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# NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN SEPTEMBER



## FASHION BEAST #1

Moore / Percio

Alan Moore's unearthed screenplay comes to life as an incredible comic book series almost three decades later! The mid-80s were

a stunning period of brilliance for Alan Moore, seeing him create true masterpieces including *Miracleman*, *Watchmen* – and *Fashion Beast*! Working with Malcolm McLaren (*Sex Pistols*), Alan Moore turned his attention to a classic re-telling of a fable through his unyielding and imaginative vision. The two developed a story that redefined *Beauty and the Beast* in a dystopian future city dominated by a fashion house, which Moore then fully-scripted into a huge screenplay. Never previously published, this epic work is now adapted for comics by long-time Moore collaborator, Antony Johnston (*Courtyard*) preserving every scrap of Moore's original dialogue. All ten issues have been lovingly illustrated by Facundo Percio (*Anna Mercury*) and finally a true historical and visionary masterpiece is finally released to the World! Available with a Regular or Wraparound Cover, Haute Couture Incentive or the very rare Tarot (by Paul Duffield) Incentive cover.

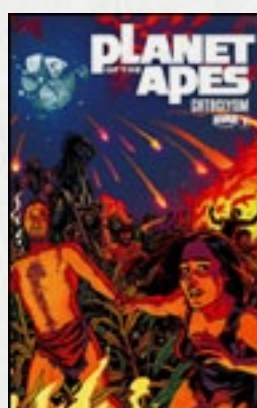


## STEED & MRS. PEEL #1

Waid / Monroe / Bryant

Mark Waid's incredible reimagining of the super spy series is here! John Steed and Emma Peel are right back to work, and the threats

are bigger than ever. After the shocking return of the Hellfire Club, our swinging super-spies realize their mortal foes have infiltrated all aspects of British society, and Steed and Peel can't trust anyone — except one another.



## PLANET OF THE APES: CATAclysm #1

Bechko / Hardman

Brand-new ongoing series! Great jumping-on point for new readers!

Eight years before astronaut George Taylor fell from the stars... the stars fell on the Planet of the Apes! Once the destroyer of human civilization, the Alpha-Omega bomb of yore has slept silent in the dark side of the moon. One mad monk seeks to wake the beast... and all of Ape society is at risk. It's a race against time as Doctor Zaius struggles to find an end to the madness that has engulfed all that he knows!



## THE CREEP #1 (OF 4)

Arcudi / Case

A pair of teen suicides raise terrible questions, but can a grim private eye commit himself to a case that is so closely

connected to his own haunted past?

- Cover by Mike Mignola!
- From the artist of *Green River Killer* and the writer of *B.P.R.D.*!

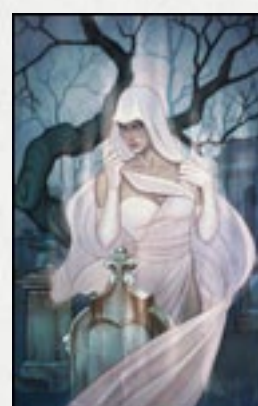


## LOBSTER JOHNSON: CAPUT MORTUUM (ONE-SHOT)

Mignola / Arcudi / Zonjic

Hellboy's favorite gun-blazing vigilante takes justice to the skies this time by getting

locked in combat aboard a zeppelin!



## GHOST #0

DeConnick / Noto

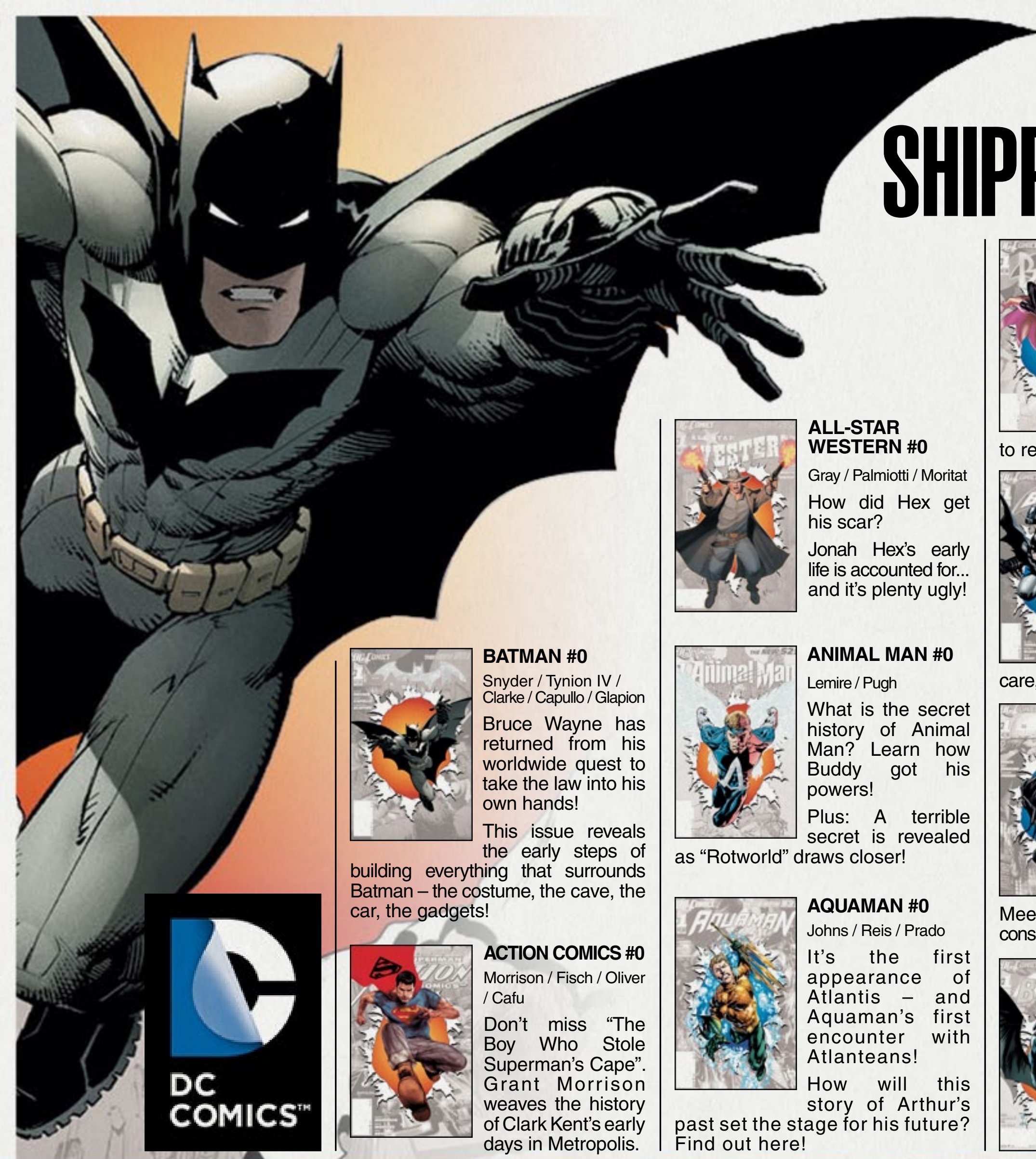
Former journalist Vaughn Barnes has been reduced to moonlighting as cameraman for the shoddy paranormal-investigation cable TV show *Phantom Finders*. But when a curious device summons the specter of a beautiful, translucent woman, Vaughn is plunged

into a mystery of criminal intrigue that spans two worlds! Kelly Sue DeConnick and Phil Noto launch their exciting new take on one of Dark Horse's most popular characters ever!

- Kelly Sue DeConnick (*Captain Marvel*) brings a keen new eye to the spectral heroine.
- Renowned artist Phil Noto (*Angel & Faith*, *X-23*) perfectly captures the wraithlike elegance of the enigma known as Ghost!



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## BATMAN #0

Snyder / Tynion IV / Clarke / Capullo / Glapion

Bruce Wayne has returned from his worldwide quest to take the law into his own hands!

This issue reveals the early steps of building everything that surrounds Batman – the costume, the cave, the car, the gadgets!



## ACTION COMICS #0

Morrison / Fisch / Oliver / Cafu

Don't miss "The Boy Who Stole Superman's Cape". Grant Morrison weaves the history of Clark Kent's early days in Metropolis.



## ALL-STAR WESTERN #0

Gray / Palmiotti / Moritat

How did Hex get his scar?

Jonah Hex's early life is accounted for... and it's plenty ugly!



## ANIMAL MAN #0

Lemire / Pugh

What is the secret history of Animal Man? Learn how Buddy got his powers!

Plus: A terrible secret is revealed as "Rotworld" draws closer!

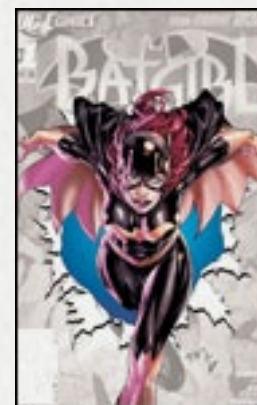


## AQUAMAN #0

Johns / Reis / Prado

It's the first appearance of Atlantis – and Aquaman's first encounter with Atlanteans!

How will this story of Arthur's past set the stage for his future? Find out here!



## BATGIRL #0

Simone / Benes

How did Barbara first become Batgirl? What led to her to don the cape and cowl?

Witness Barbara's shocking injury and her inspiring drive to recover and walk again!



## BATMAN AND ROBIN #0

Tomasi / Gleason / Gray

Damian's complicated relationship with his mother, Talia al Ghul, takes center stage.

Bred to kill and not to care, this is the birth of an assassin!



## BATMAN: THE DARK KNIGHT #0

Hurwitz / Finch

Batman takes on the most important case of his career as a detective – who murdered his parents?

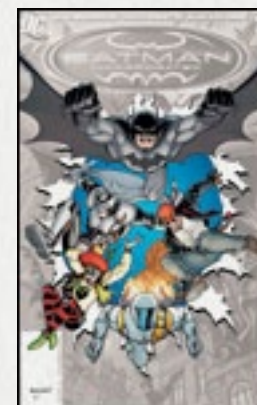
Meet Joe Chill and explore the epic conspiracy to wipe out the Wayne family!



## BATWING #0

Winick / To / Winn

Batwing has been chosen as one of Batman's main allies...but is he worthy? Guest-starring Batman!

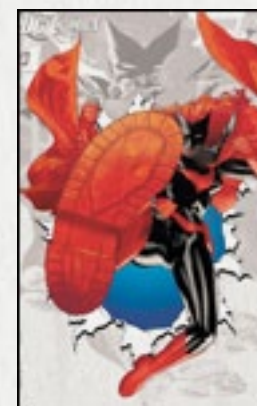


## BATMAN, INC. #0

Morrison / Burnham

Batman, Inc. wants you! Batman has a war to fight, but first he must recruit an army to combat the menace of Leviathan.

See how The Dark Knight assembled his lieutenants!



## BATWOMAN #0

Williams III / Blackman

See how Kate Kane shed her life of excess and disgrace to become the costumed vigilante known as Batwoman!

Has she truly put her demons to rest?



## BIRDS OF PREY #0

Swierczynski / Molenaar

The first meeting of Black Canary and Batgirl...is not at all what you expect!

After Team 7, how did the Birds of Prey come to be?



## BLUE BEETLE #0

Bedard / Giffen / Guara / Mayer

Where was the Scarab before it merged with the current Blue Beetle, Jaime Reyes?



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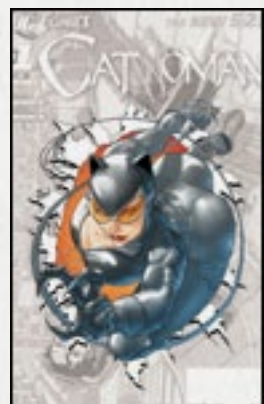


## CAPTAIN ATOM #0

Krul / Williams II

Captain Nathaniel Adam volunteers for a dangerous experiment that will make him one of the most powerful heroes in the DC Universe!

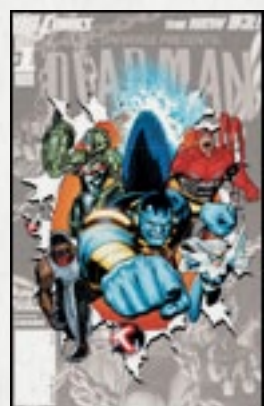
How much can man lose before he is no longer human?



## CATWOMAN #0

Winick / Sandoval

The secret origin of Selina Kyle! Major shocks are in store for Catwoman this year – and this is just the beginning!



## DC UNIVERSE PRESENTS #0

Bedard / Robinson / Liefeld / Didio / Cafu / Mychaels / Derenick / Battle / and others

Five all-new adventures featuring the Blackhawks' Mother Machine,

Hawk and Dove, Mister Terrific and O.M.A.C. in this super-sized issue!

Featuring the beginning of storylines that will play out across the entire New 52!



## DEATHSTROKE #0

Liefeld

What horrors led Slade Wilson to become Deathstroke – the most dangerous killer in the world?

More on the history of Team 7 and the first appearance of a fan-favorite character in The New 52!



## DEMON KNIGHTS #0

Cornell / Chang

Deep in the past of The New 52, Etrigan the Demon and Jason Blood struggle against Merlin and Lucifer!

The horrible curse that unite them is revealed!



## DETECTIVE COMICS #0

Hurwitz / Kudranski / Daniel / Friend

Discover how young Bruce Wayne learned to wield the martial arts, and how a major villain was introduced into his life.



## DIAL H #0

Mieville / Burchielli

One of the first users of the H Dial learns a horrible secret that spells certain doom for the future!



## EARTH 2 #0

Robinson / Giorello

It's the tragic origin of Earth 2's greatest villain!

Don't miss Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman in action on Earth 2!



## THE FLASH #0

Manapul / Buccellato

At last, it's the origin of The Flash!

The loss of his mother put Barry Allen on the road to becoming a hero, but only when he gains his powers will he understand her most important lesson.



## THE FURY OF FIRESTORM: THE NUCLEAR MEN #0

Harris / Cinar / Alquiza

Jason Rusch and Ronnie Raymond try to return to civilian life after losing the power of the Firestorm

Protocols...but when danger threatens them, will they be able to survive?

Is this the end of Firestorm?



## FRANKENSTEIN, AGENT OF S.H.A.D.E. #0

Kindt / Ponticelli / Faucher

Frankenstein meets his maker... literally! Learn how Frankenstein was recruited by S.H.A.D.E. and

what the future holds for them.



## G.I. COMBAT #0

Gray / Palmiotti / Krul / Johnson / Olivetti

What exactly was the Unknown Soldier before the experiments that changed him forever?



## GREEN ARROW #0

Winick / Williams II / Hunter

Oliver Queen is young, rich and reckless...what could possibly go wrong? Discover the events leading up to the birth of Green Arrow, and Ollie's history with Roy Harper!



## GREEN LANTERN #0

Johns / Mahnke / Alamy

Prologue to The Third Army! The introduction and origin of a surprising new Green Lantern! Where are Hal Jordan and Sinestro?



## GREEN LANTERN CORPS #0

Tomasi / Pasarin / Hanna

Prologue to The Third Army! Guy Gardner's past has a way of catching up with him, and this issue is no exception!



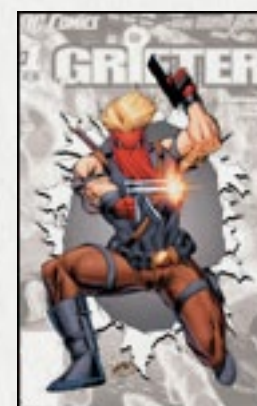
## GREEN LANTERN: NEW GUARDIANS #0

Bedard / Kuder

Prologue to The Third Army!

A new team forms as Atrocitus, Larfleeze, Star Sapphire and Carol

Ferris, Saint Walker, Arkillo and Kyle Rayner prepare for war against the Guardians of the Universe.



## GRIFTER #0

Liefeld / Tieri / Clark / Beaty

What is the dark truth behind Grifter's powers? Find out in this issue!

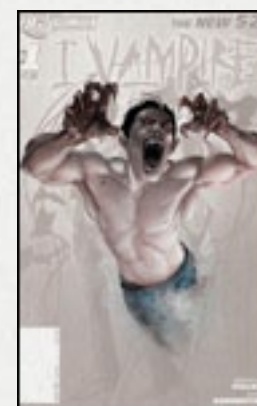
Plus: More on the Daemonite threat, new characters are introduced, and tons of bullets fly!



## THE SAVAGE HAWKMAN #0

Liefeld / Poulton / Bennett / Thibert

Discover Hawkman's connection to Thanagar and why he came to Earth!



## I, VAMPIRE #0

Hale Fialkov / Sorrentino

Witness how Andrew Bennett became a vampire!

Who was the monster that attacked him? How did his powers develop? And why

is he the only vampire able to control his terrible hunger for blood?



## JUSTICE LEAGUE #0

Johns / Frank

Billy Batson takes center stage in this issue as he unleashes the awesome power of Shazam in a special origin story!

Also featuring the not-to-be-missed origin of Pandora and the next seeds of Trinity War!



## JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK #0

Lemire / Janin

Find out what young John Constantine was like in the early days of The New 52, and meet the villain who plans to kill him and the entire team!



## LEGION LOST #0

DeFalco / Woods

Don't miss Timber Wolf's origin in this special issue!



## LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #0

Levitz / Kolins

A new story entitled "Brainiac's Original Sin" sheds light on one very important Coluan child!



## NIGHTWING #0

Higgins / Barrows / Jose / Ferreira

It's the origin of Dick Grayson in The New 52!

From orphan to super hero – it's all here!



## THE PHANTOM STRANGER #0

Didio / Anderson / Hanna

Learn what happened to The Phantom Stranger after the Free Comic Book Day story!

Who has been sacrificed? Who is guilty? Who can save us? And who...is The Phantom Stranger? Major players in The New 52 will be introduced in these pages!



## THE RAVAGERS #0

Mackie / Churchill / Rapmund

Detailing the brutal abduction by N.O.W.H.E.R.E. of Beast Boy and Terra!

Learn how the paths of these two heroes will affect the entire team!



## RED HOOD AND THE OUTLAWS #0

Lobdell / Turner

Learn how Jason Todd came back to life after being killed by The Joker.

Do you really need another reason to check out this issue?



## RED LANTERNS #0

Milligan / Syaf / Cifuentes

Prologue to the Third Army!

Don't miss this secret chapter of the Red Lantern Corps, as the legacy of Atrocitus's violent past unfolds!

Witness a prophecy that threatens to change everything!



## RESURRECTION MAN #0

Abnett / Lanning / Saiz

Mitch Shelley discovers the truth of his existence, and even the ability to return from the dead won't save him!



## SUPERBOY #0

DeFalco / Silva / Lean

Mysteries are revealed as we learn Harvest's reasons for creating Kryptonian clones!

This bloody chapter of Superboy's history ties directly into issue #1 of the series – and the future of the entire DC Universe!



## SUPERGIRL #0

Green / Johnson / Asrar

On the eve of Krypton's destruction, who sent Supergirl from Krypton to Earth – and why? The answer is not what you think!

Plus: Learn the answer to a mystery that's been driving Supergirl mad for months: Who shot her father, Zor-El?!



## SUPERMAN #0

Lobdell / Rocafort

Welcome the new creative team of Scott Lobdell and Kenneth Rocafort as they take us back to the days when Jor-El learned the truth about

Krypton's imminent destruction!

Plus: More on the introduction of the Eradicators!

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## STORMWATCH #0

Milligan / Calero / Parsons

The history of Stormwatch's activities in The New 52 are revealed! A new villain arrives, and the safety of the team has never

been more in doubt!



## SUICIDE SQUAD #0

Glass / Dagnino

What happened to Amanda Waller after the shocking destruction of Team 7? And how did it lead to the creation of the Suicide Squad?



## TALON #0

Snyder / Tynion IV / March

A new series featuring the Court of Owls' unstoppable killing machine!

Meet Calvin Rose, the only Talon ever to escape the grasp of the Court of Owls. This former assassin just wants to live a normal life...but that's impossible, since he's being hunted by his former masters!

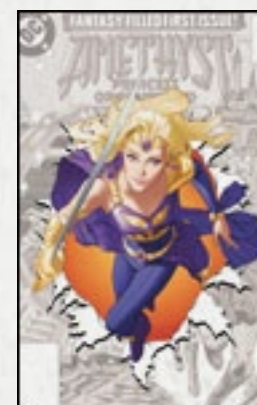


## SWAMP THING #0

Snyder / Kano

The mysteries of Alec Holland and Anton Arcane revealed! Throughout history, Arcane has slaughtered the champions of the Red and the Green,

and only Alec has escaped death – but for how much longer?



## SWORD OF SORCERY #0

Marx / Bedard / Lopresti / Ryan / Saiz

In this new series featuring the long-awaited return of AMETHYST, Amy Winston leads a strange life on the

road with her mother. She's about to learn why it's all been necessary when she discovers she's the lost princess of Gemworld — and has powerful enemies hunter her!

AMETHYST is written by Christy Marx, best known for her work on animated TV series including G.I. Joe, Transformers, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and more, as well as the comics series Sisterhood of Steel.

And in the backup story set in a post-apocalyptic wasteland, the monstrous warrior BEOWULF is charged with finding and defeating the evil Grendel.

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## TEAM 7 #0

Jordan / Merino

Threads of the entire DC Universe collide in this new series set in the early days of The New 52 from writer Justin Jordan (The Strange Talents

of Luther Strode). As Superman emerges, so too does the world's counter measures against him and his kind! Dinah Lance, Amanda Waller, Steve Trevor, John Lynch, Alex Fairchild, Cole Cash, Slade Wilson are Team 7 – and their story will change everything you know about The New 52!



## VOODOO #0

Williamson / Basri

The truth about Pris is revealed at last as she sets off on a mission for vengeance that can only end in genocide!



## WONDER WOMAN #0

Azzarello / Chiang

A facet of the past is revealed – and a foe is introduced!

How did Wonder Woman become a star pupil of Ares?



## TEEN TITANS #0

Lobdell / Kirkham / Batt

Focusing on the origin of Tim Drake; how a would be Olympic star and computer genius went on to become Batman's third Robin.

Plus: The beginnings of Skitter and Bunker.



## WORLDS' FINEST #0

Levitz / Maguire

It's the origin of Supergirl and Robin on Earth 2!

How did their first mission on that world affect their situation as Power

Girl and Huntress today?



## NATIONAL COMICS: ROSE AND THORN #1

Taylor / Googe

The classic DC character Rose and Thorn is taken in a compelling new direction!

Can a teenage girl with a dark secret, readjusting to life after being institutionalized, learn how to live again?



## JENNIFER BLOOD: FIRST BLOOD #1 (OF 6)

Carroll / Vitorino

Jessie Blute's uncles murdered her father and drove her mother to suicide, which forced Jessie to fake

her own death. With a new identity, she distanced herself from her past, found love, raised a family... And then, many years later, she sought out her uncles and delivered brutal and blood-drenched vengeance. But what was the trigger that turned this sweet, loving mother-of-two into a cold-hearted killing machine? This is the story of Jessica Blute's lost years... and how she came to draw first blood.



## PETER CANNON: THUNDERBOLT #1

Darnall / Ross / Lau

Peter Cannon is a world-famous author, an international celebrity, and the superhero known as Thunderbolt, acknowledged far

and wide as the man who saved the world from destruction. Unfortunately, he has little interest in fame, even less interest in people, and the peace he has created is based on an illusion. Now, as old and new enemies plan to destroy his efforts—unaware of the secret he carries—Peter Cannon must fight to keep the peace and preserve his own existence, while fending off deadly foes...and mysterious admirers. Join artist co-writer/cover artist Alex Ross and writer Steve Darnall for the story of a hero who discovers that sometimes... things are not all what they seem! Featuring the never-before-published origin story by creator, Pete Morisi!



## THE SHADOW ANNUAL #1

Sniegoski / Calero

The Shadow is tormented by visions of New York City plagued by living fire—fire in the shape of a Chinese dragon —

fire with the potential to spread hungrily to the world. But what do these visions mean? The Shadow will peel back the layers of mystery, leading to a confrontation that could very well shake the pillars of Heaven. Who are the waifs of Li-Lung, and what are their connections to Brother Pritchard's Orphanage for Wayward Children, and to crime boss on the rise, Vincent Ruzzo? Soon, the Shadow will know.



## DAMSELS #1

Moore / Reppion / Aneke

Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, The Little Mermaid, and Snow White come together with other damsels in

a new adventure filled with danger and intrigue. In Damsels, the alluring princesses of classic fairy tales take up arms to save their kingdoms from war. Rediscover the darkness at the heart of fairy tales and why they'll be no happily ever after. Damsels opens with Rapa wishing she had not got out of bed that morning, if she had a bed to get out of that is. The day began badly and has gone rapidly and literally downhill ever since. A series of peculiar and baffling encounters throw obstacle after obstacle into her path, intent it seems on preventing her progress. The thing is, until today she had no idea she was trying to make any progress, toward anything! A collection of hazy memories and bewildering tattoos are



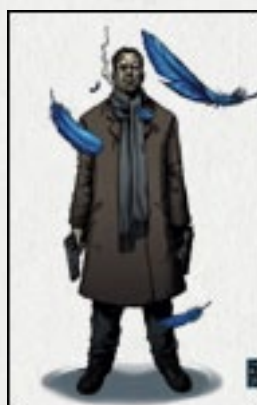
all she has to help her figure it all out, and to be honest, she'd just as soon not bother. Around her, we see the mountain city of Caumont thrown into overdrive by the arrival of Queen Talia and King Aurore of Perrault. The streets are thronged with cheering people, does it matter they aren't exactly sure why they are cheering, or for whom?

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## HAPPY! #1 (of 4)

Morrison / Robertson

Meet NICK SAX - a corrupt, intoxicated ex-cop turned hit-man, adrift in a stinking twilight world of casual murder, soulless sex, eczema and betrayal. With

a hit gone wrong, a bullet in his side, the cops and the mob on his tail, and a monstrous child killer in a Santa suit on the loose, Nick and his world will be changed forever this Christmas. By a tiny blue horse called Happy...

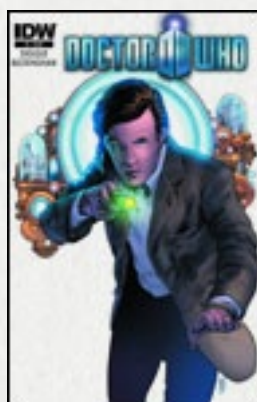


## GUARDING THE GLOBE #1

Hester / Nauck / Rauch

The Guardians of the Globe are BACK in an all-new, all-exciting ongoing series! Your favorite heroes—Brit, Outrun, Invincible, Robot,

Yeti, Kaboomerang, and more—face new challenges of epic proportions in stories by the all-star team of PHIL HESTER & TODD NAUCK!



## DOCTOR WHO #1

Diggle / Buckingham

The Doctor is back! Welcome to a new, exciting era for everyone's favorite Time Lord, as New York Times bestselling writer Andy Diggle (The

Losers) pilots the TARDIS as the ongoing series architect. Joining him for this first arc is Eisner Award-winning artist Mark Buckingham (Fables), who also will provide covers for the series. Geronimo!



## A FINE & PRIVATE PLACE #1 (OF 5)

Beagle / Gillis / Francisco

Beginning the adaptation of Peter S. Beagle's poignant novel of of memory, despair and love on the

other side of the ruins! What's it like to die? Can an ex-pharmacist camped out in a New York cemetery explain the secrets of life and death? Can the talking raven who steals sandwiches for him? And will the ghosts listen?



## THE POUND: GHOUL'S NIGHT OUT #1 (OF 4)

Nilson / Moustafa

Scottie and Howie have their hands full. A creature is harassing park-goers. The Government is

investigating them. Ghouls are rebelling, and, if things couldn't get worse, Scottie's mother-in-law has decided to visit. Guest starring PROOF's Agent John "Proof" Prufrock!



## TRANSFORMERS: ROBOTS IN DISGUISE ANNUAL 2012

Barber / Cahill / Guidi

The mysterious Metrotitan from last month's More Than Meets the Eye Annual arrives on

CYBERTRON—smashing into the ruins of the legendary Crystal City! Starscream and Prowl begin a battle of wills over the fate of this behemoth—and the outcome will shock you!



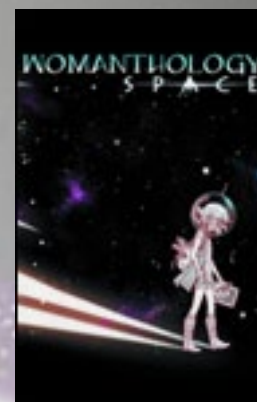
## STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION: HIVE #1

Braga / Matalas / Corroney

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of Star Trek: The Next Generation! In the distant future the

entire galaxy has been completely assimilated by Borg and it's king... Locutis! The only hope for the future lies in the past, in the hands of Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the starship Enterprise—as Picard faces off against the Borg collective in one final, terrifying and definitive encounter!

Brannon Braga is one of the writers most associated with the Star Trek Franchise. He has written a number of fondly remembered episodes of TNG, including co-writing the two-part series finale, "All Good Things..." for which he won the prestigious Hugo Award. Terry Matalas has written for Star Trek: Enterprise, as well as Terra Nova.



## WOMANTHOLOGY: SPACE #1

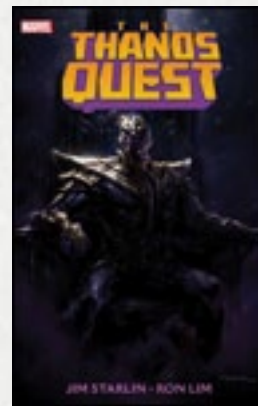
Carpenter / Burton / Zullo / Doyle / Hans / Hickman / Ponder / Tanja / Bowie

Womanthology: Space, the follow up to the hit Kickstarter project,

Womanthology: Heroic, starts off with the first of five out-of-this-world issues: Moon. Each issue contains three 6-page stories, plus pinups, how-tos, and more, by women of all ages and experience. Check out a haunted space station, a snarky robot, and so much more in this debut issue.



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## THANOS QUEST #1

Starlin / Lim

Thanos of Titan, the mad Eternal, has been released from Death's domain. In return, he's pledged to kill half the population of the universe

using the most powerful weapons in existence: the Infinity Gems! If he obtains them all, Thanos will rule all he surveys!

Collecting **THANOS QUEST** (1990) #1-2.



## THANOS: THE FINAL THREAT #1

Starlin

The mad Titan Thanos gathers the six cosmic Soul Gems in a ruthless bid for interplanetary power! It's up to

Captain America, Thor, Iron Man and the other Avengers to stop him — aided by Captain Marvel, Moondragon, Spider-Man, the Thing and the enigmatic Adam Warlock!

How far will the heroes go to beat a villain whose only goal is to win the favor of Death herself?

Collecting **AVENGERS ANNUAL** (1967) #7 and **MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE ANNUAL** #2.



## NEMESIS 2 #1

Millar / McNiven

Who is Nemesis? The first person to take on the name was an electronics billionaire using his fortune to prey on ordinary people from behind a mask.

Now, after his death, a new predator will emerge—and this time, readers get a peek behind the curtain for an unflinching look at how it all came to be. From the creative team behind Marvel's Civil War event.



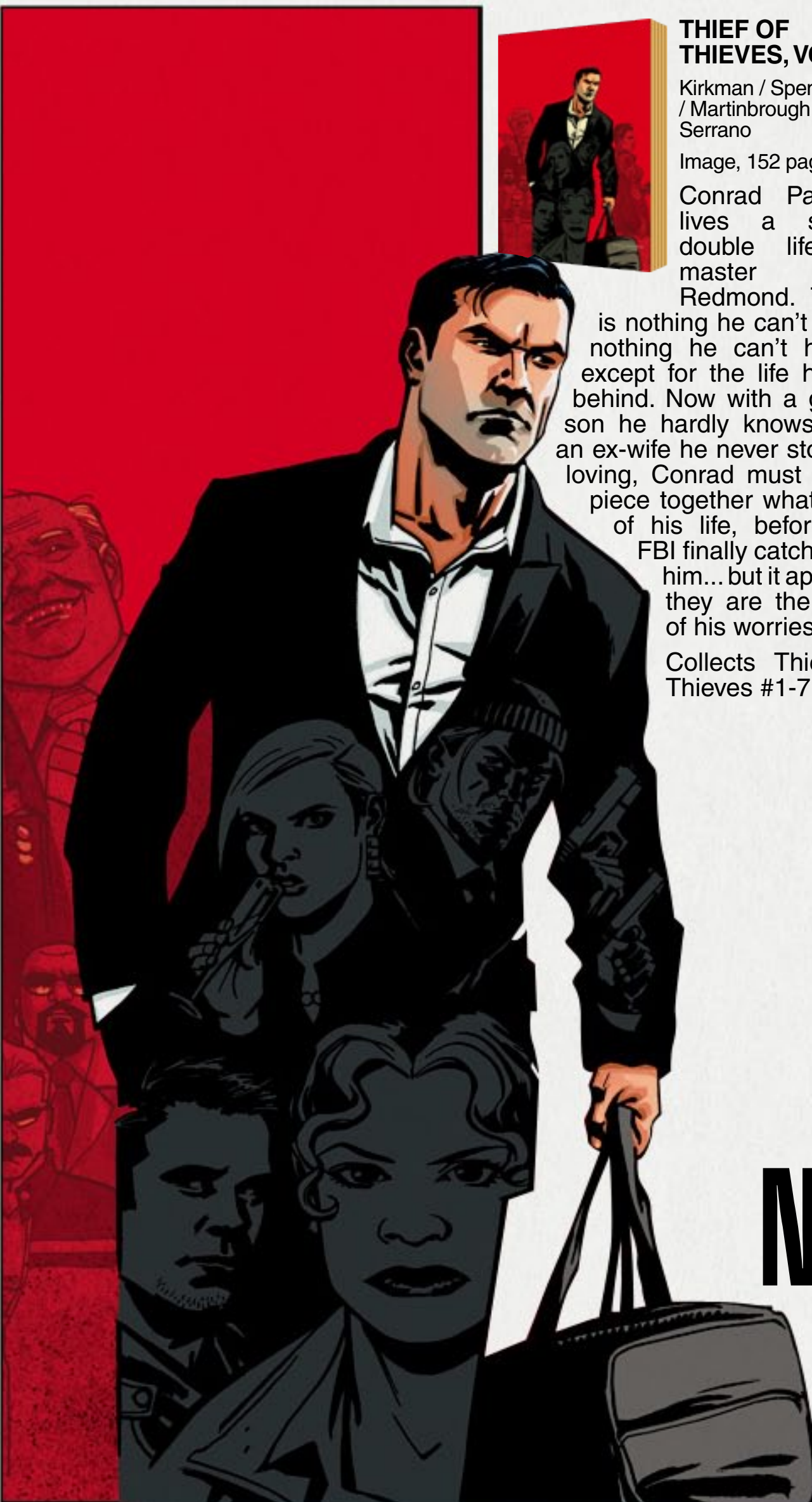
## ROAD TO OZ #1 (OF 8)

Shanower / Young

When dusty Kansas roads suddenly turn into magic highways, it's a safe bet that one of them is the road to Oz, but which one?

Dorothy's off on another fantastic adventure, and Toto is back, too. This time their companions are strange—an old homeless guy with a magic magnet and a mentally-challenged child named Button-Bright.





### THIEF OF THIEVES, VOL.1

Kirkman / Spencer / Martinbrough / Serrano

Image, 152 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. Now with a grown son he hardly knows, and an ex-wife he never stopped loving, Conrad must try to piece together what's left of his life, before the FBI finally catch up to him... but it appears they are the least of his worries.

Collects Thief Of Thieves #1-7.



### BIG HERO 6: BRAVE NEW HEROES #1

Claremont / Nakayama

Marvel, 120 pages

The astonishing return of Big Hero Six, Japan's top heroes!

Featuring Hiro (the smartest boy in Japan), Baymax (his trusty robot companion), Honey Lemon (and her magic handbag) and Gogo Tomago (the unstoppable energy ball), who are the Six's two new members — and what secrets do they hold?

Collecting Big Hero 6 #1-5.



### GHOSTBUSTERS OMNIBUS

Champagne / Lobdell / Naraghi / Dallas / Beard / David / Eatock / Williams / Nguyen / Kyriazis / Sam / Howard / Schoening / Jourdan

IDW, 280 pages

Get ready GHOSTBUSTERS fans, because three complete tales are collected here in the Ghostbusters Omnibus! Including "Displaced Aggression," "The Other Side," and "Haunted Holidays," you'll see Peter, Ray, Egon, and Winston travel across time, venture to hell, and celebrate the holidays as only the Ghostbusters can.

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### MASS EFFECT VOLUME 4: HOMEWORLDS

Walters / Barlow / Weekes / Dombrow / Feketekuty / Francisco / Brown / Francia / Staggs

Dark Horse, 96 pages

From the writers of Mass Effect 3, including lead writer Mac Walters come these four essential stories starring characters central to BioWare's latest epic, including James Vega, Tali, Garrus, and Liara, in adventures that reveal their unbreakable connections to their homeworlds! Art by Garry Brown and Mass Effect veterans Omar Francia and Eduardo Francisco. The most beloved saga in gaming!

Collects Mass Effect: Homeworlds #1-#4.



### SECRET, VOL.1

Hickman / Bodenheim / Garland

Image, 144 pages

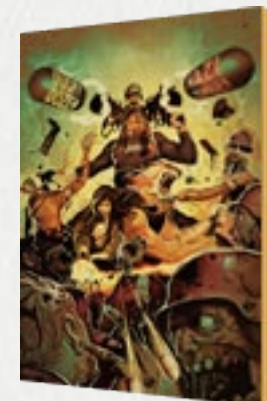
"NEVER GET CAUGHT"

A man gets shot in London, a law firm gets broken into in

Washington, an accountant gives away the password to his computer, and something put to sleep 20 years ago awakens. What is the unsavory relationship all these things share, and how could it bring down two of the largest governments in the history of the world?

Brought to you by award-winning writer JONATHAN HICKMAN and break-out talent, RYAN BODENHEIM, SECRET is an espionage thriller that takes a deep look into the shadow world existing between the government and private security firms.

Collects Secret #1-5



### MARVEL ZOMBIES DESTROY!

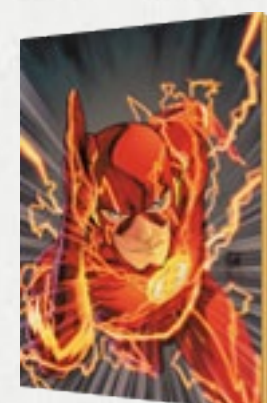
Marraffino / David / Pierfederici

Marvel, 120 pages

At long last! The best-selling Marvel Zombies franchise returns! ARMOR

is called upon to rescue a reality where the Nazis won WWII... with zombies! Howard the Duck brings in Nazi-fighter extraordinaire Dum Dum Dugan, and takes a squadron of fighters known as Ducky's Dozen on a daring raid into the very heart of the zombie Red Skull's territory! But as our heroes learn the horrifying truth behind what happened to the Norse Gods, and how Asgard became zombie territory, an unlikely ally joins our heroes — the same mysterious force who caused the zombie plague! Who will live, who will die, who will... UNdie? THE CANNOT BE MISSED ZOMBIE BOOK! SERIOUSLY, YOU GUYS! NAZI ZOMBIES!

Collecting Marvel Zombies Destroy #1-5.



### THE FLASH VOL.1: MOVE FORWARD

Manapul / Buccellato

DC, 192 pages

In this first DC Comics — The New 52 collection of The Flash, Mob Rule wages

a campaign of crime across Central City, plunging the city into darkness! The only way The Flash can save his city is to make his brain function even faster than before — but as much as it helps him, it also comes at a steep price.

• Collects issues #1-8 of the original monthly series.



## DC COMICS: THE SEQUENTIAL ART OF AMANDA CONNER

Conner / Johns / Gray  
/ Palmiotti / Winick /  
Kesel / Dixon / Nitz /  
Moore

DC, 304 pages

Acclaimed artist Amanda Conner, currently illustrating and cowriting *Before Watchmen: Silk Spectre*, is the focus of this new hardcover collecting some of her greatest work for DC Comics!

This spectacular new hardcover features *Superman: Lois Lane* #1, *Birds Of Prey* #47-49, *JSA Classified* #1-4, *Supergirl* #12, the *Green Arrow/Black Canary Wedding Special*, plus stories from *Secret Origins* 80-Page Giant #1, *The Joker: Last Laugh* Secret Files #1, *Wonder Woman* #600, numerous covers and more!



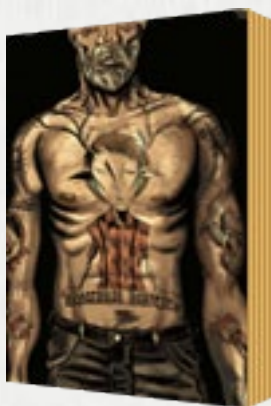
## G.I. JOE: THE COMPLETE COLLECTION VOL.1

Hama / Trimpe

IDW, 300 pages

Presenting the full run of original *A Real American Hero* and *Special Missions*

tales, placed in proper reading order and collected in handsome hardcover volumes. Presiding over this project is legendary pop culture aficionado Mark W. Bellomo.



## SWEET TOOTH VOL.5: UNNATURAL HABITATS

Lemire / Kindt

DC Vertigo, 160 pages

In this volume collecting issues #26-32, Captain James Thacker's expedition

discovers deadly, centuries-old secrets. Plus, while Jeppard and Gus head for Alaska, things deteriorate for those left at the sanctuary.



## POWERS: THE DEFINITIVE COLLECTION VOL.5 HC

Bendis / Avon Oeming

Marvel, 440 pages

The deluxe hardcover collections continue! This

volume combines *Powers* Vol. 11: *Secret Identity* and *Powers* Vol. 12: *The 25 Coolest Dead Superheroes Of All Time*, plus all the extras you expect to see in a beautiful oversized collection! Walker and Pilgrim have been homicide detectives and partners for years, but secrets they've kept from each other are now too big and too dangerous to remain secrets for long. One shall rise, and one shall fall! It's a story that will blow the roof off everything you know about crime comics and superhero comics!

Collecting *Powers* (2004) #19-30 and *Powers Annual* 2008.



## B.P.R.D.: PLAGUE OF FROGS VOL.4

Mignola / Arcudi / Davis

Dark Horse, 456 pages

A story that began in the first issue of *Hellboy* concludes

with the B.P.R.D. team set to permanently wipe out the subterranean colony of frog monsters. The team tracks down Memnan Saa's hideout, but soon find themselves in over their heads when old enemies like the Black Flame arrive to lay waste to the world.

- The complete *Scorched Earth* trilogy!

- From *Hollow Earth* to *King of Fear*, the entire war on frogs in four volumes!



## STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION / DOCTOR WHO: ASSIMILATION2 VOL.1

Tipton / Tipton /  
Woodward

IDW, 104 pages

When the Federation's most terrifying enemy strikes an unholy alliance with one of the Doctor's most hated antagonists, the result is devastation on a cosmic scale! Spanning the ends of space and time itself, Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the *USS Enterprise* find themselves joining forces with the Doctor and his companions, with the fate of the galaxy hanging in the balance!



## DAREDEVIL BY MARK WAID VOL.3 PREMIERE HARDCOVER

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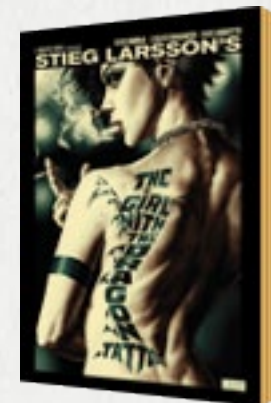
Marvel, 160 pages

It's the meanest team-up you ever saw as *Daredevil*, *Spider-Man* and the *Punisher* find themselves caught up in an epic chase across Manhattan for the *Omega Drive* — a powerful and dangerous information source that could change the course of all their lives! Plus: It's lawyers in love as Matt Murdock finally makes some time for Assistant District Attorney Kirsten McDuffie. But when Megacrime strikes back at *Daredevil*, the sightless super hero finds himself imprisoned in Latveria for crimes against the state! And as the law firm of Nelson & Murdock undergoes a drastic change, Matt's "happy go lucky" veneer at last begins to peel back, revealing darker truths that may just end his heroic career.

Collecting *Daredevil* (2011) #11-15, *Avenging Spider-Man* #6 and *Punisher* (2011) #10.

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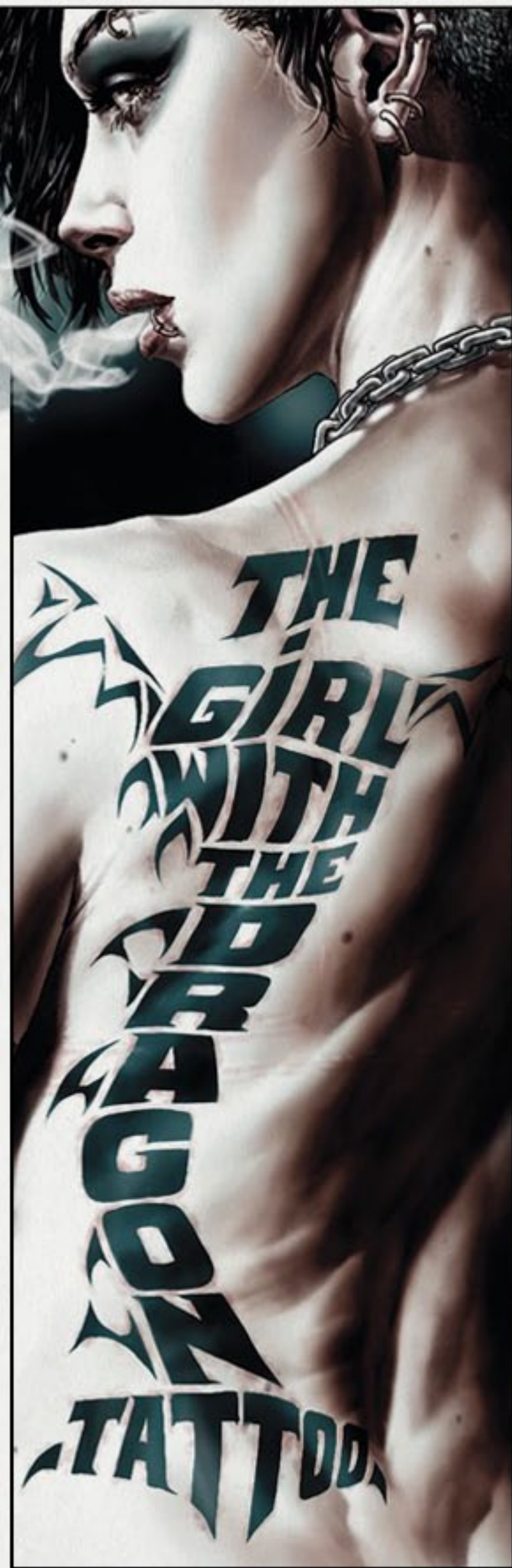
## STIEG LARSSON'S THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO VOL. 1

Mina / Manco / Mutti

DC Vertigo, 144 pages

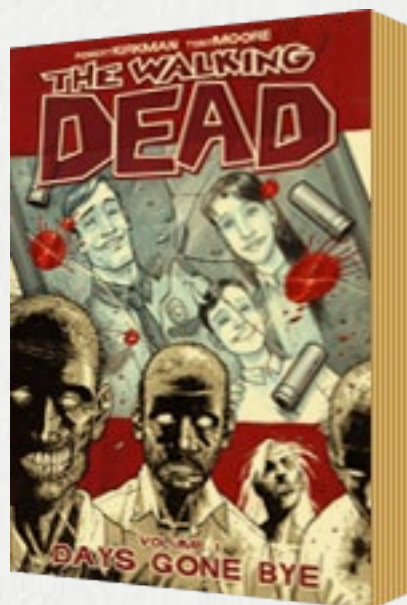
DC Entertainment is pleased to present the official graphic novel adaptation of Stieg Larsson's "Millennium Trilogy," brought to life by best-selling mystery novelist Denise Mina and illustrated by Leonardo Manco and Andrea Mutti, with a spectacular cover by Lee Bermejo.

Harriet Vanger, a scion of one of Sweden's wealthiest families, disappeared over forty years ago. All these years later, her aged uncle continues to seek the truth. He hires Mikael Blomkvist, a crusading journalist recently trapped by a libel conviction, to investigate. He is aided by the pierced and tattooed punk prodigy Lisbeth Salander. Together they tap into a vein of unfathomable iniquity and corruption in this extraordinary adaptation of the first half of the international best-selling novel.



# 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 WALKING DEAD VOL.1 'DAYS GONE BY' (2004)

KIRKMAN / MOORE

*"An epidemic of apocalyptic proportions has swept the globe, causing the dead to rise and feed on the living. In a matter of months, society has crumbled: There is no government, no grocery stores, no mail delivery, no cable TV. Rick Grimes finds himself one of the few survivors in this terrifying future. A couple months ago he was a small town cop who had never fired a shot and only ever saw one dead body.*

*Separated from his family, he must now sort through all the death and confusion to try and find his wife and son. In a world ruled by the dead, we are forced to finally begin living."* - Image Comics

To say the Walking Dead has been a phenomenon in the comics realm is something of an understatement. Issue #100 is about to hit the shelves, it has been made into a very popular TV show and the collected editions (of which there are 16 so far) sell daily. So we thought it was time to highlight this consistently good series, and what better way to do so than with the classic introductory collection.

The story tells of deputy sheriff Rick Grimes's ordeal as, after waking from a coma, he has to come to terms with a zombie outbreak and searches for his family, encountering a number of people (both dead and alive) along the way.

Told primarily from Grimes's point of view, writer Robert Kirkman uses the book to explore how people relate and adapt to extreme situations. Strongly character driven rather than a simple zombie gorefest showcase, Tony Moore's artwork is excellent, translating every human emotion perfectly, as well as graphically representing the horrific effects of the zombie plague.

High on terror and rich in drama, The Walking Dead is not only a very intelligent take on the zombie genre, but surely one of its most successful interpretations too.



# 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 GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (DC, VERTIGO)

*I haven't read Stieg Larsson's Millennium Trilogy novels, but I am a big fan of the original Swedish movies, the first one, 'The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo', in particular. It brought something fresh to a classic thriller tale with engaging characters and a gripping plot. Now DC Vertigo are releasing volume one of that story in graphic novel format, so I'm really looking forward to revisiting Mikael Blomkvist and Lisbeth Salander in this new interpretation of the literary smash hit. - KERRIE*

## GHOST (DARK HORSE)

*Dark Horse's spectral heroine has been on hiatus for a number of years now, but that will change in September when Ghost returns to our comic book shelves as the new mini-series debuts. It's being labelled as a new take on the character, so it will be interesting to see what direction writer Kelly Sue DeConnick and artist Phil Noto decide to take their reboot. DeConnick (who is married to Marvel writer extraordinaire, Matt Fraction) is also writing the imminent Captain Marvel series for Marvel, another very anticipated title - MARC*

## THIEF OF THIEVES (IMAGE)

*I still haven't jumped into the 'Thief of Thieves' comic books yet, but the fact that Image are releasing the first collected edition will give me and anyone else interested in this title a great opportunity to get stuck in. The premise is an interesting one - Conrad Paulson, a highly-successful thief, decides to quit the business and upon doing so, begins a new career stealing from other thieves! The collected edition features issues #1-7 written by Robert Kirkman and Nick Spencer with stylish artwork from permanent artist Shawn Martinbrough...and I love the 'Man With The Golden Arm' styled logo. - MARC*

## X-O MANOWAR (VALIANT)

*Valiant titles have had a bit of a chequered history since Jim Shooter relaunched the line in 1991. They flared brightly then crashed and burnt, then a brief revival or two also failed. This time around the omens are good. X-O Manowar is the story of Visigoth Aric captured by Alien race 'The Vine' and taken aboard their colony ship. At the end of issue two he has just acquired the X-O Manowar suit. Intriguing story, a different take and excellent art by Cary Nord.- BIFF*



# BIFF'S BIT

Just a reminder: my e-mail address is [martin@acecomics.co.uk](mailto:martin@acecomics.co.uk), telephone 01206 364140 and online at [www.acecomics.co.uk](http://www.acecomics.co.uk)

## MARVEL VS. DC

After years in the doldrums, declining sales since the high of 2007, comic sales are quantifiably on the up.

Diamond Comic Distributors are reporting that sales For April 2012 are 15% up on 2011, and each month this year has been significantly up on 2011.

I am pleased to say that, while not experiencing quite a 15% increase in sales, so far 2012 has been about 7% up on 2011.

So, despite the recession, despite the advent on downloadable comics and despite Kindle a large number of people prefer the tactile and sensory delight of a physical read. Not only that but an electronic download of any sort is worthless, but a physical comic does have value later on. Sometimes not a lot but in the case of Walking Dead a huge amount. The latest I hear is upwards of \$8000.00 for a slabbed (CCG) in high grade.

In my opinion the start of this renewed interest in comics was the DC 52 re-launch in September 2011. Like it or loathe it, new customers have been coming in steadily after the initial rush and more importantly they have, in the main, stayed.

Initially buying the DC comics, but now branching out to other companies product.

The beauty of what DC did is that all that has gone before still 'exists', they haven't said it never happened. My version of Superman still resides in my head and my comics are still valuable and readable. I read the new Superman comics as an alternative universe, and that way they work.

To compete with DC, Marvel have upped their game. Overall, I would say that Marvel comics are in fact better drawn and have better stories. Daredevil being the best comic of the year, nay decade. Avengers vs. X-men, which I thought would be a flop has been a resounding success. The art has been good, the story entertaining, in fact just what a good comic for all ages should be. I tip my hat to Marvel and apologise for my cynical earlier opinion. Should anyone have missed out we do have copies of #0 to #5 in stock, albeit of various printings. Some issues are up to 4th print.

I feel that I can say that a Marvel versus DC healthy competition is on, much in the vein of Blur vs. Oasis, Arsenal vs. Tottenham and Sainsbury vs. Tesco. Long may this healthy competition remain.

The final piece in the jigsaw of public awareness was the Fabulous Avengers movie which also has brought hundreds of people through a comic book shop's doors.

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 Brenden and Bryony, Lea in Southend, Richard and Guy in Richmond, Ivor, Scott, Scott, Lorna, Stuart and Bennie in Glasgow...

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