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# NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN JANUARY

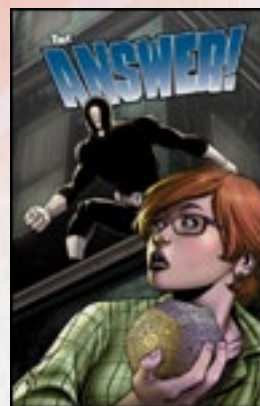


## ADVENTURE TIME FIONNA & CAKE #1 (OF 4)

Allegri

Adventure Time sensations Fionna And Cake arrive to the hit Adventure Time comic!

Join Cake the Cat and Fionna the Human in this totally algebraic new adventure, written and drawn by Fionna And Cake creator and Adventure Time storyboard artist Natasha Allegri! When Fionna rescues a feral flame boy from a pack of wild fire lions, it starts her on a quest she'll never forget... Don't miss out on this sure-to-be insanely popular new Adventure Time mini-series!



## THE ANSWER! #1 (OF 4)

Norton / Hopeless

Devin McKenzie is an insomniac librarian with a knack for solving puzzles. The Answer! is a masked crime

fighter with a giant exclamation point on his face. Aside from a penchant for late nights, they share nothing in common... until both become embroiled in a deadly mystery surrounding a sinister motivational speaker!

- Eisner Award-winning creator of Battlepug!
- Superhero mystery with explosive action!
- Written by Dennis Hopeless (Cable and X-Force, Avengers Arena)!



## THE BLACK BEETLE: NO WAY OUT #1 (OF 4)

Francavilla

Black Beetle's investigation of two local mob bosses is interrupted when a mysterious explosion murders them and a pub full of gangsters—taking out most of Colt City's organized crime in one fell swoop. Who could pull off such a coup, and what danger might that murderous bomber do to Colt City and Black Beetle?

- New series from Eisner Award winner!



## STAR WARS #1

Wood / D'Anda

This is Star Wars as you remember it... and as you have never seen it before! We're taking you back to those heady, adventure-filled days following the destruction of the Death Star—when the Empire ruled, the Rebels were on the run, and the galaxy was a dangerous place where anything might happen!

- Writer Brian Wood (The Massive, Conan the Barbarian).
- Artist Carlos D'Anda (Batman: Arkham City).
- Cover artist Alex Ross!
- Classic era, classic characters, all-new Star Wars!



## BUFFYVERSE SAMPLER

Whedon / Gage / Gischler / Parker / Jeanty / Isaacs / Lee / Ching

Following the success of Buffy the Vampire Slayer Season 8, Dark Horse launched four separate series for the anticipated Buffy Season 9: Buffy Season 9 and Angel & Faith are direct follow-ups to Season 8, and both Spike and Willow are spinoffs from those two ongoing

series. Collected here are all four #1 issues!

- Four full issues in one value package!
- A great starting point for new readers!



## EMILY AND THE STRANGERS #1 (OF 3)

Reger / Huehner / Ivie

With the help of her trio of troublemaking cats, Emily is determined to make the most rockin' song the world has ever known and win a legendary haunted guitar... but can she do it solo? Only one thing is for sure—what Emily wants, Emily gets... sometimes.

- Rock and roll adventures from creator Rob Reger.
- Featuring limited variant covers by rock-poster legends!



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## THRESHOLD #1

Giffen / Raney / Kolins  
Introducing The Hunted, spinning directly out of this month's Green Lantern: New Guardians Annual #1!

Featuring the New 52 gallery of space heroes: The Star Rovers, Star Hawkins, Space Cabbie, Tom Tomorrow, Captain K'Rot, and Star Ranger!

Also introducing Jediah Caul, a disgraced

Green Lantern stripped of his power ring, who is hunted for sport on a televised reality show!

Larfleeze steals the spotlight in his first ongoing series of backup stories! What happens when Larfleeze, the ultimate hoarder, is robbed...of everything!



## BATMAN AND ROBIN ANNUAL #1

Tomasi / Syaf / Cifuentes

Robin leads Batman on an unrelenting hunt across the globe for family secrets that promise to change them both forever.

If you think you know Bruce Wayne... think again!



## GREEN LANTERN CORPS ANNUAL #1

Tomasi / Chriscross

'Rise Of The Third Army' ends here!

Thanks to the Third Army, the Guardians have shut down the Green Lantern Corps!

Everything from the Green Lantern comics from the past few months has been building to this.

Get ready for a go-for-broke ending, which sets up the next great Green Lantern event!



## GREEN LANTERN: NEW GUARDIANS ANNUAL #1

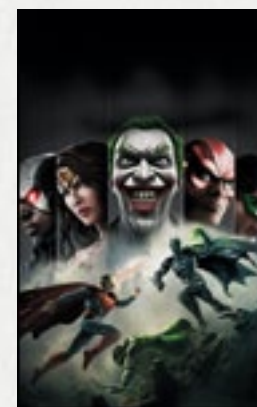
Giffen / Kolins / Bressan

By a Green Lantern — betrayed!

A mission to recruit allies against the unstoppable Third

Army goes horribly wrong when Jediah Caul, a deep-cover GL, shows his true colors!

This issue leads directly into the new epic The Hunted, featured in the new series Threshold, also in January!



## INJUSTICE: GODS AMONG US #1

Taylor / Raapack

Based on DC's latest highly anticipated video game from the makers of Mortal Kombat!

The first time in print for these digital-first stories.

This prequel explains the events leading up to the start of this epic game!



## MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE: THE ORIGIN OF HE-MAN #1

Fialkov / Oliver

Learn how Prince Adam first harnessed the Power of Grayskull!

Witness the first battle between He-Man and Skeletor!



## INSURGENT #1

DeSanto / Farmer / Dallocchio

In the near future, the American government, using a powerful new form of nanotech, builds a secret military force composed

of unknowing ordinary citizens... what would happen if a mysterious terrorist group started activating these sleeping super soldiers for something far more sinister?

Former government-sanctioned bounty hunter John Ravane is the one man who could possibly stop the second American Civil War...but that's only if he can be convinced—or coerced—into returning to active duty!

Cutting-edge science fiction and hi-tech military action collide in this explosive new original miniseries!



## SUPERBOY ANNUAL #1

DeFalco / Guichet

As the battle to stop H'El rages on, Superman learns the truth about just what Superboy is... But is it the whole truth?

Rose Wilson of The Ravagers crashes back into Superboy's life — and she's got some dangerous new ideas about his destiny!

And if you thought the drama between Superboy and Superman was intense...Just wait until Rose's father enters the mix!

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## JIM BUTCHER'S DRESDEN FILES GHOUL GOBLIN #1

Butcher / Powers

Harry Dresden has survived the events of Fool Moon – barely – but all is not well in his world. He's still alienated

from his closest friend, Karrin Murphy, and on exceedingly poor terms with Chicago's number one gangster, John Marcone. And that's just the small stuff – the creatures of the Nevernever don't take vacations and aren't particularly worried about Harry's friendships or love life.

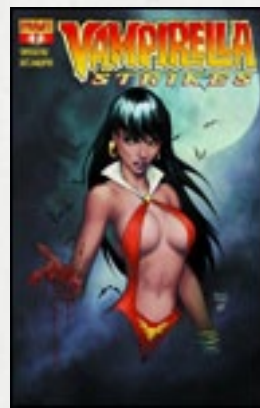


## BIONIC MAN VS BIONIC WOMAN #1

Champagne / Luis

Steve Austin joins forces with the FBI to track down a mysterious, seemingly-bionic, serial killer. But when the Bionic

Man disappears, only Jamie Sommers has a chance to find him. But if their paths cross, will it be as friends, lovers...or mortal enemies. Welcome to Artificial (Part 1 of 6). Nothing will ever be the same!



## VAMPIRELLA STRIKES #1

Sniegowski / Johnny D.

Fearful that her monstrous nature is taking control, Vampirella takes solace in some extreme violence, and conversation,

all topped off with a nice glass of Merlot, in a Boston tavern overrun by the demonic in the first part of this six issue story. Living in a world of growing supernatural threats, Vampirella never knows what she will be facing from one moment to the next, but what she finds waiting for her in her Boston Brownstone when she returns from a night of hunting is the most unexpected of all. Angels of Heaven sent by God . . . and they want Vampirella to work for them.



## THE END TIMES OF BRAM & BEN #1 (OF 4)

Asmus / Festante / Broo

What would you do if you were caught in the Biblical End Times? When Heaven raptures total bastard Bram

Carlson in a "clerical error" – he's sent back and immediately uses Armageddon to his benefit! Can his anxious roommate Ben save Bram from himself – and the gathering forces of Armageddon?

Extra-long debut issue! This apocalyptic buddy-comedy from writers James Asmus (Thief Of Thieves, Gambit) and Jim Festante is recommended for fans of Chew and Battle Pope.



## DIAS DE LAS MUERTAS #1 (OF 3)

Link / Long / Manning / Rossmo

Inspired by the Mexican Day of the Dead, artist extraordinaire, Riley Rossmo (Debris, Green Wake, Cowboy

Ninja Viking, Rebel Blood) joins forces with nine different writers over three issues to tell tall tales from beyond the grave!

This issue's writers are Alex Link (Rebel Blood), Christopher Long (X-Men Unlimited, Hiding In Time, Easy Way) and Dirk Manning (Nightmare World, Write Or Wrong).

In this issue: A mariachi falls in love with a woman who strongly resembles his lost love, a father is abused by a poltergeist, and a girl who's mother died when she was born visits the land of the dead in her dreams.

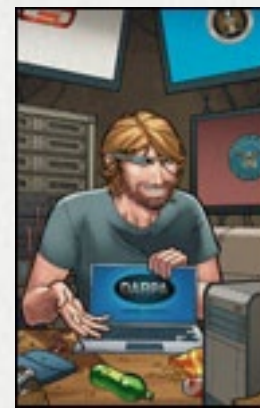


## REPOSSESSED #1 (OF 4)

Ringuet

In a world where Demon possessions are commonplace it's up to a crew of overworked blue-collar repo guys

to repossess the victims with old grimoires and big guns. The Dee Agency is hired by a rich NYC banker to repossess his daughter Sarah who ran away to Vegas. But the job is tougher than they expected and Demons of all sorts start popping up on the trail.



## THINK TANK MILITARY DOSSIER #1

Hawkins / Ekedal

Get an exclusive behind the scenes look into the process of the hottest new title form Minotaur Press! Hack into the

classified personnel files of slacker genius Dr. David Loren and all the other characters you know and love from behind the concrete barricades of a DARPA contracted Think Tank! School yourself on the extended "Science Class" that further explores the real world science behind the Reaper drones, guided bullets, and much, much more never-before-seen tech! Cheaper than tuition to Cal Tech, it's like breaking into a black box, but more fun.



## TODD, THE UGLIEST KID ON EARTH #1 (OF 4)

Kristensen / Perker

This series, a collision of comedy, sex, and violence, follows the misadventures of America's

most dysfunctional family as they go head-to-severed head with an Oprah-loving ax murderer, a cult-crazy soap opera star, and a neo-Nazi prison gang.

First issue: Todd wants desperately to make friends, but every kid he approaches winds up decapitated. Or worse. Meanwhile, Todd's mother is on a mission to get even with her husband who she believes is having an affair.

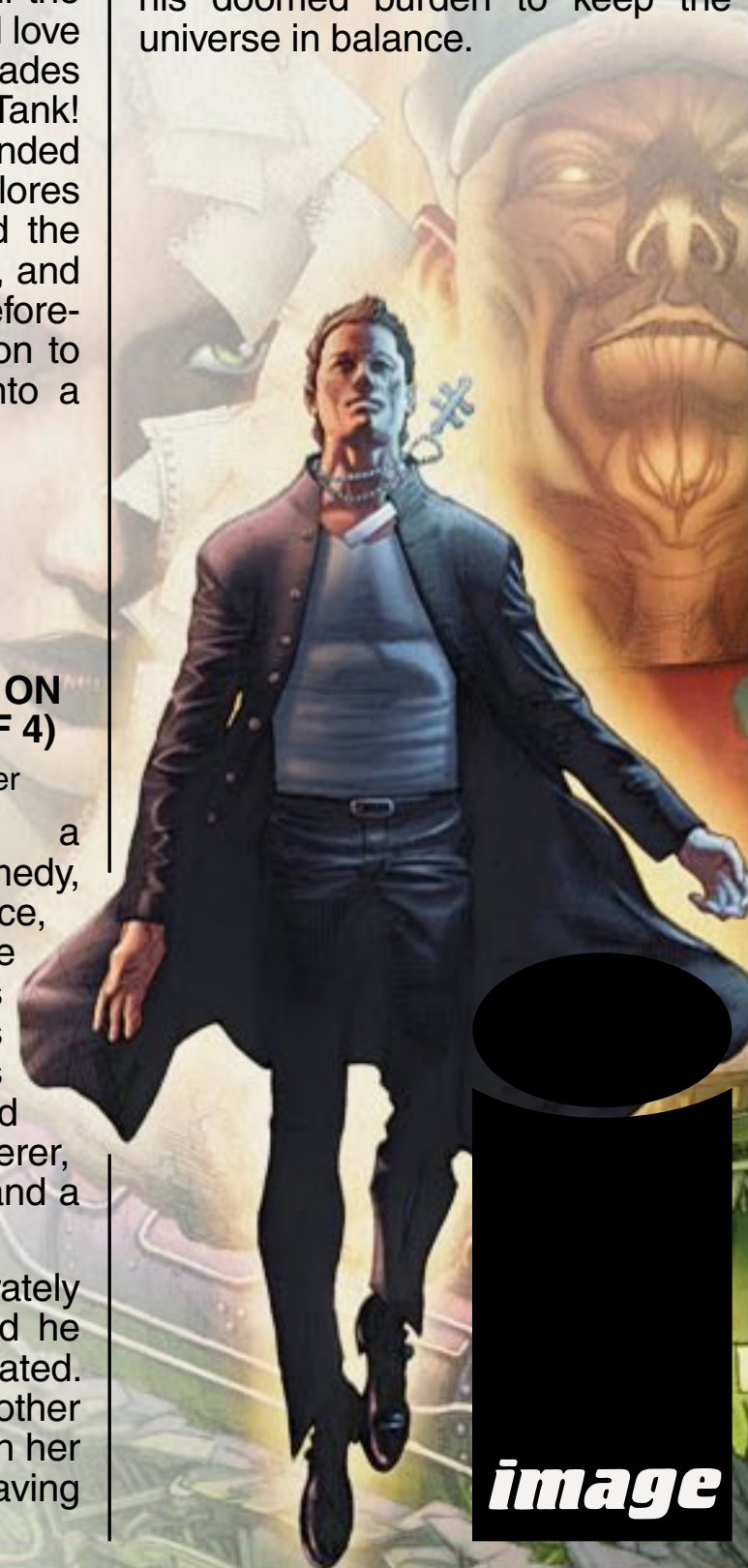


## TOM JUDGE: THE GEOMETRY OF HELL (ONE SHOT)

Smith / Andrasovsky

Rapture bearer Tom Judge is trapped in Hell. The only problem? He's forgotten where he is. It will be up to

Tom's partner and numeromancer Tilly Grimes to save Tom from Hell. Perfect for the casual reader and the devoted fan of the Top Cow universe, this standalone one-shot reveals the never before told story of how Tom Judge first acquired his doomed burden to keep the universe in balance.



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## MARS ATTACKS POPEYE

Powell / Beatty

The weekly event of the year starts on the second day of the year! Mars Attacks Martians invade five different IDW timelines and universes this month, starting with their assault on Sweethaven. How can Popeye, Alice the Goon, the Sea Hag the rest of the one-eyed sailor's friends and foes possibly contend with this threat from beyond the stars?

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## MARS ATTACKS KISS

Ryall / Robinson

The weekly invasion continues here! In 1970s New York, four teens are handed the power to become godlike figures... unless some attacking Martians find a way to steal that power for themselves! A tale torn from the original 1976 Kiss comic, courtesy of Chris "God of Thunder" Ryall and Alan "War Machine" Robinson!



## MARS ATTACKS THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS

Burnham / Holder

Something even stranger is in the neighborhood when the restless spirits of some merciless Martians are stirred from their slumber to attack again! It's up to the Real Ghostbusters to save New Jersey from this angry red threat. Well... if they must.



## MARS ATTACKS THE TRANSFORMERS

McCarthy / Frank

The weekly invasion continues: Autobots vs. Decepticons vs... Martians?! The invaders from Mars take advantage of the colossal Cybertronian's conflict and begin their assault on Earth in full force. It's Martian vs. Machine as the audacious Autobots and the devilish Decepticons begrudgingly join forces to repel the inhuman invaders and save the planet!



## MARS ATTACKS ZOMBIES VS ROBOTS

Ryall / Kuhn

The only thing worse than Earth having an interdimensional stargate that led to the Zombies vs Robots catastrophe are Martians using one of their own to lead a sneak attack on Earth. But what will happen when zombies get a scent of those big, exposed Martian brains...?



## DOCTOR WHO: PRISONERS OF TIME #1 (OF 12)

Tipton / Tipton / Fraser

November 23, 1963: A day that changed the world forever. That day saw the broadcast debut of Doctor Who, which was to become the longest-running science-fiction series on television. And now 50 years later, we pay tribute to one of the greatest pop-culture heroes of all time with this special series, which tells an epic adventure featuring all 11 incarnations of the intrepid traveler through time and space known simply as... the Doctor.



## THE HIGH WAYS #1 (OF 4)

Byrne

Humanity has not yet reached for the stars, but the Solar System is still a busy, exciting, and sometimes very dangerous place, as young Eddie Wallace is about to discover, when he joins the crew of a freighter that hauls cargo along The High Ways.



## JINNRISE #1 (OF 6)

Awan / Vassallo

Part 1: "Manifest Destiny."

International student Andrew Marcus' world is torn asunder when interstellar forces, the "Kibrani," invade

earth. With all hope seemingly lost, humanity's last chance may be a long-despised and forgotten race: the Jinn (otherwise known as "genies")! But are they our hope... or greatest fear?

Combining the best of summer blockbuster fare and quest myths like Lord of the Rings, Jinnrise is a modern re-introduction to global myth.



## STAR TREK: COUNTDOWN TO DARKNESS #1

Johnson / Messina

The countdown to the motion picture event of 2013 begins here, in this blockbuster 4-issue prequel mini-series

that sets the stage for the upcoming Star Trek film!

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

Star Trek: Countdown To Darkness is the can't-miss lead-in to the new adventures of the Enterprise crew!



### ALPHA #0.1

Slott / Ramos

A special encore presentation of the instant-classic Amazing Spider-Man #692!

Get ready for an all-new tale about a different kind of power and responsibility... and who is Alpha?!



### AVENGERS ASSEMBLE ANNUAL #1

Gage / Coker

The spotlight falls on the Vision!

It's the return of Surturion - more powerful and unstable than ever!



### DARK TOWER: THE GUNSLINGER - SHEEMIE'S TALE #1 (OF 2)

Furth / Isanove

Kidnapped by Marten Broadcloak, Sheemie's become a prisoner in End-

World. The Crimson King's servants are forcing him and the other psychic Breakers to destroy the Beams that hold the Dark Tower in place.

Will the dim-witted but big-hearted Sheemie, be able to foil his captor's plans in time?



### DEADPOOL: KILLUSTRATED #1 (OF 4)

Bunn / Loli

Deadpool has already killed every hero in the Marvel Universe. He isn't through. This time... Deadpool's gonna

take most famous characters in classic literature!



### MARVEL'S IRON MAN 3 PRELUDE #1 (OF 2)

Gage / Kurth

The perfect prelude to the upcoming highly-anticipated Marvel Studios film, Iron Man 3.

As Tony Stark prepares for his next venture, he tasks War Machine with a mission of his own.

War Machine faces his biggest test as a hero, while Iron Man takes on the Battle of New York!



### MARVEL'S THOR ADAPTATION #1 (OF 2)

Gage / Medina

The official adaptation of the hit Marvel Studios film, Thor is here!

What is the world of Asgard and who is the Mighty Thor?



### MORBIUS: THE LIVING VAMPIRE #1

Keatinge / Elson

Morbius... the hunted, haunted fugitive. Morbius... the dead souled scientist. Morbius... the Living Vampire.

Somewhere inside Doctor Michael Morbius is a good man who just needs a second chance. After escaping from The Raft in Amazing Spider-Man 699.1, Morbius is scraping desperately through each day trying to carve out a life in a world that has turned its back on him. However his redemption...may be worse than his sin.

NOW Morbius returns in this long-awaited ongoing series, where the line between hero and villain becomes brutally and bloodily blurred.



### NEW AVENGERS #1

Hickman / Epting

To prevent the collision of our universe with another, the Illuminati, led by the Black Panther, must assemble NOW! It's the most powerful

and brilliant team in the Marvel Universe--The Black Panther, Iron Man, Doctor Strange, Black Bolt, Mister Fantastic, Namor the Sub-Mariner and The Beast--against an infinite legion of parallel realities.



### PUNISHER: NIGHTMARE #1-5

Gimple / Texeira

A five-part, five week Punisher event!

A Special Forces soldier is injured and his family killed in the midst of a mob

execution in Central Park, but this isn't Frank Castle. This time it's a young soldier named Jake Niman, but the familiar story puts Frank on the path of punishment!

Bullets fly, anarchy reigns, allies become enemies, the Punisher becomes the punished, and no one is safe!!!

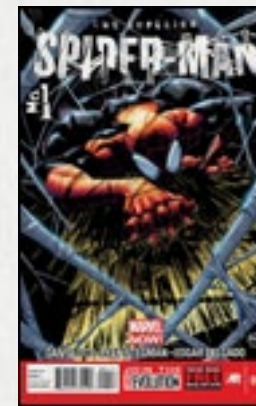


### SAVAGE WOLVERINE #1

Cho

Wolverine awakes to find himself transported to the Savage Land and labeled public enemy number one! With no memory of

how he got there, and Shanna the She-Devil his only ally, Logan must unravel the mystery that slumbers at the heart of the Savage Land before it finds a way to kill him first. This January, Wolverine is all brawls, babes, and brachiosaurs, and you'll never see the end -- or the future of the Marvel Universe -- NOW!



### SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN #1

Slott / Stegman

THEN!... Peter Parker spent a lifetime living up to the responsibilities his powers foisted upon him but his Amazing story

finally ended dramatically in the historic Spider-Man #700. NOW!... The new Amazing Spider-Man has arrived and he is better in every single way. Smarter, stronger...Superior.



### UNCANNY X-FORCE #1

Humphries / Garney

The X-Men: sworn to protect a world that fears and hates them. Uncanny X-Force: charged to deal with situations the X-Men fear and

hate! Psylocke and Storm lead a new team of outcasts and scoundrels, including fan-favorite Puck, the villainous Spiral, and the mysterious Cluster. The first adversary to strike out from the darkness? X-legend Bishop!



### YOUNG AVENGERS #1

Gillen / McKelvie

Legacy isn't a dirty word... but it's an irrelevant one. It's not important what our parents did. It matters what we do. Someone has to

save the world. You're someone. Do the math. The critically acclaimed team of Gillen/McKelvie/Wilson reinvent the teen superhero comic for the 21st century, uniting Wiccan, Hulkling and Hawkeye with Loki, Marvel Boy and Ms. America. No pressure. Young Avengers is as NOW! as the air in your lungs, and twice as vital!

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### SILVER SURFER BY STAN LEE & MOEBIUS #1

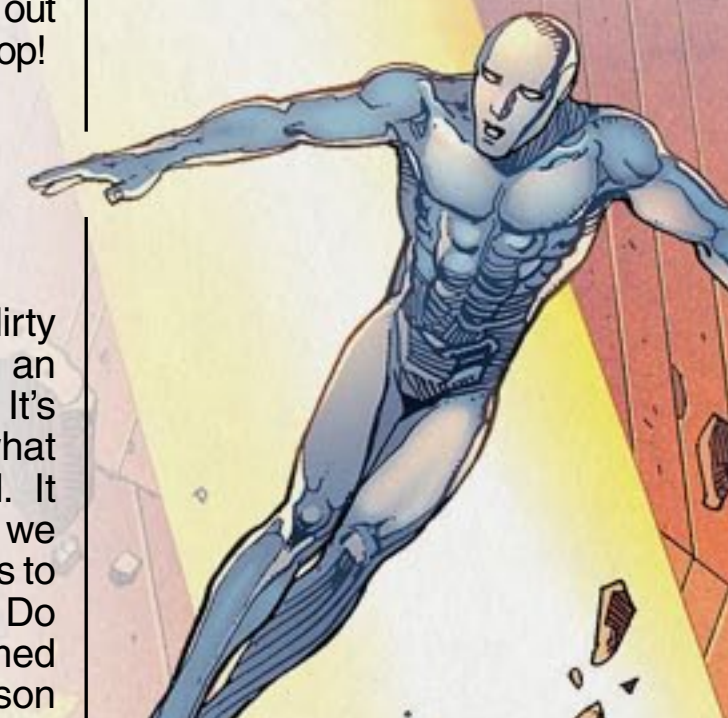
Lee / Moebius

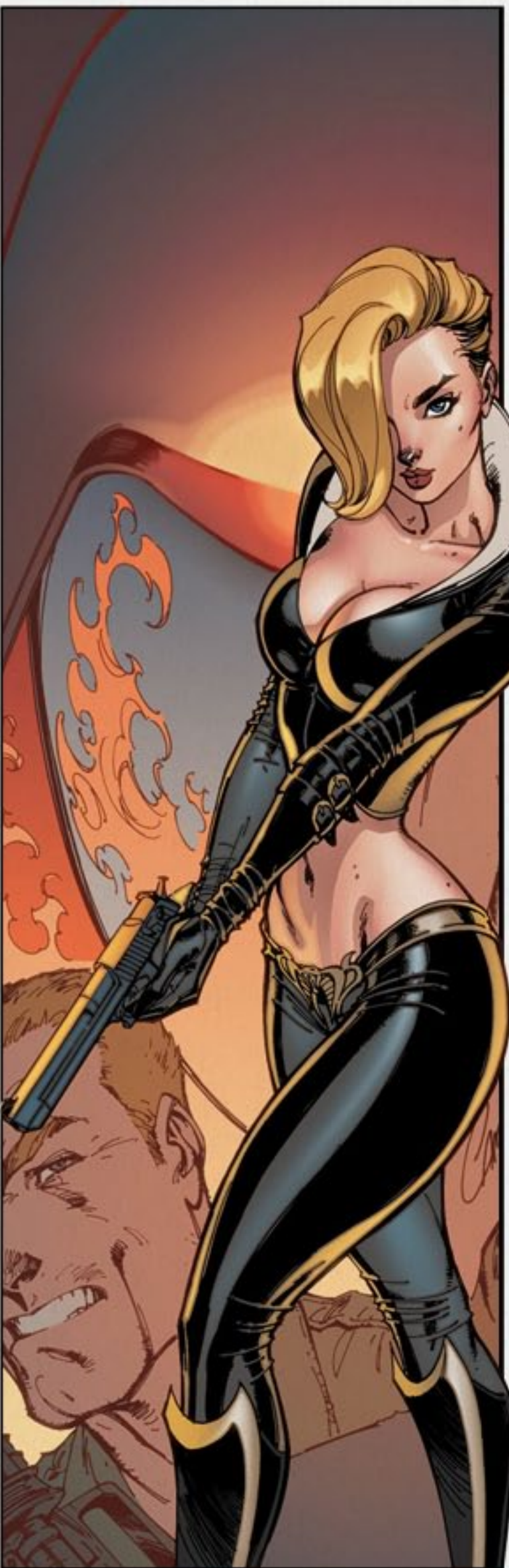
Galactus has converted humanity into his followers, and he's leading them to their doom!

His only challenger is the hero he himself trapped on Earth: the Silver Surfer!

It's a war for Earth's worship, but how much will be left when it's over?

Collecting Silver Surfer: Parable #1-2.





**DANGER GIRL / G.I. JOE**  
Hartnell / Royle  
IDW, 128 pages, HC  
The two most incredible covert action teams the world has ever known—so covert, in fact, that neither knows the other exists—are meeting for the first time ever! Repeat: Danger Girl and G.I. JOE, together. Spies! Girls! Ninjas! COBRA!



**CATWOMAN VOL. 2: DOLLHOUSE**  
Winick / March / Melo / Benes / Ferreira  
DC, 144 pages  
Teaming with a new partner called Spark, Catwoman is out to take Gotham City — literally! But when Catwoman runs into Dollhouse, a psychotic who kidnaps children from the streets of Gotham City, a rage awakens in her that not even she knew existed!

Collects CATWOMAN #7-12.

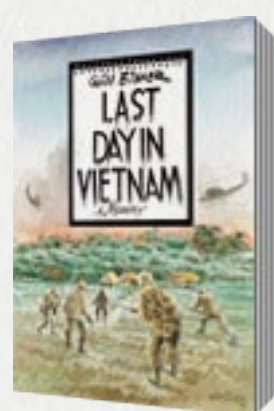


**STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS: DEFENDERS OF THE LOST TEMPLE**  
Acin / Bates  
Dark Horse, 80 pages

On a mission with a Jedi general, one trooper contemplates his own worth as a clone of the great Mandalorian warrior Jango Fett. As mission leads through a booby-trapped, abandoned Jedi Temple, this one clone will discover who he is and also where he came from when the Mandalorian Death Watch suddenly appears!

Set during season 4 of the animated series!

Featuring Pre Vizsla and the Death Watch!



**LAST DAY IN VIETNAM: A MEMORY HC**  
Eisner  
Dark Horse, 80 pages  
Last Day in Vietnam recounts Will Eisner's own experiences with soldiers engaged

not only in the daily hostilities of war but also in larger, more personal combat. Some of the stories in this novel are comical, some heartrending, some frightening, yet all display the incredible insight into humanity characteristic of Eisner's entire oeuvre.

Introduction by Matt Fraction!

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

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

# NOVEL IDEAS

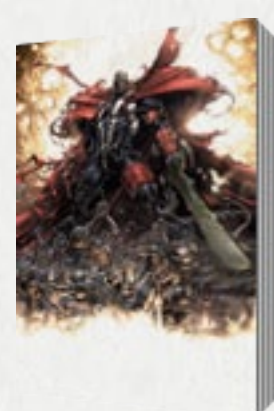
ACE Comics pick of the best new graphic novels and collected editions arriving in January



**CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BLACK WIDOW**  
Bunn / Francavilla  
Marvel, 112 pages

Captain America and the Black Widow are on a deadly collision course, sent on a wild goose chase through countless worlds by Kashmir Venemma and her multiversal corporation. Pursued by a super-powered kill squad, Cap and Widow jaunt through the multiverse, fight corporate-sponsored alien war machines and face...Lizard-Ock!? And as the two Avengers struggle ever closer to their goal, the stage is set for the eye-popping, senses-snapping, jaw-dropping final battle! Guest-starring Hawkeye, Iron Man and...Dr. Doom?

Collecting Captain America And Black Widow #636-640.



**SPAWN: ORIGINS VOL. 17**  
McFarlane / Holguin / Capullo / Medina  
Image, 176 pages

In 1992, legendary writer and artist Todd McFarlane unleashed his iconic anti-hero, Spawn, on the world. In so doing, he launched the most successful independent comic book in history — and the world would never be the same.

Spawn: Origins Vol. 17 features the stories and artwork that helped cement the Spawn legacy. Relive the excitement of this groundbreaking series — collected in this accessibly priced format with exclusive bonus content, including cover galleries, b/w art, classic quotes and an exclusive digitally painted cover by Clayton Crain.

Collects Spawn #99-104 — including landmark double-sized issue #100!



**GREEN ARROW: SALVATION**  
Krul / Patrick / Neves / Padilla  
Marvel, 192 pages

After the events of Brightest Day, Green Arrow defends the forest in the middle of Star City as a modern day Robin Hood from all that would do it harm.

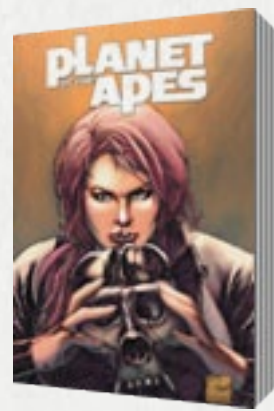
Collects GREEN ARROW #8-15.



**TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION VOL. 1**  
Furman / Wildman / Baskerville  
IDW, 132 pages

The Transformers comic that began it all—is back. With a vengeance!

21 years have passed since Cybertron was restored to its former glory, and finally there is peace. But, after millions of years of bitter civil war, can all ever truly be one?



**PLANET OF THE APES VOL. 4**  
Gregory / Magno  
Boom!, 144 pages

The Planet Of The Apes Saga Continues! Don't miss the fourth volume of the sci-fi masterpiece

that pits man versus ape in the continuity of the landmark original feature film. The world has changed — humans seemingly have learned their place, and the utopia that Voice Alaya sought for her people has seemingly arrived at last. Writer Daryl Gregory and artist Carlos Magno continue their critically acclaimed run on Planet Of The Apes!

Along with issues #13-16, this volume also collects the Planet Of The Apes Annual, including stories by Jeff Parker (Hulk, Thunderbolts), writer/artist Gabriel Hardman (Hulk, Agents Of Atlas), and Corinna Bechko (Heathentown, Fear Itself: The Homefront), and artist John Lucas (Uncanny X-Force)!



## AVENGERS VS. X-MEN: CONSEQUENCES

Gillen / Raney / Brooks / Kurth / Eaglesham / and more

Marvel, 120 pages

One team wins. One team loses. But everybody

pays! Spinning directly out of the stunning conclusion of AVX, find out what happens next! We can't tell you anything else without spoiling everything!

Collecting AVX: Consequences #1-5.



## DEADPOOL MAX: SECOND CUT

Lapham / Baker / Crystal

Marvel, 160 pages

Marvel's most mentally misaligned misanthrope,

Deadpool, returns in a gloriously raw, uncensored shoot-'em-up romp across America with his good buddy Hydra Bob, a boatload of explosives, enough military-grade weaponry to sink your battleship and a cocktail of mood-altering pharmaceuticals.

When Bob is framed for a terrorist act on American soil and hunted by the U.S. government, he and his best friend Deadpool go on the run in a heartfelt, soul-searching journey full of sex, drugs and unnecessary excessive violence! Familiar friends and foes including Taskmaster, Cable, Agent X, Weasel and Blind Al join the bosom buddies on their sanity-smashing adventure as Deadpool helps his pal Bob try to clear his not-so-good name. Plus: Christmastime is here again, and Hydra Bob and Deadpool have a gift you'll never forget!

Collecting Deadpool Max 2 #1-6 and Deadpool Max X-Mas Special.



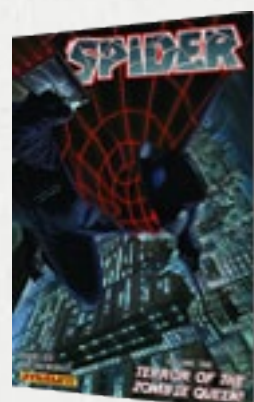
## THE NEW DEADWARDIANS

Abnett / Culbard

DC, 176 pages

In this collection of the 8-issue miniseries, nearly every member of upper class, post-Victorian England

has voluntarily become a vampire in order to escape the lower classes – who are all zombies! Into this simmering cauldron is thrust Chief Inspector George Suttle, a lonely detective who's got the slowest beat in London: investigating murders in a world where everyone is already dead!



## THE SPIDER VOL. 1: TERROR OF THE ZOMBIE QUEEN

Liss / Worley

Dynamite, 168 pages

The Spider, one of the most celebrated pulp heroes of all time

is back, and re-launched into the 21st century!

Richard Wentworth is a decorated war hero who has sacrificed everything, including the woman he loves, for duty. But the New York City Wentworth returns to is riddled with crime and corruption. With the police overwhelmed and a populace helpless, Wentworth becomes The Spider, a vigilante as ruthless and merciless as the criminals he hunts. But now there's a new danger on the rise. A deranged woman called Anput has begun a series of attacks that turn ordinary citizens into mindless zombies, bringing New York and the police force to its knees.

Wentworth will stop at nothing to save the city he's sworn to protect, but in the process he will risk his family, his friends, and the woman he still loves.

# NOVEL IDEAS

ACE Comics pick of the best new graphic novels and collected editions arriving in January



## ONE TRICK RIP-OFF / DEEP-CUTS

Pope

Image, 288 pages

Young lovers Tubby and Vim want to escape – escape the mistakes they've

made, the lives they've lived, and the dirty city weighing them down. Their plan is simple –all they have to do is rip-off Tubby's pals, the One Tricks – the toughest street gang in LA.

If they pull it off, they're set for life. If not, their lives won't matter much anyway.

What was going to be a smooth, straight-forward heist becomes a fast-paced battle to the death.

From Eisner Award-winning writer/artist Paul Pope (Batman: Year 100, THB, Heavy Liquid, 100%) and presented for the first time in color by Jamie Grant (All-Star Superman). One Trick Rip-Off/Deep-Cuts is 288 pages of raw power, of which over 150 pages are comprised of new, rare, and never before seen stories created during Pope's time traveling the world in the '90s.

Included in the "Deep Cuts" section is a bounty of unpublished and rare work Pope did in the '90s, including the legendary "Supertrouble" manga, created for Kodansha in Japan, appearing here in print for the first time.

It's a tour de force of pure, kinetic storytelling that will keep your eyes peeled until the very last page.



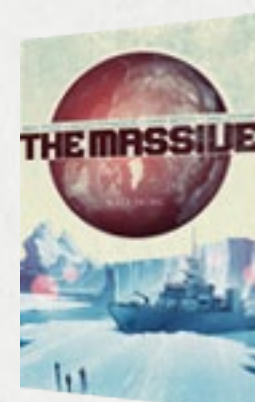
## STAR TREK THE NEXT GENERATION / DOCTOR WHO: ASSIMILATION2 VOL. 2

Tipton / Tipton / Woodward

IDW, 104 pages

The two greatest science-fiction properties of all time cross over for the first time in history, in Star Trek: The Next Generation/Doctor Who: Assimilation2!

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!



## THE MASSIVE VOL. 1: BLACK PACIFIC

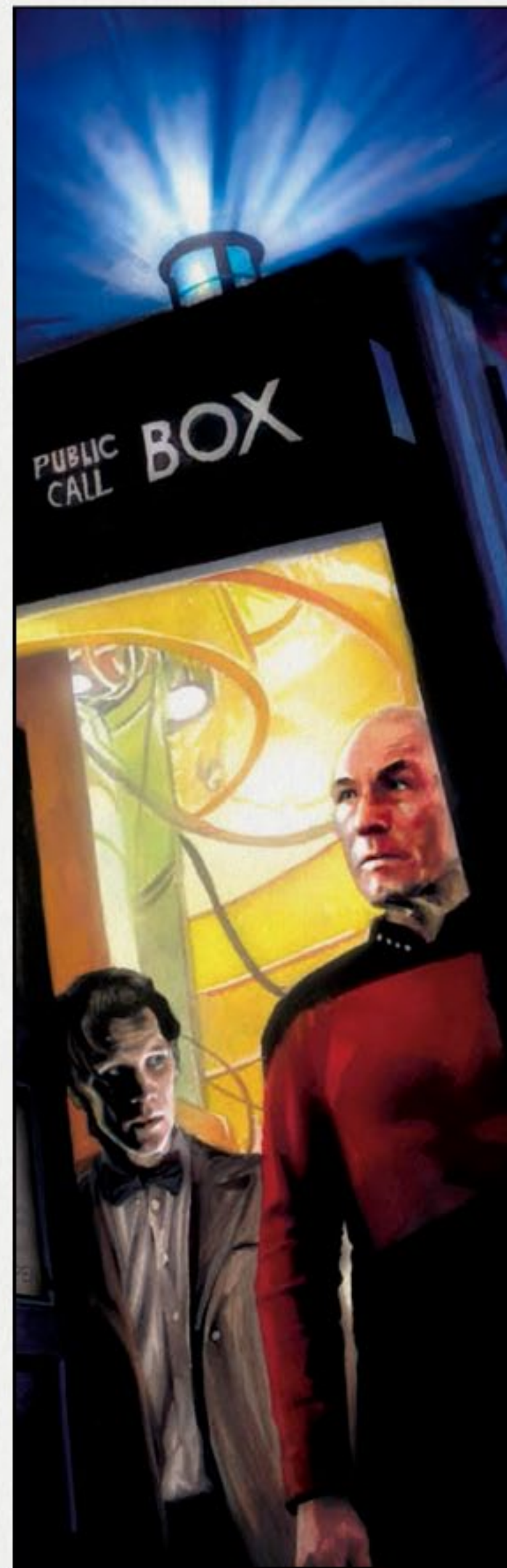
Wood / Donaldson / Brown

Dark Horse, 176 pages

In this first volume of Brian Wood's new, sprawling postapocalyptic

epic, follow the crew of the Kapital from the flooded remnants of Hong Kong to Unalaska, with stops in Antarctica and Mogadishu, as post-Crash ethics and economics are explored across a broken world.

Collecting issues #1–#6 of the series, plus three eight page stories from Dark Horse Presents.



# 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.



## STAR WARS: THE CRIMSON EMPIRE SAGA (2012)

Richardson / Stradley / Gulacy

*"The blood-soaked tale of the last surviving member of Emperor Palpatine's Royal Guard is now complete in one dust-jacketed hardcover edition! From revenge to redemption, the story of Kir Kanos takes him from the deserts of Yinchorr, to the halls of Imperial power, and to the inner circle of the New Republic. Included are encounters with Darth Vader, Boba Fett, Luke Skywalker, and Leia Organa Solo. An epic tale in one epic tome!" - Dark Horse*

As Dark Horse's long-standing association with Star Wars is a little unsure due to Disney's recent aquirement of Lucasfilm, we thought we'd look at one of the best entires in thier Star Wars series.

Collecting Crimson Empire I, II and III, which were originally released as mini-series in 1997, 1998 and 2011 respectivley, plus two one-shots, Star Wars: The Crimson Empire Saga revolves around Kir Kanos, a former Imperial Guardsman to the Emperor, who sets out on his own path for revenge following the death of his master at the hands of Luke Skywalker.

Using all of the fantastic elements that made Star Wars such a great property, the story introduces new and interesting characters as well as familiar faces from Star Wars lore and the plot is not only well-paced and full of intrigue, drama, emotion and action, but also peppered with sword-fights, grand space-battles and electrifying duels throughout. The 12-page final duel at the end of the Crimson Empire I, a particular highlight.

Mike Richardson was on writing duties for Crimson Empire I,II and III and creates instantly popular characters, working their way through an intelligent, emotional story from a Star Wars galaxy that fans are well acquainted with.

Paul Gulacy's pencils are reliable across all three arcs. Without being ostentacious, the lines are clean, easy to interpret and recognisable. The action is sharp, the characters, individual and shadow is used well, adding mystery to Kanos and drama to the combat.

Absolutely, undoubtedly, essential Star Wars reading.



## 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...

*As the nights draw in and 2012 comes to a close we can start to get excited about the 2013 solicitations.*

*He-Man and the Masters of the Universe has been a tremendously entertaining trip down memory lane, and will be reaching it's conclusion in January. The artwork has been excellent, and the story a great homage to the much loved tv series. Better still, a new series, **Masters of the Universe: Origin of He-Man #1**, debuts on January 30th. For anyone who has fond memories of 80s cartoons, this is a must.*

*Carrying on the cartoon theme, **Danger Girl/GI Joe** has been a brilliant pairing. Sometimes*

*crossovers can be underwhelming, but these two series are a natural pairing. If you have missed the first few of issues, they will be collected in trade early in 2013.*

*And speaking of crossovers, **Dynamite Comic's Masks** is almost on our selves, and will be continuing into the new year. I really hope this lives up to its potential, as Dynamite have done a terrific job re-establishing their characters over the last year. The prospect of them teaming up in one comic is one that is definitely worth a look.*

**- MATT**



# BIFF'S BIT

Just a reminder: my e-mail address is [martin@acecomics.co.uk](mailto:martin@acecomics.co.uk),  
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## TO CGC OR NOT TO CGC

I have always held the belief that comics are for reading and that if a comic you bought a few years back for £2.00 is now worth £50.00, you have gained a bonus, but only if you sell it.

Whatever the condition of a comic I have bought, I always read it, sometimes many times. Then a few years on I go back and re-read my favourites. Having these beauties in my collection gives me a warm feeling every time I walk into my study and just glance at my bookcases full of comics, magazines and toys makes the day worthwhile.

The last thing I would ever want to do is put my favourite, Daredevil #57 (1960's series), inside a hard plastic container never to be opened again. Heck how can I ever be 13 years old again if I cannot touch feel and smell the comic.

So CGC is not for me. I am a reader collector.

Collectors however, like the CGC slab as it makes the collected item, in their mind a more valuable and more easily sold possession.

One reason they prize CGC is that the general opinion is that once graded and slabbed the condition stays the same. Well, read the small print, comics are not air tight in the slab and, just like a car's MOT, the grade is only guaranteed on the day of slabbing. The onus is on the collector to maintain the comic in a stable and dark environment.

Humidity and temperature should not vary. Apparently CGC themselves state that a comic can still degrade inside the slab.

I recently acquired some CGC slabbed comics, with very high grades. To double check the interior condition without breaking the seal is impossible. By doing this their grading is invalid. It is the classic 'Catch 22'. Being a heathen I broke the seal on two slabbed comics anyway. On viewing these I fundamentally disagreed with the condition stated. In another case of slab breaking a store owner found that there was an interior page damaged, not mentioned in the grading which in this instance totally reduced the CGC grading. This defect missed despite three people grading the comic before slabbing, this is how many people grade a comic according to CGC.

Caveat Emptor is the key word. My thoughts on sending your comics away for slabbing? Don't do it. I personally price slabbed comics at no premium, maybe a little less than an unslabbed. A comic in the raw can always be inspected, and, heaven forbid, be read. Then happy with the condition a price can be paid.

Question why you want your comics slabbed. If it is to value your collection for insurance purposes maybe it would be better to get your prime comics valued and then safely stored in Mylites by the Ace Comics valuation system. My team of graders includes myself Martin Biff Averre, 33 years of trading, Justin Ebbs of Collector line, 36 years of trading and Nigel

Blaikie art and comic collector for 30 years. Our certification will give you an honest grade and value for you to then insure from. You can then still read them if required and keep them safely stored at a fraction of the cost of the CGC system but in full confidence of our care and discretion.

If you require grading in preparation for selling we will grade and seal the comic with our authenticated seal and date the time of the grade, plus log all comics we have put our seal on to.

The service does need to be paid for and we would suggest that only key comics need to be verified. For instance Amazing Spider-Man 1-100 and then just key first appearances from then on. We charge at £5 per comic this includes a mylite, backing board and seal.

That just leaves me to say on behalf of all at ACE Colchester, Biff, Tina, Kerrie, Marc, Guy, Evil Stu, Victoria, Colin, Ed, Glenn, Matt and of course Joe and Bryony, Lea in Southend, Richard and Guy in Richmond, Ivor, Scott, Scott, Lorna, Stuart and Bennie in Glasgow...

## HAPPY READING!

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