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# NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN SEPTEMBER: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



## BALTIMORE: THE INFERNAL TRAIN #1 (OF 3)

MIKE MIGNOLA |  
CHRISTOPHER  
GOLDEN |  
BEN STENBECK

While Baltimore hides out in Budapest awaiting the arrival of the sadistic Judge Duvic, a strange

woman shows up with a bizarre invention she promises will rid the world of vampire plague.



## BRAIN BOY #1

FRED VAN LENTE |  
R. B. SILVA | ROB LEAN

When the United States Secret Service needs to stop an assassination before the killer's even decided to buy a gun, they call the world's most powerful telepath:

Matt Price, a.k.a. Brain Boy. But when the secret agent that can read anyone's mind finds that a powerful psychic network has been hidden from him, Brain Boy begins to wonder whether he knows everything or nothing at all!



## BUZZKILL #1 (OF 4)

DONNY CATES |  
MARK REZNICEK |  
GEOFF SHAW

Ruben is not your average alcoholic; he's an unstoppable superhero who derives his powers from imbibing MASSIVE amounts of alcohol. After all the

disasters it's caused in his personal life, he's ready to get clean . . . and the city's supervillains couldn't be happier!

Cowritten by the Toadies drummer Mark Reznicek, it's a gorgeous new miniseries from Geoff Shaw (Batman 80-Page Giant 2011)!



## CRIMINAL MACABRE: THE EYES OF FRANKENSTEIN #1 (OF 4)

STEVE NILES |  
CHRISTOPHER MITTEN

While dealing with ghouls dying all around him and his own mysterious illness, occult detective Cal

McDonald encounters the Frankenstein's monster, who needs a new set of eyes. Can a rich entertainer who claims to be the world's foremost authority on the supernatural help the monster regain its sight?



## KISS ME, SATAN #1 (OF 5)

VICTOR GISCHLER |  
JUAN FERREYRA

Cassian Steele is the boss of the werewolf mafia in the Big Easy, and he's got a problem. The old witch Verona knows his secret and has gone into hiding. Cassian

wants her dead. So he sends out the word: An open contract. The first monster to dust Verona gets a big payday. What no one realizes is that Barnabus Black, a demon desperately trying to regain his halo, is her protection.



## RESIDENT ALIEN: THE SUICIDE BLONDE #1 (OF 3)

PETER HOGAN |  
STEVE PARKHOUSE

A straightforward suicide... or a murder? At first, undercover alien Dr. Harry Vanderspeigle thinks the local police have this death solved,

and then things get personal when one of his only human friends becomes a suspect. Also: The feds figure out that Harry's hiding in the Pacific Northwest!



## THE STAR WARS #1 (OF 8)

J. W. RINZLER | MIKE MAYHEW

Before Star Wars, there was The Star Wars! This is the authorized adaptation of George Lucas's rough-draft screenplay of what would eventually become a motion picture that would change the world.

Annikin Starkiller is the hero . . . Luke Skywalker is a wizened Jedi general . . . Han Solo is a big green alien . . . and the Sith . . . Well, the Sith are still the bad guys. High adventure and derring-do from longer

ago, in a galaxy even further away!

Official adaptation of George Lucas's original screenplay for Star Wars!

Features regular, variant, and ultravariant covers by Rain Beredo, Brad Anderson, Nick Runge, Jan Duursema, and Doug Wheatley!



## EMPOWERED SPECIAL: NINE BEERS WITH NINJETTE

ADAM WARREN |  
TAKESHI MIYAZAWA

Kick back and have a cold one with hearty-partying Ninjette, Empowered's Best Friend Forever, as she weaves a boozy yet

poignant tale of ninja magic, complete with fighting, flirting, and swing-dancing with the Maidman—not to mention the outwitting of 'Jette's monstrous thug of a father. Drink up!

Story (and bonus art) by Adam Warren, spectacularly illustrated by manga creator Takeshi Miyazawa (Lost Planet Bound Raven, Spider-Man Loves Mary Jane)





**BATMAN BLACK AND WHITE #1**

CHIP KIDD | NEAL ADAMS | JOE QUINONES | MARIS WICKS | JOHN ARCUDI | HOWARD MACKIE | MICHAEL CHO | NEAL ADAMS | JOE QUINONES | SEAN MURPHY | CHRIS SAMNEE

The legendary, Eisner Award-winning series Batman Black And White returns in a brand-new six-issue miniseries featuring tales of The Dark Knight by some of comics' greatest writers and artists! This first issue kicks off with stories by Chip Kidd and Michael Cho, Neal Adams, Joe Quinones and Maris Wicks, John Arcudi and Sean Murphy, and Howard Mackie and Chris Samnee!



**BATMAN #23.1: THE JOKER**

ANDY KUBERT | ANDY CLARKE

The Joker has forever been the face of evil in the DC Universe...but what led him on this devious path of treachery? Andy Kubert pens this early adventure showcasing the maniacal exploits of the Crown Prince of Gotham—The Joker!



**AQUAMAN #23.1: BLACK MANTA**

GEOFF JOHNS | TONY BEDARD | CLAUDE ST. AUBIN

Set loose as the Secret Society's plan unfolds, Black Manta is shocked to learn that Aquaman may be dead! Without the object of his hatred, how will Manta claim his final vengeance against the man who killed his father? Where will one of the most lethal

villains alive turn his rage when he begins a new mission?



**ACTION COMICS #23.1: CYBORG SUPERMAN**

MICHAEL ALAN NELSON | MIKE HAWTHORNE

Deep in space sits a cybernetic force of evil unlike any other. What terrible connection does Cyborg Superman share with Krypton? And what alien force commands the robotic terror? Find out here!



**BATMAN AND ROBIN #23.1: TWO-FACE**

PETER J. TOMASI | GUILLEM MARCH

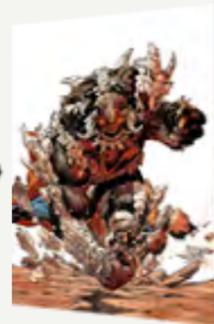
Two-Face is approached to join the Secret Society! Which side will his coin land on?



**BATMAN: THE DARK KNIGHT #23.1: THE VENTRILOQUIST**

GAIL SIMONE | DERLIS SANTACRUZ

The origin of the Ventriloquist is revealed! One of them has powerful telekinesis and the other is a cold-blooded murderer—but who's the real dummy in this act?



**BATMAN/SUPERMAN #3.1: DOOMSDAY**

GREG PAK | BRETT BOOTH

Long before Superman fought the unstoppable monster known as Doomsday, the beast's reputation for death and destruction haunted The Man of Steel's home world of Krypton.



**DETECTIVE COMICS #23.1: POISON IVY**

DEREK FRIDOLFS | JAVIER PINA

For too long, Poison Ivy has played with men's hearts and been a pawn in their games too—but no more! Now that Batman is gone, she will grow into a force of nature unlike anything Gotham City has seen before!



**EARTH 2 #15.1: DESAAD**

PAUL LEVITZ | YILDIRAY CINAR

As a member of Darkseid's inner circle, Desaad is the Apokoliptian god of fear and pain. And since being stranded on Earth because of the events of EARTH 2 #1, Desaad has looked for a way home. He has the means, in the form of Boom Tube technology, but could not power it...until now!



**THE FLASH #23.1: GRODD**

BRIAN BUCCELLATO | CHRIS BATISTA

Grodd believed he was destined to become the bearer of light—until The Flash raced onto the scene! What will Grodd do now that The Flash has disappeared with the rest of the world's heroes? Conquest is on the horizon as the world becomes—Forever Evil!



**FOREVER EVIL #1**

GEOFF JOHNS | DAVID FINCH | RICHARD FRIEND

The first universe-wide event of The New 52 begins as Forever Evil launches! The Justice League is dead! And the villains shall inherit the Earth! An epic tale of the world's greatest super-villains starts here!



**GREEN ARROW #23.1: COUNT VERTIGO**

JEFF LEMIRE | ANDREA SORRENTINO

Get set for the twisted origin of Count Vertigo! Why is the Count in Vancouver on the hunt for Green Arrow, and what could have happened to make him such a sadistic adversary?



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## JUSTICE LEAGUE #23.1: DARKSEID

GREG PAK | PAULO SIQUERIA

For Darkseid, Lord of Apokolips, you conform or die. Now born into his realm is an anomaly who looks to challenge that. A trickster, who will go to any length to survive

even if it means sacrificing worlds to do it—leading to an Earth shattering confrontation between The Man of Steel and a Dark Lord.



## JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #7.1: DEADSHOT

MATT KINDT | PASQUAL FERRY

Is it a death wish that makes Floyd Lawton put on the mask of Deadshot? Or is something more sinister pulling at Floyd when

he becomes a relentless assassin who feels nothing for his victims? Discover the truth behind Deadshot's secret history in this issue!



## JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK #23.1: THE CREEPER

ANN NOCENTI | CHRISCROSS

Freed from his mystical prison, The Creeper walks a path littered with gore and misery—and there may be no way to stop him! Many will

be caught in his web, including the Justice League of America's Katana and Jack Ryder, The Creeper's unwitting human host. Where will The Creeper strike next?



## SUPERMAN #23.1: BIZARRO

SHOLLY FISCH | JEFF JOHNSON | ANDY SMITH

Lex Luthors' sinister plan to manipulate Superman's genetic material to create a mindless soldier under his control results in

the monster known as Bizarro: opposite of Superman in every way, with no compassion, no remorse and no mercy!

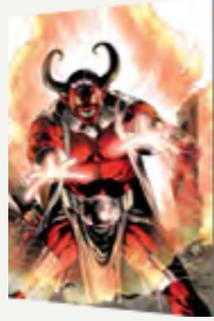


## SWAMP THING #23.1: ARCANE

CHARLES SOULE | JESUS SAIZ

Behold a being so vile and deadly that even the Parliament of Decay could not control him! Now take a journey to a place beyond hell—the personal prison of Anton

Arcane! Plus: the return of The Rot's new avatar, Abigail Arcane!



## TEEN TITANS #23.1: TRIGON

MARV WOLFMAN | CAFU

He is the ruler of six kingdoms of pain, suffering and agony—but the one world that evades Trigon is Earth. Trigon's influence has been spread across worlds by his sons, but

it wasn't until he conceived a daughter of Earthly origin that the monster finally had an heir who could aid his quest. Now, with all the world's heroes missing—is this the final victory of Trigon?



## GREEN LANTERN #23.1: RELIC

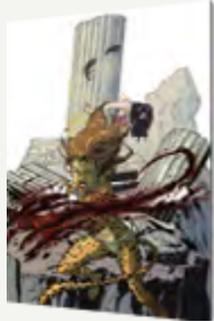
ROBERT VENDITTI | RAGS MORALES | CAM SMITH

Who is Relic, and why must he kill every being in the universe who might wield the light of the emotional spectrum? Relic's power could be the most formidable force the Lanterns have ever seen!

This issue's story incorporates Rags Morales's recent variant covers from Green Lantern, Green Lantern Corps, Green Lantern: New Guardians, Red Lanterns and Larfleeze, now with inks, full color and script!



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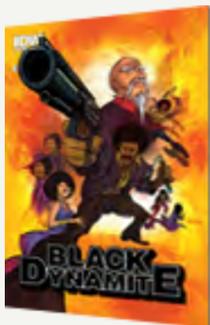
## WONDER WOMAN #23.1: THE CHEETAH

JOHN OSTRANDER | VICTOR IBANEZ

The Cheetah has clawed her way out of Belle Reve, and is hungry for blood—but before she steps up as one of the Secret Society's most powerful generals,

she has a personal score to settle! Learn the truth about the cult of Hippolyta, her vendetta against Wonder Woman, and just how far she'll go to prove that she's the most dangerous predator on Earth!



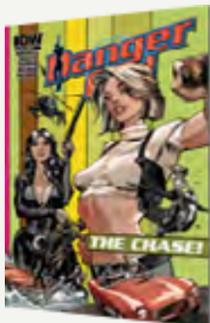


**BLACK DYNAMITE #1 (OF 4)**

BRIAN ASH | JAMAL IGLE | SAL BUSCEMA

He's a powder keg of black fury that's about to explode! He's the biggest, baddest, meanest, most not to be trifled with dude in the history of the universe

and he's coming to comics! A former CIA agent and expert in all disciplines of international ass kicking and a sworn enemy of The Man... he's Black Dynamite—and he's about to walk into the most dangerous journey of his life!



**DANGER GIRL: THE CHASE! #1 (OF 4)**

ANDY HARTNELL | HARVEY TALIBAO

On the trail of a vitally important—and wildly volatile—briefcase, the Danger Girls enter into what amounts to the most treacherous and dangerous game of hot

potato of all time! Abbey, Sydney and Sonya use any and all means to traverse towns, cities, states, countries, continents(!) in their relentless pursuit to retrieve—and keep!—this unstable ticking time bomb... before it begins its countdown to unimaginable danger!



**LOCKE & KEY: 100-PENNY PRESS**

JOE HILL | GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ | JAY FOTOS

As Locke & Key heads toward its extra-length finale next month, you can revisit where it all started, in this value-priced extra-length debut

courtesy of Hill and Rodriguez! 32 pages of story for just a buck!



**MAGIC: THE GATHERING #1**

JASON CIARAMELLA | MARTIN COCCOLO

Dack Fayden returns! After eliminating Sifa Grent, the Planeswalker that destroyed his hometown, Dack has settled down in Ravnica to do what he does best:

break in and steal the secrets from Ravnica's rarest artifacts. But upon uncovering the half of a strange gauntlet, Dack is led to a strange new plane: the realm of THEROS, a sun-dappled ruled by gods and inhabited by mythological beasts!



**MARS ATTACKS JUDGE DREDD #1 (OF 4)**

AL EWING | JOHN MCCREA

The Martian mayhem overtakes Mega-City One! During the annual meeting of the Mega-City Mafia, a new boss makes a play for power thanks to a mysterious benefactor.

Meanwhile, Judge Dredd conducts a routine bust that turns out all but routine when he makes a shocking (and disgusting) discovery!



**TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE #0**

SIMON FURMAN | JEFF ANDERSON | CASEY W. COLLIER | JOSE DELBO | NICK ROCHE | GEOFF SENIOR

Zero point! Adventure in the time stream, as Hot Rod desperately attempts to identify the

rogue elements that are leading him, and the entire Cybertronian race, inexorably towards the catastrophic end of time itself. What hidden stories do the Deathbringer, Boltax, Buster Witwicky, and Galvatron have to tell, and what—if any—solutions are there? Or is it already too late?



**THE OTHER DEAD #1 (OF 5)**

JOSHUA ORTEGA | DIGGER T. MESCH | QING PING MUI

The world's first Zombie Animal epic is here! A deadly hurricane threatens New Orleans just as a frightening and mysterious outbreak

hits the animal kingdom! Join all-star creators Kevin Eastman (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles), Joshua Ortega (Gears of War), and Digger T. Mesch (Agent 88) for the beginning of this year's most anticipated new horror series! With art by rising star Qing Ping Mui, The Other Dead is destined to be the most talked-about zombie book since The Walking Dead!



**POWERPUFF GIRLS #1 (OF 5)**

TROY LITTLE

Citizens of Townsville, fear not! The Powerpuff Girls are back! In this IDW debut issue Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup are back to take down the meanest of the mean and the ugliest of the ugly! Plus, what fiendish secret is Mojo Jojo

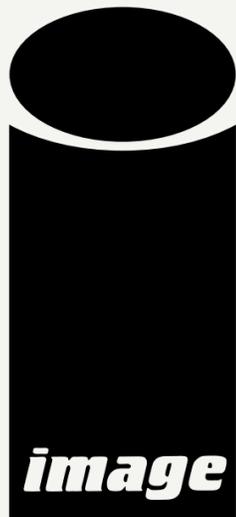
hiding? The answer is sure to surprise!



**IDW PUBLISHING**

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## REALITY CHECK #1

GLEN BRUNSWICK | VIKTOR BOGDANOVIC



A struggling artist, Willard Penn, scores an unlikely hit with his new comic. The story centers on a hero more concerned with his libido than serving justice. After an unexpected

sell out, Willard can't recall anything about his story. That night the book's hero shows up outside Willard's window refusing to return to the comic until he finds true love. Exasperated, Willard is forced to help the lovesick hero meet the perfect woman. But he'll need to hurry because the book's villain, a homicidal maniac, has entered his world as well.



## CENTURY WEST

HOWARD CHAYKIN

Century, Texas used to be a sleepy little burg, barely a whistlestop between nowhere and the great beyond...until the 20th Century arrived with a bang, bringing with it automobiles, aeroplanes, telephones,

paved streets...and, of course, the movies. Howard Chaykin tells the colorful story of the American West, transformed from frontier to legend, and how the American dream became a modern myth.



## LOVE STORIES (TO DIE FOR) #1 (ONE-SHOT FLIP BOOK)

DIRK MANNING | OWEN GIENI | RICH BONK

Two complete stories at less than half the price of two comics! Two full-length stories in one double-length flip book! First, a desperate monk

pits a band of savage Vikings against a pack of rabid vampires in a frantic attempt to protect an exceptionally precious child. In the second story, a woman trapped on a space station overrun by aliens must choose whether to save the second seat on her two-person escape pod for her aloof but heroic husband or for her passionate, forbidden lover.

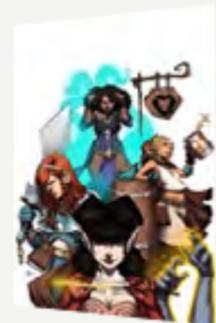


## MULTIPLE WARHEADS: DOWN FALL (ONE-SHOT)

BRANDON GRAHAM

The organ smuggler Sexica and her werewolf boyfriend Nikoli try to get by in a harsh Soviet fantasy world with dream monsters, radiation slugs, and starships falling from Wolf War 3. Reprints

2007's "The Fall," the original 2003 adult Warheads story, and the 2004 short "Elevator."



## RAT QUEENS #1

KURTIS J. WIEBE Z | ROC UPCHURCH

"Gold, Guts and Grog," Part One—Who are the Rat Queens? A pack of booze-guzzling, death-dealing battle maidens-for-hire, and they're in the business of killing all gods' creatures for profit.

It's also a darkly comedic fantasy series starring Hannah the Rockabilly Elven Mage, Violet the Hipster Dwarven Fighter, Dee the Atheist Human Cleric and Betty the Hippy Hobbit Thief. This modern spin on an old school genre is a violent monster-killing epic that is like Buffy meets Tank Girl in a Lord of the Rings world on crack!

A new ongoing series from Peter Panzerfaust's Kurtis J. Wiebe and featuring a gorgeous incentive cover by Saga's Fiona Staples!



## SEX CRIMINALS #1

MATT FRACTION | CHIP ZDARSKY

A sex comedy for comics—Suzie's a normal girl with an extraordinary ability: when she has sex, she stops time. One night she meets John... who has the same gift. And

so they do what any other sex-having, time-stopping, couple would do: they rob banks. In the vein of The 40-Year Old Virgin and Bridesmaids, Image Comics invites you to come along with Matt Fraction (Hawkeye, Satellite Sam) and Chip Zdarsky (Prison Funnies, Monster Cops) for the series that puts the "comic" back in "comics" and the "sexy" back in "sex crimes."



## ZERO #1

ALES KOT | MICHAEL WALSH | JORDIE BELLAIRE

Saving the world. One murder at a time. Edward Zero is the perfect execution machine – a spy who breaks the rules to get things done. When a stolen device appears in the center of a long-

running conflict, Zero comes to retrieve it. The problem is, the device is inside a living, breathing, bio-modified terrorist and there's an entire army after it.

# NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN SEPTEMBER: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



## MIGHTY AVENGERS #1

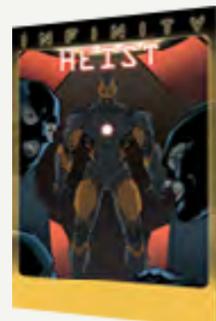
AL EWING | GREG LAND  
Infinity tie-in! new ongoing series!

From the battlefields of Infinity comes the Mighty Avengers!

The Avengers are light-years away in space, contending with the

Builders! Thanos' marauders ransack the Earth, doing as they please! Who will stand in defense of mankind?

Luke Cage! The Superior Spider-Man! Spectrum! The White Tiger! Power Man! And a mysterious figure in an ill-fitting Spider-Man Halloween costume! These unlikely heroes must assemble when no one else can—against the unrelenting attack of Proxima Midnight!



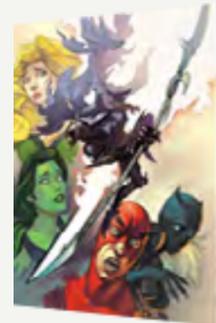
## INFINITY HEIST #1 (OF 4)

FRANK TIERI | AL BARRIONUEVO  
Infinity tie-in

As the Marvel U prepares for Thanos, Spymaster and some of Marvel's best baddies decided where there is chaos – there is opportunity!

It's the crime of the century and an alien invasion is all the cover they need – so why is Blizzard having doubts?

Frank Tieri and Al Barrionuevo bring you the biggest score – it's the Infinity Heist!



## INFINITY: THE HUNT #1 (OF 4)

MATT KINDT | STEVEN SANDERS  
Infinity tie-in!

Hank Pym, Wolverine, and She-Hulk bring the students of the Marvel Universe together to announce a new contest of champions!

This contest of champions pits the super students of schools all over the Marvel U (including some you've never seen before) against each other.

However, the Contest is interrupted when Thanos' forces descend on Earth. What do they have to do with the young heroes?



## PUNISHER: TRIAL OF THE PUNISHER #1 (OF 2)

MARC GUGGENHEIM | LEINIL YU

The unthinkable happens when the Punisher surrenders himself to police!

The trial of the century begins as Frank Castle admits to murdering a district attorney!

Is this the end of the Punisher's war on crime?



## X-MEN: BATTLE OF THE ATOM #1

BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS | FRANK CHO

The past, present and future of the X-Men collide in this 50th Anniversary event crossover! When investigating a new mutant, something truly

horrible happens to the All-New X-Men that shakes time and space to its core. This is so dire that X-Men come from The Future with a message: the All-New X-Men must return to the past!

The ten-part crossover starts here with superstars Brian Michael Bendis and Frank Cho!



### SONS OF ANARCHY #1 (OF 6)

CHRISTOPHER GOLDEN | DAMIAN COUCEIRO  
BOOM! STUDIOS

Sons of Anarchy has captivated the attention of the entire Boom! team with its smart plotting, compelling characters, and modern vision

of the outlaw genre. We love the show so much we couldn't wait to help expand the world of SAMCRO.

With no one else to turn to, the daughter of an old SAMCRO member comes to Charming looking for help. The only people standing between Kendra and certain death are the Sons of Anarchy, and, for better or for worse, Sergeant-at-Arms Tig.



### PIRATE EYE: MURDER AT TEN KNOTS (ONE-SHOT)

JOSIAH GRAHN | CARL YONDER  
ACTION LAB ENTERTAINMENT

It's a murder mystery on the high seas in a tale from Smitty's sordid past as a pirate! When

the first mate is found brutally slain, Smitty's Captain turns to him for answers. But the evidence is misleading, and Smitty's prying into the business of his crewmates will have consequences even he can't envision.



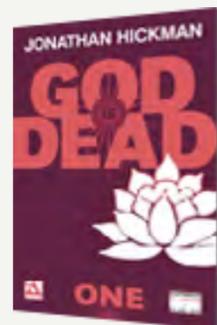
### ALL NEW EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT: IRIS #1

BRIAN BUCCELLATO | PASQUALE QUALANO  
ASPEN MLT

Executive Assistant Iris is free from the murky past that has haunted her fate and threatened her existence up until this point. Now, with her former master Ching, the mastermind Mazutsu and the CIA a distant memory, Iris will painstakingly discover that the start of a new life for an Executive Assistant can be anything...but free from danger!

This incredible creative team is ready to bring you an all new Executive Assistant Iris unlike anything you've ever seen before!

# SELECTED TITLES SHIPPING IN SEPTEMBER



### GOD IS DEAD #1

JONATHAN HICKMAN | DI AMORIM  
AVATAR PRESS

Like a thunderbolt from heaven, the epic launch issue of God Is Dead is here! East of West and Fantastic Four author Jonathan

Hickman launches a fierce new series that stomps where others fear to tread. Mankind has argued over the existence of gods since the dawn of time. In modern eras it's been fashionable to mock religious believers with taunts of scientific testimony and fact. But when the gods of old begin to reappear on earth and claim the domain of man for their own, the world is thrown into a state of utter anarchy. Now Horus walks the streets of Egypt, Zeus has taken over the Sistine Chapel, and Odin is coordinating the dissection of the earth among the returned deities. Mankind held sway over the world for thousands of years and their hubris over that time has made them powerful but when faced with the divine, can mortal weapons put an end to the second coming of the gods? Available with a Regular cover by Jonathan Hickman, End of Days cover by super-star Jacen Burrows, a premium Iconic cover by Burrows that features a card stock cover and is limited to just 5000 copies, and a Pantheon Order Incentive cover by series artist Di Amorim.



### KUNG FU PANDA: TALE OF TWO NOODLE SHOPS (ONE-SHOT)

TROY DYE | MASSIMO ASARO | VARIOUS  
APE ENTERTAINMENT

Business at Mr. Ping's noodle shop has been booming since his adopted son Po became

the legendary Dragon Warrior. But when a new noodle shop opens in the Valley Of Peace, touting nightly entertainment by the Dragon Wizard, can Po lure back his father's clientele? Or has his act gone as stale as noodles left out overnight?



### AFTERLIFE WITH ARCHIE #1

ROBERTO AGUIRRE SACASA | FRANCESCO FRANCAVILLA | JACK MORELLI  
ARCHIE COMICS

New Ongoing Series! "Escape From Riverdale." This is how

the end of the world begins! Harvey Award-winning writer Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa (Archie Meets Glee) and Eisner-winning artist Francesco Francavilla (Batman) take Archie and the gang where they've never been before — to the grave and back! A horrific accident sets off a series of grim events and Sabrina the Teenage Witch must try to repair the unspeakable evil her spell has unleashed. Gasp in horror as Riverdale faces an impending zombie Arch-pocalypse in this brand-new, spine-tingling ongoing series — but be warned, kiddies, this one's not for the faint of heart!



### ETERNAL WARRIOR #1

GREG PAK | TREVOR HAIRSINE  
VALIANT ENTERTAINMENT

New York Times best-selling writer Greg Pak (Planet Hulk, Batman/Superman) and superstar artist Trevor

Hairsine (X-O Manowar, X-Men: Deadly Genesis) launch a brand new campaign for Valiant's undying immortal champion, the Eternal Warrior, in an all-new monthly series!

Across five millennia and a thousand battlefields, Gilad Anni-Padda has traversed the darkest, most mysterious corners of the Valiant Universe. But the horror and bloodshed of constant warfare has finally taken its toll on the man myth calls the Eternal Warrior...and he has abdicated his duties as the Fist and the Steel of Earth for a quite life of seclusion. But when a blood vendetta from the distant past suddenly reappears in the modern day, he must decide if he will return to the ways of war...for the child who betrayed him thousands of years ago...



### HIT #1

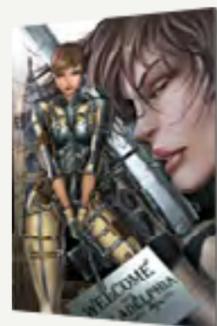
BRYCE CARLSON | VANESA R. DEL REY  
BOOM! STUDIOS

at Boom!, we're suckers for classic film noir, crime comics, and pulp detective novels. We love the secret history of law enforcement in

our hometown, Los Angeles. Mostly, we love stories about good men making hard decisions in unforgiving circumstances.

Hit is a dark crime drama filled with murderers, rapists, and drug lords... and the men who will stop at nothing to bring them to justice. If you're a fan of Criminal, Parker, and Tumor, then Hit is the series for you.

Los Angeles. It's 1955. It's dark? it's sexy. It's dangerous. Everyone has an angle. And while infamous gangster Mickey Cohen rots in a prison cell, Los Angeles ignores the blackest parts of the city's heart... where clandestine groups of LAPD detectives moonlight as sanctioned hitmen knows as "Hit Squads."

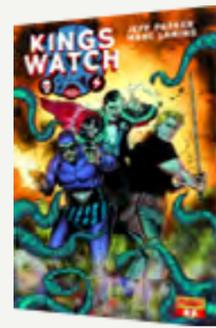


### HIT LIST #1 (OF 5)

RALPH TEDESCO | TBD  
ZENESCOPE ENTERTAINMENT

Brand new action, thriller series! Are we ever truly safe from evil? What if you had the means to play God, choosing who lives

and dies? Threats exist all around us and the lives of so many have been ruined by other's evil deeds. Now, one man will seek vengeance for all those who share in his pain. When a group of professional killers is brought together in order to take out a crew of gangsters, what starts as a seemingly good plan, spirals into something more threatening and deadly than anyone saw coming. A brand new action/thriller series from the creators behind Grimm Fairy Tales and the Se7en comics arrives! Are you next on the Hit List?



### KINGS WATCH #1 (OF 5)

JEFF PARKER | MARC LAMING  
DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT

Panic spreads across the world. Strange phenomena fills the skies. Millions have nightmares of wild

lands filled with horrible creatures... then wake to find the monsters are real. What are three men willing to sacrifice to save us all? Superstar writer Jeff Parker (Dark Avengers, Red She-Hulk) and artist Marc Laming (Planet of the Apes) deliver the earth-crushing event of 2013, featuring Flash Gordon, The Phantom, and Mandrake the Magician like you've never seen them!

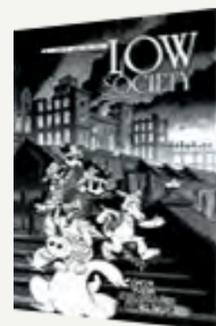


### URSA MINOR #1

TOM HUTCHISON | IAN SNYDER  
BIG DOG INK

A new ongoing series! The aftermath of Lady Bathory's death is felt across the globe. Vampires take to the streets in protest of the

secrets that they believe are being kept from them. But the citizens of the United States no longer support the vampires as they once had. Now the people are asking their own questions, and a return to a time of fear and distrust seems inevitable. The vampires know they must find their enemy quickly. For the last werebear on Earth has made itself known in a very big way.



### LOW SOCIETY (ONE-SHOT)

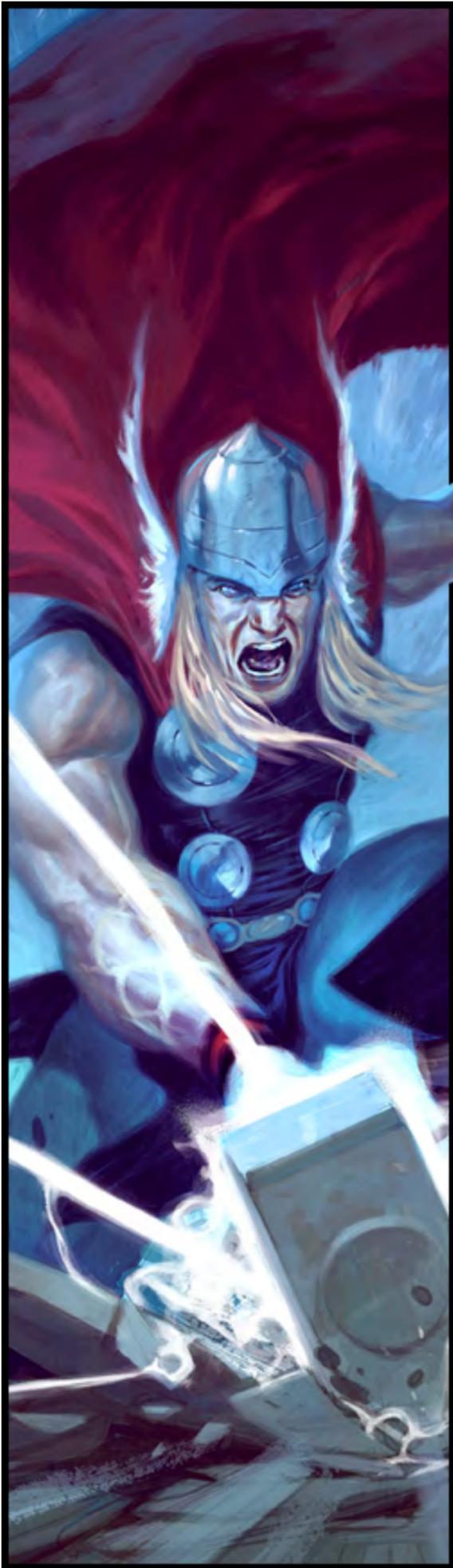
ROB WALTON | COMIC LAB BULLPEN  
AARDVARK-VANAHEIM

Cerebus built a reputation for parody by liberally borrowing from popular and established comic characters. With Low Society, Eisner

and Joe Shuster Award-nominated editor Rob Walton (Ragmop) and the Comic Lab bullpen take you on all-new adventures in aardvarkian insanity featuring appearances from Red Sophia, Moon Roach, Elrod, and more! Featuring an all new cover inked by Dave Sim with backgrounds by Gerhard! Plus a host of pin-ups, laughs and surprises!

# NOVEL IDEAS

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



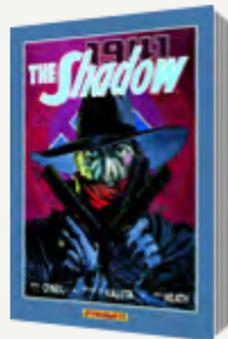
**THOR: SEASON ONE PREMIERE HC**  
STURGES | LARRAZ  
Marvel, 136 pages

Among the lofty spires of Asgard, young Thor is the strongest, brashest and most arrogant god of all. But his giant-slashing, troll-smashing days come to an abrupt end when he's tricked by his jealous brother Loki into a foolish attack. Cast down to Earth into the crippled mortal form of Dr. Donald Blake, follow the Thunder God's journey of self-discovery and a mortal man's awakening to the power within. Revisit the fantastical origin of the Son of Odin in this new graphic novel, which thrusts the tale of Thor into the modern age with thunderous results! In this epic saga of towering frost giants, belching maidens and massive battles, one hero must decide which identity is truly his — before both the worlds he loves are destroyed!



**HOUSE OF GOLD & BONES**  
TAYLOR | CLARK  
Dark Horse, 104 pages

In a nightmarish world, the Human finds himself at a crossroads as wild adventure ensues and he's thrust into a morphing landscape of rolling hills, dense forest, and an ominous Crimson City. Chased by a crazed mob and mysterious characters neither friend nor foe, the Human takes an unexpected journey that will lead to his salvation... or damnation. Collects the four-issue miniseries. Inspired by the Stone Sour album House of Gold & Bones Parts 1 and 2.



**THE SHADOW 1941: HITLER'S ASTROLOGER HC**  
O'NEIL | KALUTA  
Dynamite, 64 pages

Re-Mastered and available for the first time in over two decades! On Easter Sunday of April 1941, a young woman pushes through the Manhattan crowds, racing for her life. It's a chase that will lead from the bustling American metropolis all the way to Berlin, the dark heart of the Nazi regime. Like marionettes dangling from invisible hands, neither Allies nor Axis agents can tell if they are the puppeteers... or the dolls whose strings get cut. Behind it all, The Shadow looms, a master of men with cold, hollow laughter and blazing .45 pistols! The acclaimed collaboration of Batman scribe Denny O'Neil and artist Mike Kaluta, available for the first time in over two decades, completely remastered!



**SONIC SAGA VOLUME 4: HOUSE OF CARDS**  
FLYNN | YARDLEY | VARIOUS  
Archie, 112 pages

Sonic's epic adventures aren't just stories — they're Sagas! Blast into the action at Sonic speed with the continuation of the all-new Sonic Saga graphic novel series! After narrowly avoiding annihilation at the hands of Dr. Eggman, the citizens of New Mobotropolis face a bright new future. But change isn't exactly so bright for everyone. Tensions boil over when Sonic does battle with Tails! Brother fights brother, political tensions start to brew, and friends and family are turned against each other.

Collects stories from Sonic the Hedgehog #129, 177-180.



**X-FILES CLASSICS VOL. 2**  
PETRUCHA | ROZUM | ADLARD | KIM | PURCELL  
IDW, 200 pages

THE TRUTH IS... in here! Re-join up with Mulder and Scully as they unravel all-new mysteries only seen in comic books! This second collection includes stories like "Feelings of Unreality," "One Player Only," "Home of the Brave," "Night Lights," and more.

Collects issues #10–19 of the Topps Comics series.



**WOLVERINE: BLOOD WEDDING**  
DEFALCO | CLAREMONT | DEZAGO | NICIEZA | CASEY | COWAN | YU | NORD | JIMENEZ  
Marvel, 320 pages

Wedding bells are ringing in Madripoor — but when the "happy couple" is Wolverine and the villainous Viper, it's anything but a cause for celebration! Why is Wolverine tying the knot with one of his most vicious foes? What do Shadowcat and Sabretooth have to say about it? And what deadly new advantage makes Sabretooth unbeatable? X-Men legend Chris Claremont returns to the character he made famous in an old-school, action-packed caper against Hydra and the Hand! Then: Wolverine faces Roughhouse and Bloodscream, and teams with Captain America on a quest for self-improvement — but when he battles the Wendigo, it's all he can do to stay alive! Plus: Wolverine scales a mountain, attends Carnival and confronts the grim specter of domestic abuse! Guest-starring the ladies of the X-Men!

Collecting Wolverine (1988) #123-132 and Wolverine: Black Rio.



**FAIREST IN ALL THE LAND HC**  
WILLINGHAM | SPROUSE | NOTO | HUGHES | DE LIZ | MENG | OTHERS  
DC Vertigo, 160 pages

In the grand tradition of Fables: 1001 Nights Of Snowfall, this original Fairest graphic novel features short stories written by Bill Willingham, as told through the Magic Mirror! Featuring artwork by some the finest artists in comics, you won't want to miss it!



**INJUSTICE: GODS AMONG US VOL. 1 HC**  
TAYLOR | RAAPACK | MILLER | OTHERS  
DC, 192 pages

From the makers of Mortal Kombat comes the critically acclaimed prequel comic to the smash-hit fighting game Injustice: Gods Among Us! In this new hardcover collecting issues #1-6 of the hit series, things in the DC Universe have changed after Superman is tricked into destroying the one thing he loves most. Now unwilling to let crime go unpunished, the heroes of our world must choose if they are with Superman or against him. But not every country will submit to his new world order—and neither will Batman!



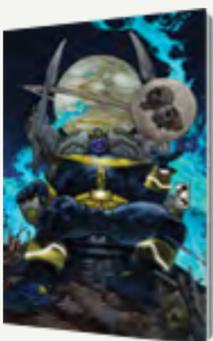
**POWERPUFF GIRLS CLASSICS VOL. 1: POWER PARTY**  
MCCRACKEN | MOORE | TARTAKOVSKY | CAROLAN | DENSON | DECARLO | OTHERS  
IDW, 148 pages

They're cute. They're fun. And they're powerful! The Cartoon Network classic Powerpuff Girls returns in this collection of comic-book adventures. Featuring the ladies' first appearances in Cartoon Network Starring #1 and #5, as well as issues #1–4 of their ongoing series.



**ADVENTURE TIME:  
FIONNA AND CAKE  
VOL. 1**  
ALLEGRI  
Boom! Studios, 160 pages

It's the critically acclaimed Adventure Time spinoff starring our favorite genderbent characters. It's up to Fionna and Cake to save the day from the Ice Queen, hopefully with the help of her friends Prince Gumball and Marshall Lee, this adventure will be a peace of cake! Ice Queen is creating havoc again when she decides to try out some of her wicked cool ice magic on some poor Fire Lions! Fionna and Cake to the rescue, only they might be too late for their fiery prince! Will they be able to save Flame Prince in time, can they stop the Ice Queen from being so dang mean all the time, will Lumpy Space Prince find out the meaning of true beauty?! Featuring a lush art style, and a fableline storyline that appeals to young and old, and a perfect first comic for any kid in your life!



**THANOS RISING**  
AARON | BIANCHI  
Marvel, 112 pages

Thanos left audiences abuzz after Marvel's The Avengers, but who is this disturbing villain? Discover the hidden truth in this gripping tale of tragedy, deceit and destiny. Where did this demi-god of destruction come from, and what does he want from the universe? Death has been shadowing Thanos for his entire life, watching his inner darkness grow — but why? And when the Mad Titan flees his home in search of true love, how many lives will he take to find it? The answers come from the incredible creative team of Jason Aaron (Wolverine) and Simone Bianchi (Astonishing X-Men)! Prepare for a journey that will change one boy's life — and will soon change the very nature of the Marvel Universe. And when Thanos' rise is complete, the stage is set for Infinity! Collecting Thanos Rising #1-5.



**EARTH 2 VOL. 1:  
THE GATHERING**  
ROBINSON | SCOTT |  
SCOTT | PANSICA  
DC, 160 pages

Who are the heroes of Earth 2? When 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! Collecting issues #1-6 of the Dc Comics - The New 52 series!



**THE WALKING  
DEAD BOOK 9 HC**  
KIRKMAN | ADLARD |  
RATHBURN  
Image, 336 pages

In this volume of the New York Times bestselling survival horror, Rick and his band of survivors work to build a larger network of thriving communities. But Negan and his Savivors prove to be a larger threat than they could have imagined. Crossing them will lead to The Walking Dead's most harrowing story since the Governor's reign of terror. Collects issues #97-108.



**BATMAN  
INCORPORATED  
VOL. 2: GOTHAM'S  
MOST WANTED HC**  
MORRISON |  
BURNHAM | MASTERS  
DC, 240 pages

In this new collection of issues #7-13 of the hit Batman, Incorporated series and the Batman, Incorporated Special #1, Batman and his allies must strengthen their resolve as Leviathan moves against Gotham City. Everything since issue #1 has been leading to the tragic moment in which Damian Wayne pays the ultimate price in the war against crime!

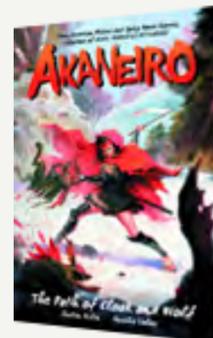
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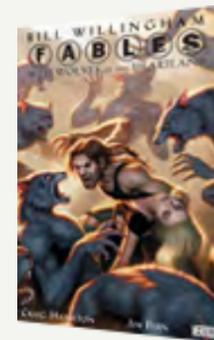
**DJANGO  
UNCHAINED HC**  
TARANTINO | HUDLIN  
| GUERA | LATOUR |  
COWAN | ZEZELJ  
DC Vertigo, 224 pages

The seven-issue comics adaptation of the Oscar-winning movie by Quentin Tarantino is now collected in hardcover! Don't miss this blood-soaked tale of a bounty-hunting dentist and his partner Django, a recently freed slave, as they search the post-Civil War South for Django's wife!



**AKANEIRO HC**  
ACLIN | LOLOS  
Dark Horse, 72 pages

From the brilliant imagination of video game auteur American McGee comes a dazzling reenvisioning of Red Riding Hood set in the wondrous world of Japanese folklore! A young woman torn between two cultures takes on an epic adventure battling devious yokai for the fate of her world! Collects the three-issue miniseries.



**FABLES:  
WEREWOLVES OF  
THE HEARTLAND**  
WILLINGHAM |  
HAMILTON | FERN |  
SNYDER | FARMER  
DC Vertigo, 152 pages

Bigby Wolf takes center stage in this original graphic novel, embarking on a quest through the American Heartland to find a new location for Fabletown. In his wanderings, Bigby stumbles across a small town named Story City, that, amazingly enough, seems to be populated by werewolves. Who are they and where did they come from? They aren't Fables, but they sure aren't normal mundys. They seem to already know and revere Bigby, but at the same time they've captured and caged him — but why? Unravelling the many mysteries of Story City may cost Bigby more than his life...



**HARBINGER WARS**  
DYSART |  
SWIERCZYNSKI |  
HENRY | CRAIN |  
PEREZ  
Valiant, 144 pages

Harbinger Wars, Valiant's first crossover event, begins here! Two dozen undisciplined, untested and untrained superhuman children have just escaped from a top-secret research facility and into the world. When Bloodshot, Toyo Harada and Peter Stanchek join the chase, will the Valiant Universe be ready for its first all-out superhuman showdown? Collecting Harbinger Wars #1-4 by acclaimed writers Joshua Dysart (Harbinger) and Duane Swierczynski (Bloodshot) and artist Clayton Henry (Archer & Armstrong), start reading here for a high-stakes tale that will put Valiant's greatest heroes to the ultimate test!



# 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.



## SCOTT PILGRIM'S PRECIOUS LITTLE LIFE, VOL.1

BRYAN LEE O'MALLEY

*"Scott Pilgrim's life is totally sweet. He's 23 years old, he's in a rock band, he's 'between jobs' and he's dating a cute high school girl. Nothing could possibly go wrong..."*

*Unless a seriously mind-blowing, dangerously fashionable, rollerblading delivery girl named Ramona Flowers starts cruising through his dreams and sailing by him at parties. Will Scott's awesome life get turned upside-down? Will he have to face Ramona's seven evil ex-boyfriends in battle? The short answer*

*is yes. The long answer is unravelled in 'Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life', the first instalment of Bryan Lee O'Malley's brilliant 'Scott Pilgrim' graphic novel series." - Oni Press*

First appearing in 2004, Scott Pilgrim is the slacker-musician hero of Bryan Lee O'Malley's popular run of six, digest-sized volumes, the first of which acts as an introduction to the character and his initial infatuation with a girl called Ramona Flowers. In order to date her, he must battle her evil ex-boyfriends in a series of surreal confrontations, the first of which appears here.

The book is essentially a charming and witty, character-driven love story, which happens to involve kung fu, videogames and cool bands with cooler hair to boot. O'Malley has a flair for the sardonic colloquialisms of the young which often bring about a lot of the ever-present humour, and the awkward nature in which Scott and Ramona's encounters develop is endearingly sweet.

The black and white art was employed as a cost-cutting measure, as well as a homage to the shonen-style comic books O'Malley was hoping to emulate. This is apparent in the loose, manga-lite style in which the characters are interpreted.

Essential reading for anyone who likes a heart-warming love story with a modern, indie twist full of humour and charm. It's, like, awesome.

**£8.99** inc p&p



# ONES TO WATCH

In the "first universe-wide event of The New 52", it's all about the bad guys for DC in September as they release a series of special 'point' comics over 'Villains Month'. With issues concentrating on the villains from the big hitters (**Batman, Superman, Flash, Green Lantern, the Justice Leagues**, etc), there's also a special 7-issue mini-series called **Forever Evil**. There should be a number of great comics served up, with the ones to watch probably being Bat-titles, as Batman has possibly the best rogues gallery in all of comic history. In particular, **Batman: The Dark Knight #23.1, .2, .3** and **.4** feature some of the most interesting villains in **The Ventriloquist (Gail Simone), Mr. Freeze (Justin Gray, Jimmy Palmiotti), Clayface (John Layman)** and **The Joker's Daughter (Ann Nocenti)**. Additionally, each Villain's Month cover will feature a 3D motion image on the front and back!

Also from DC, there's the New 52 debut of **Batman: Black And White**, which kicks off with stories from writers and artists including **Neal Adams, Howard Mackie, Chip Kidd** and **Chris Samnee**.

We don't know if **Powerpuff Girls** has the fanbase to equal the runaway success of **IDW's My Little Pony**, but to celebrate it's launch, the publisher is producing a number of 'animated' retailer incentive covers to their books including **Ghostbusters, Judge Dredd, Transformers,**

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

**Doctor Who** and a rather splendid, Scooby Doo-esque **X-Files #4**, which may be worth looking out for.

**Boom! Studios** and **Dark Horse** are offering up some interesting new series in the form of **Hit** and **The Star Wars**. Boom!'s **Hit**, a film noir, crime thriller based on true events, is a black and white strip set in 1955 Los Angeles and centres on the LAPD's fight against the murderers, rapists and drug lords that operate in the city, while Dark Horse are expanding on their **Star Wars** licence with **The Star Wars**, an 8-issue miniseries exploring **George Lucas's** original screenplay, which promises to be both familiar and different in equal measure.

The **Jonathan Hickman** penned **Infinity** continues in the **Marvel** books, with tie-ins across a number of titles including **Avengers, Thunderbolts, Nova, Captain Marvel** and the debut series **Mighty Avengers, Infinity: The Hunt** and **Infinity: The Heist**. Elsewhere, there are new story arcs starting in **Thor: God Of Thunder** and **Captain America**.

Marvel's other event begins in **X-Men: Battle Of The Atom #1**, a 10-part, 50th anniversary crossover continuing through **All New X-Men #16, X-Men #5, Uncanny X-Men #12** and **Wolverine And The X-Men #36**, as the fate of the **All New X-Men** depends on them returning the past...



# BIFF'S BIT

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## DC AGAIN THE IDEAS MACHINE

DC are nearly always the leaders of the comic pack when it comes to driving new ideas for presenting our monthly Fantasy Fix.

Two years ago they gave us the New 52 and drove such a change that Marvel had to follow with their watered down NOW version.

Last year DC gave us Zero month. Once again focussing our attention not just on one title or 'family' of titles but their whole line. This was a concentrated look at the early days of the rebooted universe.

This year they are up to it again. This time with Villains month in September. Once again a strong focus across their whole line on the motives and driving forces of the bad guys.

Some titles will be on hiatus this month as the villains are focussed via the Batman titles, Justice League titles, Aquaman, Flash, Earth 2, Green Arrow, Wonder Woman, Action, Superman, Green Lantern, Swamp Thing, Teen Titans.

Don't be put off by the numbering but focus on the villains. This will be just as good (evil), if not better than the last two 'Events'.

The one thing DC are brilliant at is shaking up the status quo. Plus they have also given you the option of a 2D motion cover on each. You will have to buy at least one of these.

Whatever quantity of DC titles you normally buy then buy villains, heck why not try an extra one or two. I will.



## MARVEL INTO INFINITY AND BEYOND

Marvel have 3 big events happening at the same time; Infinity, Battle of the Atom and Hunger. All three are universe changing events, but I am a little confused as to how they all fit into the same time line.

As a cosmic story aficionado I am in overload. Infinity involves Thanos, my all time favourite villain (anti-hero) as he once again manipulates the universe for reasons that only he can comprehend, and me of course.

There are multiple spin offs but I cannot decide which will be the best as yet. I am open to suggestions.

Then there is Hunger, the four issue mini series that stars Galactus as he rampages across the universe, defeating the Kree and destroying the Chitauri Empire to mention just two things. This will be easier to enjoy as it is a self contained four issues.

Lastly the time paradox of the original X-Men in the ironically titled All New X-Men, will be resolved in a ten part X-Men cross over.

This is the old fashioned way of creating interest.

I wonder what Marvel will be inspired to do next year after the DC Villain month?

## DIGITAL A FORCE FOR GOOD?

Many in the comic industry feared the advent of the digital download and on line comics. I felt that this was not a threat but the chance to reach to a wider audience.

So far my view seems correct.

Far from reducing readership the digital download seems to be bringing more people in. Once seeing titles on a phone or computer a section of that 'viewership' has been braving the concrete world.

The on line comics only that are now being printed, mainly by DC, are proving to be very popular, despite already being 'out there'.

Lastly, computer games are being the biggest driving force. Sales of Deadpool, Deathstroke and Batman are all reaching new readers as fans of the games are coming in to find out more about these cool characters that they have been fighting with or against on their computers.

The digital comic is at present a force for good.

**Thought for the month.** Comic nerds used to have sand kicked in their face by Atlas look-alikes on the beach. Now is the time to kick back. Read comics on the beach and reach out to these hulking brutes. If that fails throw a couple of walking dead hard covers at them and run for the dunes.

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

**...READ MORE COMICS!!**