopian America where all hope for the future rests in the Four

Horsemen of the Apocalypse...who just happen to be trying to kill the President of the United States.

One of the most exciting new books of the year, this is East Of West, a brand new, ongoing, monthly comic from the award-winning team of Marvel's FF, Jonathan Hickman and Nick Dragotta.



FIVE GHOSTS: THE HAUNTING OF FABIAN GRAY #1 (OF 5)

FRANK J. BARBIERE /
CHRIS MOONEYHAM

A bold new era of pulp adventure comics begins here!

After a tragic encounter with an artifact known as "The Dreamstone,"

infamous treasure hunter Fabian Gray was possessed by five literary ghosts and has been granted access to their unique abilities. Join writer Frank J. Barbiere and artist Chris Mooneyham for the most exciting debut of 2013 as they introduce you to a unique world full of action, black magic, exotic locales, and literary allusion!



LOST VEGAS #1 (of 4)

JIM McCANN / JANET LEE

The Eisner award-winning team of Jim McCann and Janet Lee reunite to create a universe filled with intrigue as one gambler-turned-slave has 24 hours to go all in and pull off the greatest heist the

universe has seen.

Welcome to Lost Vegas!

Aboard this luxurious casino-filled traveling space-station you will find the highest stakes games from every corner of every planet, unheard-of winnings, and the greatest attractions anywhere!*

*the fine print- those who bet it all and lose must work it off as indentured servants to the casino. Escape is not possible. No one is exempt from these rules.



SEX #1 (MR)

JOE CASEY /
PIOTR KOWALSKI

Finally, a good reason for you come in the comicbook store — to buy Sex!

Simon Cooke has retired from his own "alternative lifestyle" and returned to the city he'd previously

sworn to protect. Now he's just another average citizen — or is he? The term "adult" has never been so appropriate as it is when it applies to Sex.



SAVAGE SKULLKICKERS #1

JIM ZUB / EDWIN HUANG

Savage Skullkickers: a modern reinterpretation that gets back to the roots of these timeless characters. It's a bold new direction, a continuing story and a newly added adjective! Our twentieth

issue is brand a new #1!



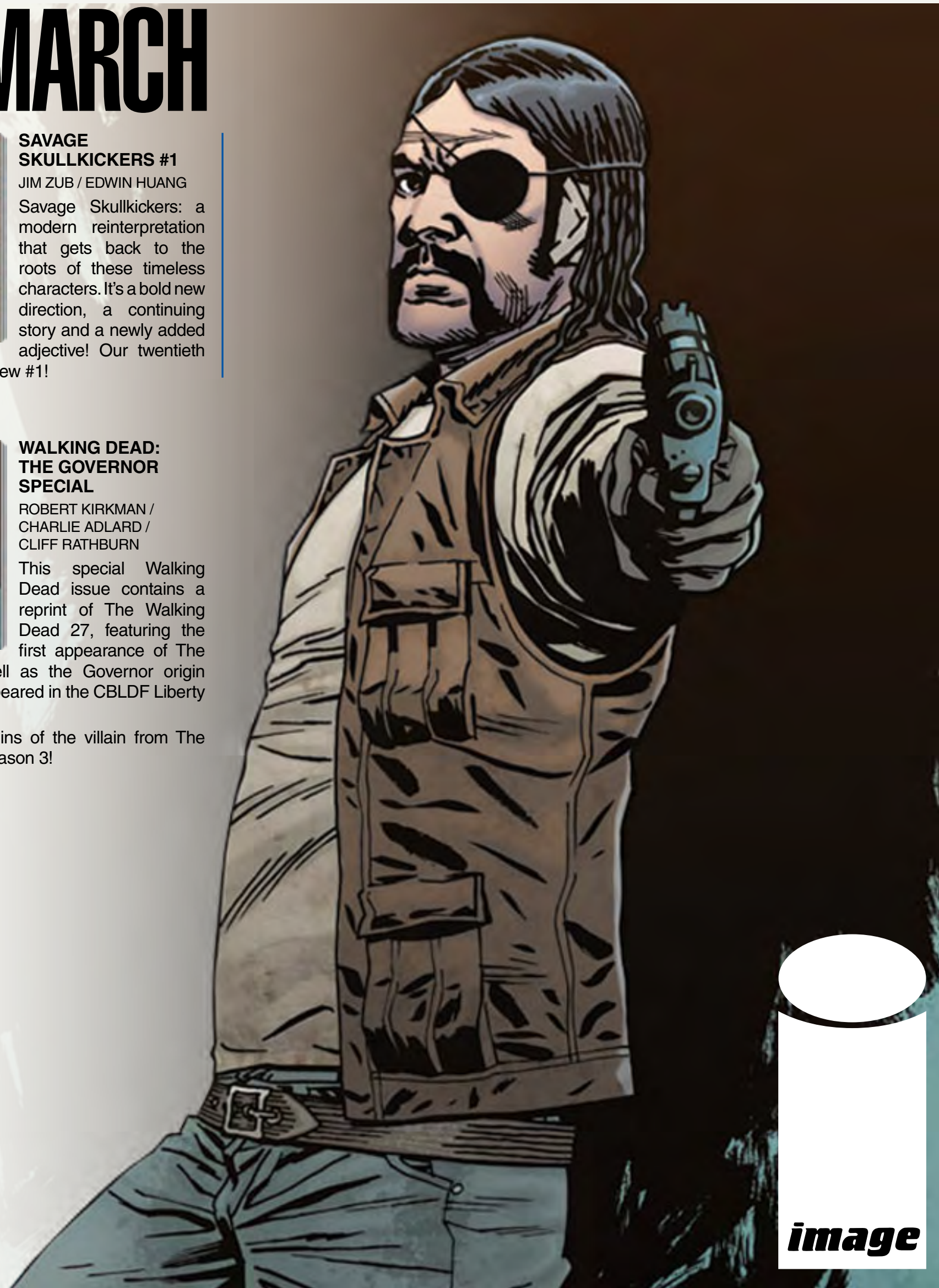
WALKING DEAD: THE GOVERNOR SPECIAL

ROBERT KIRKMAN /
CHARLIE ADLARD /
CLIFF RATHBURN

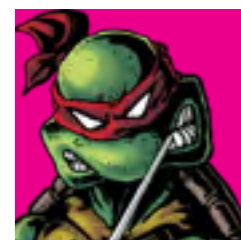
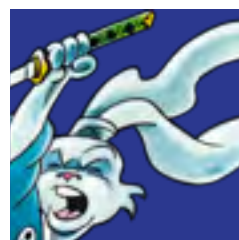
This special Walking Dead issue contains a reprint of The Walking Dead 27, featuring the first appearance of The

Governor, as well as the Governor origin story that first appeared in the CBLDF Liberty Annual 2012.

Find out the origins of the villain from The Walking Dead Season 3!



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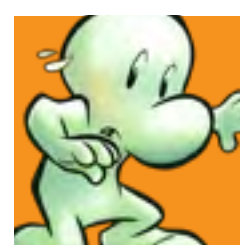




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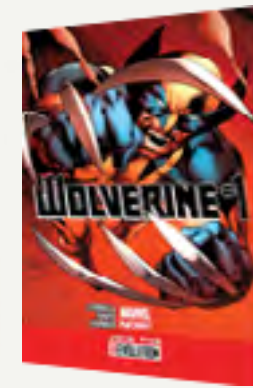
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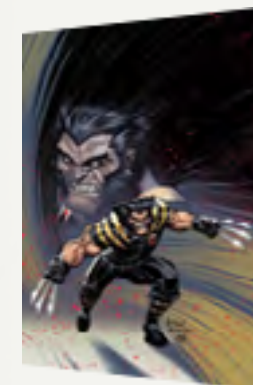
WOLVERINE #1

PAUL CORNELL / ALAN DAVIS

It's hunting season!

The best there is at what he does gets an all-new on-going! Pay attention very closely: there's a mystery here that even Wolverine hasn't sniffed out yet.

When Wolverine finds himself the bargaining chip in a hostage situation, he must make a decision to save a little boy that will follow him forever... literally! How can a berserker fight what he can't see? And how far will he go to assert his humanity in the face of the Unknown? Find out when superstars Paul Cornell (Captain Britain and MI:13, Doctor Who, Action Comics) and Alan Davis (Avengers, Clandestine, Excalibur, Uncanny X-Men) take on the Wolverine!



ULTIMATE COMICS WOLVERINE #1 (OF 4)

CULLEN BUNN / RAMON ROSANAS

Jimmy Hudson's quest to discover the answers about his past begins here!

What mission was Wolverine on that led to the birth of Jimmy?

A story that will rock the Ultimate Universe's family tree forever!



X-TERMINATION #1

DAVID LAPHAM / MARJORIE LIU / GREG PAK / DAVID LOPEZ

The X-Termination event starts here!

Joining together the teams from Astonishing X-Men, Age Of Apocalypse and X-Treme X-Men, and spinning out

of the pages of Uncanny X-Force.

Age Of Apocalypse Nightcrawler just wants to get home... and he doesn't care if he takes out our world to get there.

Wolverine versus Nightcrawler!



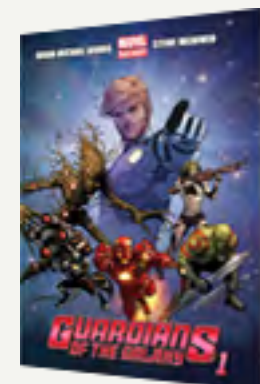
AGE OF ULTRON #1 (OF 10)

BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS / BRYAN HITCH

For years the heroes of the Marvel Universe have lived in fear that the artificial intelligence known as Ultron would one day evolve to fulfill its desire to wipe out all

organic life and take over the Earth -- that day has arrived.

This massive 10-part Marvel Universe-spanning event is brought to you by Eisner award-winning writer Brian Michael Bendis and comics legend Bryan Hitch.



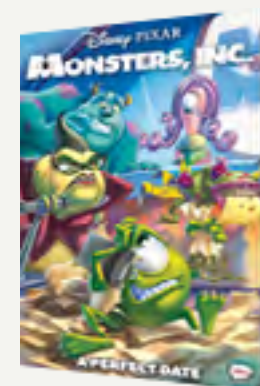
GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #1

BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS / STEVE MCNIVEN

There's a new rule in the galaxy: No one touches Earth! No one!! Why has Earth become the most important planet in the Galaxy? That's what the Guardians of the Galaxy

are going to find out!!

Join the brightest stars in the Marvel universe: Star Lord, Gamora, Drax, Rocket Raccoon, Groot and - wait for it - Iron-Man, as they embark upon one of the most explosive and eye-opening chapters of Marvel NOW! These galactic Avengers are going to discover secrets that will rattle Marvel readers for years to come! Why wait for the movie? It all starts here!



MONSTERS, INC.: THE PERFECT DATE #1

ALESSANDRO FERRARI / ANNA MERLI / ANDREA GREPPI / PAOLO CAMPINOTI / MICHELA FRARE / PACO DESIATO

An all-new Monsters, Inc. tale!

Mike forgets a special date he promised his girlfriend, Celia, and she's furious with him.

Can Mike get his relationship off the rocks with a little help from his pal Sulley?

NOVEL IDEAS

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



UNCANNY AVENGERS VOL. 1: THE RED SHADOW PREMIERE HC

RICK REMENDER / JOHN CASSADAY / OLIVIER COIPEL
Marvel, 136 Pages

The Marvel Universe's greatest era starts NOW! In the wake of Professor X's funeral, Captain America creates a new Avengers unit comprised of Avengers and X-Men, humans and mutants working together. But the Red Skull has returned — straight out of the 1940s — and he wants to destroy all mutants! What gruesome weapon has given him dangerous new powers?

Rogue and Scarlet Witch face off against the Red Skull's S-Men; Wolverine and Captain America investigate the worldwide mutant assassination epidemic; and Havok and Thor battle the spreading influence of Honest John, the Living Propaganda! And when Avenger defects, the rest must face the terrible might of the Omega Skull! Uncanny Avengers Assemble!

Collects Uncanny Avengers #1-5.



TRANSFORMERS: MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE VOL. 3

JAMES ROBERTS / ALEX MILNE / VARIOUS
IDW, 148 Pages

The crew of the Lost Light finally reach Crystal City, home to the mysterious Circle of Light, as the origins of the Knights of Cybertron are revealed. In "Shadowplay" follow along as Rewind begins telling his crew mates a pre-war Cybertron story involving Orion Pax!

THIEF OF THIEVES VOL. 2

ROBERT KIRKMAN / JAMES ASMUS / SHAWN MARTINBROUGH / FELIX SERRANO
Image, 128 Pages

Conrad Paulson lives a secret double life as master thief Redmond. There is nothing he can't steal, nothing he can't have... except for the life he left behind. But when his big heist doesn't go as planned... the aftermath shows that every action has an equal — and equally violent — reaction.

Collects Thief Of Thieves #8-13.

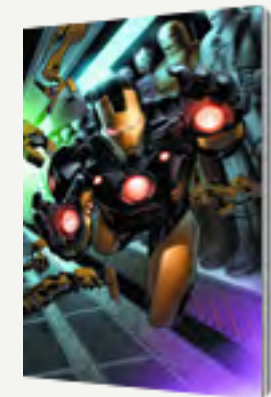


KICK-ASS 2

MARK MILLAR / JOHN ROMITA JR.
IDW, 208 Pages

David Lizewski has taken a horrifying and exhilarating plunge. Armed with minimal combat training and a pair of batons, he donned a mask and set out to become a real super hero, Kick-Ass. And he succeeded. Wildly. Kick-Ass and 'tween black belt Hit-Girl took on the Mafia — and won. The idea went viral. Suddenly, it became fashionable to put on a costume. Everyone wanted to be a super hero. The next logical step for Kick-Ass? Join a super-hero team. But Kick-Ass' former ally, Red Mist, thinks heroes are passé. Red Mist will be the world's most notorious super villain. When he targets Kick-Ass' family, can Kick-Ass stop Red Mist and his team of villains? And when the conflict becomes a massive-scale riot in Times Square, can Kick-Ass survive being a hero?

Collects Kick-Ass 2 #1-7.



IRON MAN VOL. 1: BELIEVE PREMIERE HC

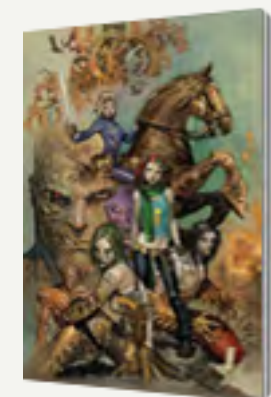
KIERON GILLEN / GREG LAND
Marvel, 112 Pages

Tony Stark is Iron Man — technological visionary, wealthy playboy, unparalleled engineer and armored Avenger. But NOW!, his greatest invention has just become his greatest mistake: The lethal techno-virus Extremis is out in the wild!

Tony's hunt for the rogue Extremis Units takes him to New Camelot, where he clashes with the mech-knights called the Circle and dogfights the Russian Black Exoskeleton Academy; to Colombia, where he battles old foes Vibro, Firebrand and the Living Laser; and to the ancient catacombs of Paris, where absolute horror awaits — and Tony may have to betray an old friend!

Introducing Iron Man's stealth armor, heavy-duty battle-suit and space armor as Tony creates new suits to tackle new challenges! If he wants to save the world from his own deadly nano-virus, Iron Man must act fast — and Tony Stark must build faster!

Collects Iron Man (2012) #1-5.



CYBER FORCE: REBIRTH VOL. 1

MARC SILVESTRI / MATT HAWKINS / KHOI PHAM / SUNNY GHO
Image, 160 Pages

Collecting the return of Top Cow's top-selling series!

Carin Taylor, codenamed Velocity, has escaped from the CDI controlled Millennium City and is desperately trying to find the one man she believes can help her prevent the end of the world. When she runs a group of other CDI escapees, will they help her... or turn their backs?

Top Cow founder Marc Silvestri (The Darkness, Incredible Hulk) returns to his first Image series to bring you a contemporary re-imagining rooted in cutting-edge, real world technology!

Collects Cyber Force #1-5.



LAST DAY IN VIETNAM: A MEMORY HC

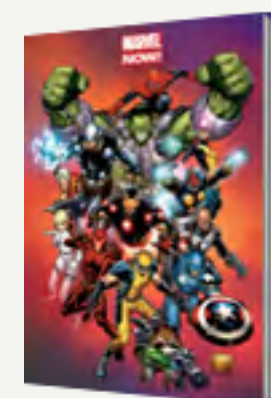
WILL EISNER
Dark Horse, 80 Pages

Last Day in Vietnam recounts Will Eisner's own experiences with soldiers engaged not only in the daily hostilities of war but also in larger, more personal combat. Some of the stories in this novel are comical, some heartrending, some frightening, yet all display the incredible insight into humanity characteristic of Eisner's entire oeuvre.

Introduction by Matt Fraction!

Printed with special sepia ink and in hardcover for the first time.

Released to coincide with Will Eisner Week—the annual celebration of Eisner's life and work.



MARVEL NOW! OMNIBUS HC

VARIOUS
Marvel, 688 Pages

The future is now...Marvel NOW!

Get in on the ground floor as the Marvel Universe is revitalized for a new and exciting era of adventure!

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FANTASTIC FOUR VOL. 1: NEW DEPARTURE, NEW ARRIVALS

MATT FRACTION /
MARK BAGLEY /
MIKE ALLRED
Marvel, 120 Pages

When Reed and Sue decide the family needs to relax, they take Ben, Johnny and the kids on a year-long vacation — through all of infinite time and space! And in the absence of Marvel's First Family, a handpicked substitute FF — Ant-Man, Medusa, She-Hulk and the new Ms. Thing — stand ready to guard the Earth... for the four minutes the Fantastic Four will be gone. What could possibly go wrong?

Find out NOW!, as Reed Richards struggles to hide his true motivations, someone starts having second thoughts (already?), a classic Fantastic Four super villain takes aim at the new FF, and the Future Foundation reacts to their mentors' replacements.

Collects Fantastic Four (2012) #1-3, FF (2012) #1-2 and material from Marvel Now! Point One #1.



MARVEL'S IRON MAN 3 PRELUDE

CHRISTOS GAGE /
WILL PILGRIM /
RAMON ROSANOS /
STEVE KURTH
Marvel, 104 Pages

The Marvel Cinematic Universe returns!

First, it's the comics adaptation of the blockbuster film Iron Man 2! Why is the U.S. government going after Iron Man? Which mysterious figure from Tony's past returns — and what lethal vendetta is he carrying? With Hammer drones attacking the Stark Expo and Tony's best friend under enemy control, how can Iron Man prevail?

Then, it's a new story leading directly into the upcoming Iron Man 3! What mysterious project has Tony Stark been developing since his alliance with S.H.I.E.L.D.? When Tony tasks Rhodey with a mission of his own, War Machine faces his biggest test as a hero — while Iron Man fights the battle of New York alongside Earth's Mightiest Heroes!

Collects Marvel's Iron Man 2 Adaptation #1-2 and Marvel's Iron Man 3 Prelude #1-2.



EARTH 2 VOL. 1: THE GATHERING HC

JAMES ROBINSON /
NICOLA SCOTT /
DC, 160 Pages

Who are the heroes of Earth 2? When the Batman, Wonder Woman and Superman of Earth 2 fall in battle, it's up to a new breed of heroes to come together to combat the returning evil of Apokolips!

Collects issues #1-6 of the red-hot DC Comics - The New 52 series!



IT GIRL & ATOMICS ROUND ONE: DARK STREETS, SNAP CITY

JAMIE S. RICH /
MIKE NORTON /
CHYNNA CLUGSTON
Image, 208 Pages

Snap City is under new guardianship, but no sooner has It Girl decided that the streets are hers to protect then she and the other Atomics become embroiled in an inter-dimensional revenge plot. All-new adventures of Michael Allred's kookiest creations, with art from the Eisner-winning team behind Battlepug.

Collects It Girl & The Atomics #1-6.



THE MASSIVE VOL. 1: BLACK PACIFIC

BRIAN WOOD /
KRISTIAN DONALDSON
/ GARRY BROWN
Dark Horse, 176 Pages

In this first volume of Brian Wood's new, sprawling postapocalyptic epic, follow the crew of the Kapital from the flooded remnants of Hong Kong to Unalaska, with stops in Antarctica and Mogadishu, as post-Crash ethics and economics are explored across a broken world.

Collects The Massive #1-6 and three eight page stories from Dark Horse Presents.



BATMAN VOL. 2: CITY OF OWLS HC

SCOTT SNYDER /
GREG CAPULLO /
RAFAEL ALBUQUERQUE
DC, 208 Pages

After a series of deadly discoveries, Bruce Wayne has learned that the Court of Owls is real — and a deadly threat out to control Gotham City!

Unleashing their deadly assassins known as the Talons, Batman must stop the insidious Court of Owls before they claim the city for their own.

In doing so, The Dark Knight will uncover dark secrets — not just about the city he's sworn to protect, but about the history of the Wayne family.

Collects issues #8-12 of Batman and Batman Annual #1.



AVENGERS VS. X-MEN

VARIOUS
Marvel, 304 Pages

Earth's Mightiest Heroes and the Children of the Atom go to war in the ultimate super-hero showdown!

The world-destroying Phoenix Force is back — and while the Avengers are intent on stopping it, Cyclops and his X-Men have other ideas.

To Captain America, the Phoenix threatens doom. To Cyclops, it could mean salvation.

Marvel's two greatest leaders wage war, with the Phoenix's chosen host — Hope Summers — caught in the middle. How far are both sides willing to go?

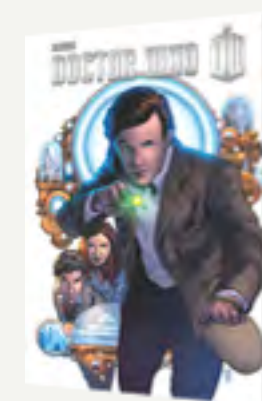
The answer lies in a battle so big no one world could contain it...and a shocking ending that neither team could have seen coming!

Marvel's top writers and artists present a space-faring, world-changing epic — the culmination of a decade's worth of incredible event storytelling.

Collects Avengers Vs. X-Men #0-12 and material from Point One #1.

NOVEL IDEAS

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



DOCTOR WHO VOL. 1

ANDY DIGGLE /
BRANDON SEIFER /
MARK BUCKINGHAM /
PHILIP BOND
IDW, 104 Pages

The Doctor is back!

New York Times bestselling writer Andy Diggle joins Eisner Award-winning artist Mark Buckingham as a shadow being emerges from a machine used to view alternate realities, stealing time from those he touches in order to become "real." Can the Doctor save the Hypothetical Gentleman's latest victim?

Then, writer Brandon Seifert and artist Philip Bond collaborate on a story. When the Doctor and Rory, on a boys' night out gone wrong, leave Amy to face the Silence on her own!

Collects issues #1-4 of the new series!



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.



PREACHER VOL. 1: GONE TO TEXAS

Garth Ennis / Steve Dillon

"One of the most celebrated comics titles of the late 1990s, PREACHER is a modern American epic of life, death, love and redemption also packed with sex, booze, blood and bullets - not to mention angels, demons, God, vampires and deviants of all stripes.

At first glance, the Reverend Jesse Custer doesn't look like anyone special-just another small-town minister slowly losing his flock and his faith. But he's about to come face-to-face with proof that

God does indeed exist. Merging with a bizarre spiritual force called Genesis, Jesse now possesses the power of "the Word," an ability to make people do whatever he utters. He begins a violent and riotous journey across the country in search of answers from the elusive deity."
- DC Vertigo

Created by writer Garth Ennis and artist Steve Dillon, Preacher is based around Reverend Jesse Custer, who becomes bonded to a supernatural being called Genesis, the product of a coupling between an angel and a demon, acquiring immense power in the process. He travels across the US looking for an absent God, encountering unique and memorable characters along the way, from a hard-drinking Irish Vampire and an extremely disfigured rock-star (the unmistakable 'Arseface') to the Angel Of Death The Grail, an organisation sworn to protect the Holy bloodline.

'Gone To Texas' fills the backstory and sets the scene, with Jesse heading out, keen to avoid the law following an unfortunate incident with his church and congregation.

Beautifully illustrated, the story, if a little violent, is intelligent, provoking and smattered with wit, sharp dialogue and characterization. Chuck in Glenn Fabry's unbelievable cover art and it's a win!

Buy it. Then buy volumes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9!

£13.49 **BUY IT NOW**



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...

The Walking Dead has done For the Zombie genre what Harry Potter did For wizards and what Fifty Shades OF Grey did For ...erm, Fluffy handcuffs. It's with no surprise that over the Christmas period, The Walking Dead has continued to be the best-selling graphic novel series at ACE Comics. The comic book zombie apocalypse tale has morphed into a highly successful TV show that is gaining more viewers with each new series and Season 3 is due to return in February. As good as the TV show is (and it is!), the original comic is equally as engaging, if not more so. For those that of you that aren't picking up the regular comic book, the graphic novels are the alternative reading option and

Volume 17: 'Something To Fear' arrived last December. We now have a dedicated page at acecomics.co.uk/the-walking-dead-store, listing the available collection for those of you that need to plug some gaps, or indeed for those that want to pick up a couple and discover what the rather large fuss is all about.

The current crop of Marvel NOW! titles are appearing in our Top Ten Sellers lists every week, and the new Wolverine series landing in March looks set to follow that trend. Alternately, many of the Marvel relaunches will be beginning to show their faces graphic-novel-collection-wise from March onwards, so if you missed 'em first time, you can still catch up!



BIFF'S BIT

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SUPERIOR READ?

Well it's happened. Amazing Spider-man is Finished, For the moment. Death threats have been made to Dan Slott For having 'killed' Peter Parker. Others are refusing to buy the new title, Superior Spider-man in protest. The Independent ran a feature on the last issue, death always attracts the nationals. This brought in a new wave of people, the unknowledgeable investing public which forced up prices immediately.

This 'Unknowledgeables', as I call them, also were out in droves to buy the last issue of the Dandy back in the latter part of 2012. Thinking that the last issue would somehow be worth money, similar to the value of issue one! They cannot grasp that the reason for the comic folding was the shoddy quality of the writing and art plus there are now 1,000s of this last shoddy issue out there, unlike the maybe 10 copies of that first classic issue.

However, I digress. Amazing Spider-man #700 is in fact a class act. A well written, perfectly paced finale. The art, not to my taste, but liked by many was by Humberto Ramos. The letters page, extended, included some great letters and answers by Stan Lee. There was a cover gallery of all 700 issues, plus more. This was truly a great read and a great comic.

My only gripe is with the numbering and relaunch which has diminished the follow on sales. Many have not put in for Superior Spider-Man, and they will regret this. Having now read issue one I am impressed at how Dan Slott has a real handle on what the essence of Spider-Man is all about. He may have killed off Peter Parker (maybe) but before his resurrection we are going to be fully entertained by Otto Octavius coming to terms with the purity of spirit that was Peter Parker and by his slightly more savage actions as Spider-man. Until I read Superior issue one I

hadn't quite realised what Peter Parker represented. I am in for the ride as Dan examines personalities and great power and responsibility. Dan Slott reminds me a bit of Peter David who always fully explores characters and motivations, seeing new twists where you would not expect to see one.

Dan has been lucky to be in charge of the writing of Amazing Spider-man for so long. He really has a feel for the character and flowing from this are great stories.

Superior Spider-Man #1 is going to a second printing and I expect a third printing as initial orders were so low. Grab a copy of whatever printing you can get or afford and enjoy a great comic and art. This is why I still read and enjoy comics.

Of all the Marvel Now relaunched this is the only one that has lit the shelves up and is truly a new direction, if only for a short while.

Motto for the month, is 'donate a graphic novel', to your local Dentist and or Doctors surgery. I have been thanked by my Dentist and I am impressed to say that the books after 5 months are still there, being read by many kids, diverting their minds from the drilling by thrilling.

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, Lorna, Stuart, Daren and Bennie in Glasgow...

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