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NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN JANUARY: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



SERENITY: LEAVES ON THE WIND #1 (OF 6)

Whedon | Jeanty | Story | Martin | Dos Santos

Malcolm Reynolds's crew shook the 'verse to its core when they laid bare the crimes against humanity undertaken by their sinister government—the Alliance. Always outlaws, Mal, a very pregnant Zoe, new pilot River Tam, and the other surviving crew members are in greater danger than ever. Meanwhile, everyone is asking the same question . . .



#1 FOR \$1: CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT

Williamson | Dagnino | Ego | Rude

Witness the return of Captain Midnight—for only \$1! In the forties, he was an American hero, a daredevil fighter pilot, a technological genius . . . a superhero. But after hurtling out of a freak storm in the Bermuda Triangle and into the present day, Captain Midnight doesn't know what or whom to trust!



#1 FOR \$1: CONAN THE BARBARIAN

Wood | Cloonan | Stewart | Carnevale

Superstar creators Brian Wood and Becky Cloonan's first issue of Conan the Barbarian is back in print—for only \$1! In this sweeping adaptation of Robert E. Howard's fan-favorite "Queen of the Black Coast," Conan takes to the high seas alongside the pirate queen Bêlit, setting the stage for an epic of romance, terror, and swashbuckling.



#1 FOR \$1: X

Swierczynski | Nguyen | Madsen | Langley

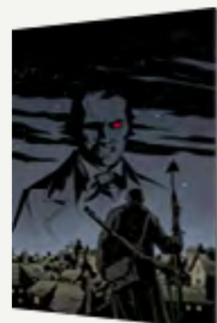
The enigmatic vigilante X has shattered Arcadia's criminal triumvirate, "the three pigs," and fixed his eye on an even tougher target. But with the police department AND the crime establishment teamed up against X, muckraking blogger Leigh Ferguson may be his only ally! The brutal beginning to Dark Horse's bloodiest hero!



BAD BLOOD #1 (OF 5)

Maberry | Crook

Getting bitten by a vampire pissed him off. Seeing his best friend brutally slaughtered started a war. Trick was a typical college student—sort of—until vampires attacked. Then he found out his blood was poison to the bloodsuckers. And Trick will do anything to eradicate them.



BALTIMORE: CHAPEL OF BONES #1 (OF 2)

Mignola | Golden | Stenbeck | Stewart

After his long hunt, Baltimore finally confronts the vampire who destroyed his life in London for a final showdown!



ELFQUEST: THE FINAL QUEST #1

Pini | Pini

The Wolfriders' chief, Cutter, knows that change is coming. His tribe's proximity to the Palace of the High Ones, a mysterious and magical oasis, makes this inevitable. As Cutter's daughter Ember, chief of her own tribe, shares her father's efforts to preserve the old ways amongst their kin, the human tyrant, Angrif Djun, ascends the mountain her clan call home and rocks the foundation of their peaceful existence.



FURIOUS #1 (OF 5)

Glass | Santos

Staring into a fractured mirror of her life, the world's first superhero, Furious, seeks to atone for her past sins by doling out rage-fueled justice! But the spotlight of our celebrity-obsessed media threatens to undo her noblest efforts and expose her true identity before she can achieve redemption.



JUICE SQUEEZERS #1 (OF 4)

Lapham | Loughridge

Tunnels made by a legion of giant bugs crisscross the fields below Weeville, and only one thing can stop them from overrunning this quaint California town: the Juice Squeezers. A covert group comprised of scrawny tweens, the Squeezers are the only ones who can fit into the cramped subterranean battlefield and fight the insects on the frontlines!



SKYMAN #1 (OF 4)

Fialkov | Garcia | Bit | Williams II | Scott

After an embarrassing defeat at the hands of Captain Midnight, a drunken Skyman accidentally kills an innocent man! Needing a new face for their initiative ASAP, the Skyman Program turns to US Air Force Sgt. Eric Reid: a wounded veteran on the ropes, looking for a new lease on life.



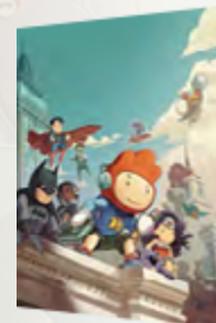
THE STAR WARS #0

Rinzler | Stradley | Mayhew | Cooke | Plunkett | Roux | Kolins | Runge

A companion to the eight-issue adaptation of The Star Wars, this is an exclusive peek behind the scenes at the designs that have brought a new—yet incredibly familiar—galaxy to life. Included in this volume are the never-before-seen comics sequences that were used in Dark Horse's pitch to George Lucas!



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**SCRIBBLENAUTS
UNMASKED:
A CRISIS OF
IMAGINATION #1**
Elder | Archer

It's here! Straight from the hit video game Scribblenauts Unmasked: A DC Comics Adventure comes an all-new, all-ages adventure featuring Maxwell, Lily and as many DC characters as you can imagine! You don't want to miss this!



**BATMAN/SUPERMAN
ANNUAL #1**
Pak | Lee | Benes |
Others

It's the first meeting of Supergirl and Red Hood, Steel and Supergirl and more as the competing Batman and Superman families must battle for the control of the missing Mongul's fortress! And at the heart of it, Batman and Superman deal with their grief over their fallen comrades.



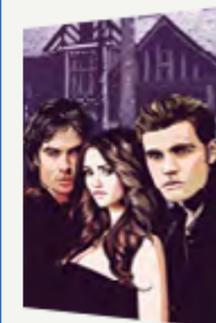
**INJUSTICE:
YEARTWO #1**
Taylor | Redondo |
Raapack

The best-selling prequel to the hit videogame picks up right where it left off! Year one is over—now, year two begins. The death of one of their own has divided Earth's protectors as hero turns against hero. As Superman's iron grip on the world tightens, at the edge of the galaxy, fear approaches...



**THE UNWRITTEN VOL. 2:
APOCALYPSE #1**
Carey | Gross |
Shimizu

It's the perfect jumping on point, as Tom Taylor is stranded at the beginning of all creation! Lost in the unwritten scenes of all the world's stories, Tom Taylor is headed back to reality — and all the gods and beasts and monsters ever imagined can't stop him. But there's a toll on the road that may be too high for him or anyone to pay...



**THE VAMPIRE
DIARIES #1**
Doran | Shasteen

Elena, Stefan and Damon make their comics debut in a new series based on the hit CW television show! This anthology series will bring some of comics' greatest talents to Mystic Falls and set them loose to bring the characters to life. Or death. They are vampires, you know.



**WORLDS' FINEST
ANNUAL #1**
Levitz | Neves |
Deering | Lupacchino

In one of their first adventures together, Earth 2's Supergirl and Robin team up to face their world's Wonder Woman!



THE X-FILES: CONSPIRACY #1 (OF 2)

Crilley | Stanisci | Kim

The event of the year begins here! When The Lone Gunmen discover Internet files from the future, they learn that a plague will soon wipe out most of humanity. With Agents Mulder and Scully working one lead, the Gunmen must spring into action and investigate several urban legends: a group of ghost-hunters, mutant turtles that live in the sewers, shape-changing alien robots, and a vengeful spirit from beyond the grave!



THE X-FILES: CONSPIRACY: GHOSTBUSTERS

Burnham | Navarro | Kim

The Conspiracy continues! The Lone Gunmen investigate their first lead, the Ghostbusters. Are they frauds and charlatans, bilking unwitting clients out of money? Or do they have special insight into the afterlife? And how are they connected to the plague that's poised to wipe out humanity?



THE X-FILES: SEASON 10 #1 - DIRECTOR'S CUT

Harris | Walsh | Valenzuela

The X-Files: Season 10 from IDW took the world by storm, drawing praise from comic readers and longtime X-Philes alike. Now, in celebration of this

acclaimed series, we are proud to release a special Director's Cut of the first issue, which includes all of the covers along with the comic's script, giving a rare insight into the inner workings of a comic book from initial thought to publication. Join series creator Chris Carter, writer Joe Harris (Great Pacific) and artist Michael Walsh (Comeback) as we reprise their story ushering The X-Files into a new era!



JUDGE DREDD: MEGA-CITY TWO #1 (OF 5)

Wolk | Farinas

Dredd heads Californee way! As part of a judicial exchange program, Dredd is sent packing to Mega-City Two, a sprawling city covering 5,000 square miles of the Californian

West Coast and centered in what was once known as Los Angeles, where he soon discovers that they do things differently there.



MY LITTLE PONY: FRIENDS FOREVER #1

De Campi | McNeil | Mebberson

Introducing a brand new ongoing series! Dedicated to exploring the magic that arises from the friendship of two different ponies, prepare for anything in this fun-filled team-team up

comic! Our first pony pairing features none other than Applejack and Pinkie Pie! When the two enter a baking contest, you can bet the culinary hijinks are going to get messy!

IDW PUBLISHING



TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: UTROM EMPIRE #1 (OF 3)

Allor | Kuhn

Intrigue and betrayal abound on Burnow Island! This mini-series takes us to the Technodrome where Krang's plans to destroy

the Earth are ramping up. Little does he know that Baxter Stockman plans to harness its power for himself! As the two villains scheme, one imprisoned robot holds the key to success—Fugitoid! Will he be able to reach the Turtles in time? All this plus the long awaited story of the alien Utrom race!



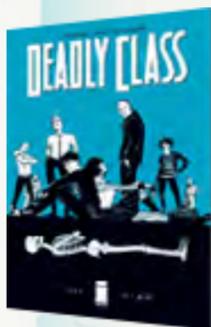
PURGATORY #1 (OF 5)

Halpin Sr. | Guerrero

An all-new creation from Joe Halpin Sr., writer on TV's Hawaii Five-O! In a surreal setting where a red sky burns bright and the blanket of night brings a terror known only as the Dark Souls, ex-cop Jake Ryan

struggles to make sense of his surroundings. Purgatory is a story that weaves a rich tapestry of loyalty, lust, intrigue and betrayal as beggars, thieves, priests, and murderers all vie for power in a world that rewards the bold and enslaves the weak.

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DEADLY CLASS #1
Remender | Craig | Loughridge

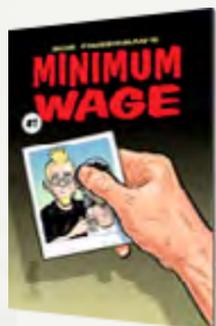
It's 1987. Marcus Lopez hates school. His grades suck. He has no money. The jocks are hassling his friends. He can't focus in class, thanks to his mind constantly drifting to the stunning girl in the front row and the Dag Nasty show he has tickets to. But the jocks are the children of Joseph Stalin's top assassin, the teachers are members of an ancient league of assassins, the class he's failing is "Dismemberment 101," and his crush, a member of the most notorious crime syndicate in Japan, has a double-digit body count.

Welcome to the most brutal high school on Earth, where the world's top crime families send the next generation of assassins to be trained. Murder is an art. Killing is a craft. At King's Dominion High School for the Deadly Arts, the dagger in your back isn't always metaphorical, nor is your fellow classmates' poison.



EGOS #1
Moore | Storms

A twisted far-future epic! An aging hero risks everything to rebuild his former team. But to do so he must cross a line with his wife that can't be uncrossed.



MINIMUM WAGE #1
Fingerman

After a nearly 15-year hiatus, Bob Fingerman's edgy, critically-acclaimed title returns as a monthly. When last we left Rob and Sylvia they were exchanging vows at the altar. Three years later (in Rob's world), much has changed. Rob has a cell phone. He's 25. And oh yeah – spoiler alert – he's single again. Oops. Living again with his mom, it's get-back-on-the-horse time as the daunting prospect of dating looms large as a hungry Kraken.

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AVENGERS WORLD #1
Hickman | Spencer | Caselli | Cassaday | Adams | Manara | Young

"Trouble Map". Earth's Mightiest Heroes have returned from the stars--but on the world they left behind, new threats have emerged, and The

Avengers will be tested like never before. In one cataclysmic day, the face of the Marvel Universe will change forever-- and the fight for Earth's future will begin. A globe-spanning epic of empires and armies, and the brave few who stand between them and us.



ALL-NEW INVADERS #1
Robinson | Pugh | Singh | Cassaday | Young

"Gods And Soldiers" Part One. Eisner Award winner James Robinson (Starman, Earth 2) returns to Marvel, uniting with Steve Pugh (Animal Man, Hotwire, Gen-X) to create a unique, modern day take on the Invaders.

The Kree Empire intends to conquer the universe using a weapon that will grant them an army of Norse Gods. It falls to four heroes united by their past—Captain America, Namor, The Original Human Torch and the Winter Soldier—who must now face the future and wage war against the Kree to save Earth.



ALL-NEW X-FACTOR #1
David | Di Giandomenico | Fletcher | Larroca | Young

"Not Brand X" Part 1. X-Factor is back...like never before! Serval Industries, one of the world's most trusted names in electronics and

leader in cutting-edge internet and weapons technology, has just unveiled their newest contribution to society...the All-New X-Factor. Led by mutant mistress of magnetism, Polaris, the team uses its corporate backing for the betterment of society. With her half-brother Quicksilver, notorious thief, Gambit, and more by her side, can Polaris trust that her corporate masters really have good intentions?



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: THE MOVIE ADAPTATION #1
Cohen | Alves

Get ready for The Amazing Spider-Man 2, with an awesome adaptation of the web-slinger's latest hit film!

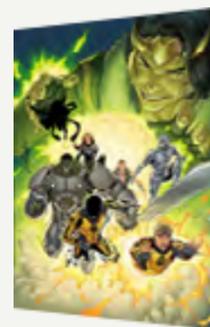
When danger threatens the city, high school student Peter Parker leaps into action as the wall-crawling Spider-Man! Spider-Man! The Lizard! Gwen Stacy! All this and more movie magic!



DEADPOOL: THE GAUNTLET #1
Dugan | Brown | Cho

Deadpool has tangled with vampires before, but is he ready...to work for them?!

Dracula has a very important package he needs delivered safely, so he hires the Merc with the Mouth to get the job done!



ALL-NEW MARVEL NOW! POINT ONE #1
Slott | Ewing | Robinson | Edmondson | Spencer | Allred | Garbett | Pugh | Noto | Morales | Larroca | McNiven

Here we go again! It's your one-stop entry point to the world of All-

New Marvel Now! Loki embarks on a mission for Asgard! The Silver Surfer and Dawn experience the cosmic rays of Nautikos! A Kree Pursuer and her Special Forces team prepare to invade the Earth! The Black Widow goes undercover in Russia! And can even the Indestructible Hulk survive the aid and assistance of fellow Avengers Cannonball and Sunspot?

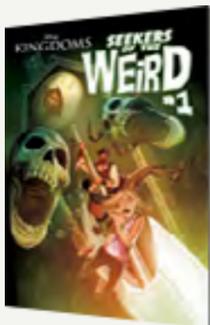
Features completely new Loki: Agent Of Asgard, Silver Surfer, Black Widow, All-New Invaders and Avengers World lead-in stories!



BLACK WIDOW #1
Edmondson | Noto | Campbell | Manara | Young

"The Finely Woven Thread". You've seen Black Widow as an Avenger and even an Agent of Shield. But on her own time she searches for atonement

for her past as a KGB assassin—in ways of which those teams just wouldn't approve. From the darkest corners of the Marvel Universe, Nathan Edmondson (Who is Jake Ellis?) and Phil Noto (Thunderbolts, X-23) bring you a new ongoing series as gorgeous and mysterious as Natasha Romanov herself!

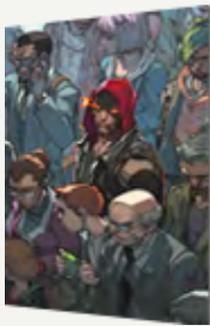


DISNEY KINGDOMS: SEEKERS OF THE WEIRD #1 (OF 5)

Seifert | Moline | Del
Mundo | Crump |
Crosby

When their parents
are kidnapped, teens
Maxwell and Melody
are thrust into a thrilling
race through the world's

most strange and dangerous museum
as they unite with their mysterious and
swashbuckling uncle to save their family
and the world from an evil secret society!



INHUMAN #1

Fraction | Madureira
| Ramos | Campbell |
Manara

After the fall of the
Inhuman City Attilan
and the explosion of the
Terrigen Bomb, thousands
of people across the globe
with no connection to the
strange super race have

transformed into Inhumans! The transformations
have given them powers that are dangerous and
terrifying, making them targets. With Inhuman
king Black Bolt believed dead, is there anyone
for these new Inhumans to turn to?



INHUMANITY: MEDUSA #1

Fraction | Bradshaw

'Inhumanity' tie-in! Nick
Bradshaw joins the
master of Inhumanity
Matt Fraction for a tale of
the Inhuman Queen!

Medusa's kingdom is
destroyed, her king
is dead and her people's population just
increased exponentially. Everything is different
- how can she possibly deal with it all?



INHUMANITY: SUPERIOR SPIDER- MAN #1

Gage | Elson | Dekal

'Inhumanity' tie-in!
Attilan has crashed out
of the sky into New York
City. In the chaos, the
Superior Spider-Man
discovers that super
powers aren't all it

takes to be Superior.



REVOLUTIONARY WAR: ALPHA #1

Lanning | Cowsill |
Elson | Brooks

Part 1 of "Revolutionary
War". Marvel UK's
greatest heroes come
together for the first time
in 20 years to face a
threat that could destroy
the world.

Featuring Captain Britain, Pete Wisdom,
Death's Head II, Motormouth and Killpower,
the Warheads and a host of British heroes.



MIRACLEMAN #1

Anglo | Leach | Davis
| Neary | Dillon |
Quesada | Cassaday |
Buckingham | Opena

Kimota! With one magic
word, a long-forgotten
legend lives again!
Freelance reporter
Michael Moran always
knew he was meant for

something more -- now, a strange series of
events leads him to reclaim his destiny!

Relive the ground-breaking eighties
adventures that captured lightning in a
bottle - or experience them for the first time
- in these digitally restored, fully relettered
editions! Issue 1 includes material originally
presented in Warrior #1 and Miracleman #1,
plus the Marvelman Primer.

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR: DARK ANGEL #1

Gillen | Smith | Brooks
| Larroca

Part 2 of "Revolutionary
War". When Shevaun
Haldane experiences
a troubling vision in
Darkmoor Castle, she
realizes danger may be
coming for the heroes of

Marvel UK. With time running out, Shevaun
has no choice but to suit up as Dark Angel
once again.

An adventure that will take fans through the
past, present, and future of Marvel UK!



NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEADPOOL #1 (OF 4)

Bunn | Rosanas | Shaw

Deadpool awakes from a food coma to find...the
zombie apocalypse has occurred! Can the Merc
with the Mouth avoid becoming the Merc in their
Mouths?

Writer of the Deadpool Killogy, Cullen Bunn,
brings us to one of Deadpool's darkest tales
ever...and not just because it's in black and
white (and red)!



REVOLUTIONARY WAR: KNIGHTS OF PENDRAGON #1

Williams | Coleby |
Brooks

Part 3 of "Revolutionary
War". A corporate deep-
mining setup unearths
an old MYS-TECH base,
where magical cloning
experiments have been

taking place. What mysteries or monsters
are waiting in Britain's subterranean bones?

Featuring fan-favorite Marvel UK characters
Dai Thomas, Pete Wisdom, and Union Jack!



GEORGE ROMERO EMPIRE OF THE DEAD: ACT ONE #1 (OF 5)

Romero | Maleev | Cho | Suydam

Zombie godfather George Romero
unleashes his next undead epic—as an
all-new Marvel comic!

Welcome to New York City years after
the undead plague has erupted—but just
because Manhattan has been quarantined,
don't think that

everyone inside is safe!

Not only do flesh-eaters roam within
Manhattan, but there's another ancient
predator about to take a bite out of the
Big Apple!

Plus: It's a terrorizing team-up in
variant cover form when the Zombie
Godfather unites with the Zombie King –
Arthur Suydam!





DREDD: UNDERBELLY (MOVIE SEQUEL) 2000AD
Wyatt | Flint

The one-shot sequel to the critically-acclaimed movie! In the wake of Ma-Ma's death, other criminal gangs in Mega-City One are moving into the power vacuum, trying

to fill the gap in the market left by the Slo-Mo drug. When a corpse dump is discovered in a rad-pit, the bodies are all revealed to be mutants. Could the dead be connected with an outfit smuggling illegal refugees into the city from the Cursed Earth? Dredd once again teams with Psi-Judge Anderson as they scour the underworld for the perps responsible, to bring them to justice!



ADVENTURE TIME: THE FLIP SIDE #1 (OF 6) BOOM! STUDIOS
Tobin | Coover | Clark | Alsop | Xu | Wilson

The "Freaky Friday" trope is turned on its head with an Ooosized twist! Paul Tobin and Colleen Coover, the team behind the Eisner Awardwinning

Bandette, together with newcomer Wook Jin Clark bring you a dream Adventure Time miniseries like you've never seen it!

Finn and Jake find themselves without a quest and a little too much free time — what better place to look for a new adventure than the "Adventurer's Posting Board"?! Only the adventure they grab might be more complicated than they first imagined...this might be the most complicated adventure they've ever been on!

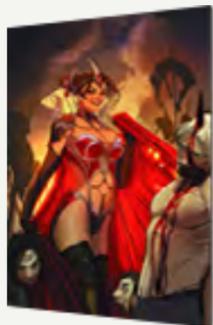


BAD ASS #1 (OF 4) DYNAMITE ENT
Hanna | Bessadi

If Kick-Ass and Deadpool had a baby, it would be Bad Ass! The only difference being that Dead End is a villain through and through with no intentions of serving anyone. What makes

Dead End so great is his self-aware humor and biting sarcasm — the mark of a true evil genius. Hard to hate and even harder to kill, Dead End is an eloquent psychopath who fights for something better than justice: himself.

SELECTED TITLES SHIPPING IN JANUARY



GRIMM FAIRY TALES PRESENTS: THE DARK QUEEN #1 ZENOSCOPE ENT
Esquivel | Sharma | Sejic | Qualano | Ehnot

For centuries, the Dark Horde has tried in vain to take control of both Earth and the four

realms of power. But the return of their most evil and powerful leader may finally be what they need to realize their goal. The Age Of Darkness is about to begin and all will bow before the Dark Queen!



LI'L ERNIE DYNAMITE ENT
Langridge | Baltazar

Eisner and Harvey Award winning cartoonist Roger Langridge brings you his own, all-ages take on cult favorite Evil Ernie! Ernest Fairchild is the most evil kid on the block. Why, he never eats his

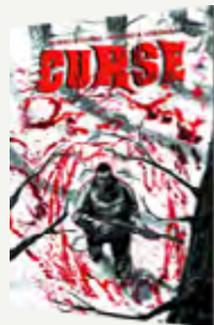
vegetables... his library books are sometimes three weeks late... and he once xeroxed his own butt! Can Mister Smiley, his annoying yet strangely ineffectual conscience, make him change his ways? And are Daddy Fairchild's blank eyes somehow related to his peculiar odor, rotting flesh and appetite for human brains? Get a copy for yourself and one for the kids... it's wall-to-wall zombie fun for all the family! And if that isn't enough, each Li'l book comes with a two-page activity sheet!



GRIMM FAIRY TALES PRESENTS TALES FROM OZ: TIN MAN #1 ZENOSCOPE ENT
Wickline | Salonga | Ortiz | Spay | Garza

Once a peaceful wood-cutter, the woodsman dared to disobey the rules of the Wicked Witch of the West. But

losing his humanity did not quench his desire for one of the most basic human needs: love. The first issue in the brand new Tales From Oz series tells the story of how the Tin Man lost his heart and became a hollow shell.

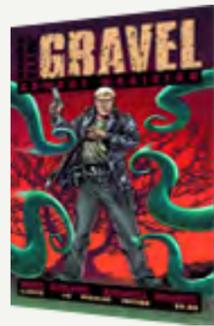


CURSE #1 (OF 4) BOOM! STUDIOS
Moreci | Daniel | Rossmo | Lorimer

The Curse creative team practically screams "horror" - from writers Michael Moreci (Hoax Hunters) and Tim Daniel (Enormous) and artists Riley Rossmo

(Drumhellar) and Colin Lorimer (UXB), you're in store for a smart, realistic, and haunting read.

Laney Griffith is a man who will do anything to save his son from leukemia, but the cost of treatment has broken him financially. When he pursues an elusive murderer in the wilderness of his small, rural community, in the hopes of securing a substantial bounty, Laney is confronted with something he never could have expected: a werewolf. The captive lycan, in human form, turns Laney's life upsidedown, forcing him to confront his haunted past and race against the clock—because the wolf will return, and Laney's son's condition continues to worsen. Curse is a story of a family's survival at all costs.



GRAVEL: COMBAT MAGICIAN #0 AVATAR PRESS
Wolfer | Rearte

Gravel returns with a super-size launch issue and an all-new monthly series! Mike Wolfer has worked on every issue of Gravel to date, and he's back to his black magic

ways, joined by artist Gabriel Rearte who is conjuring stunning pages! This #0 is a perfect starting place for new readers, with a self-contained story and a huge what-has-come-before summary of all the previous Gravel issues. After dismantling the aristocratic, magical hierarchy of England and surviving a war against a blood-thirsty serial killer, William Gravel disappeared. But even a man who can walk through walls cannot escape Combat Magic-fueled assassins. And he's not happy about it. Written by long-time Warren Ellis collaborator Mike Wolfer, Gravel: Combat Magician presents a fresh starting point for new readers to enter the world of ultra-violent black magic.



BRAVEST WARRIORS 2014 ANNUAL #1 BOOM! STUDIOS
Hesse | Leth | Mannino | Pequin | Hankins | Jeong

It's a Catbug special!! All new original short stories starring your favorite Catbug! Join Catbug and his friends,

the Bravest Warriors, as they fight new enemies and embrace talking about feelings with this crazy collection of shorts!

This is first time we've let loose a bunch of creators to make the Bravest Warriors comic book universe their own. And, obviously, you love Catbug. Everyone loves Catbug.



WORLD WAR MOB #1 NEW PARADIGM
Delsante | Caracuzzo | Manomivibul

World War III! Five men, all members of different crime families, all US soldiers, undertake a clandestine mission ordered by the heads of New York's Five Families:

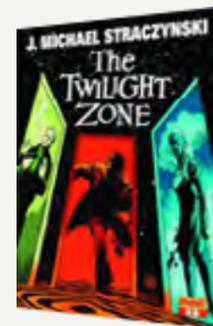
for crimes against the Mafia, Mussolini must be killed. They must overcome bad blood, the Nazis, the men loyal to Mussolini and go behind the Army brass' backs to do it for "La Cosa Nostra!" It's Inglorious Basterds meets Goodfellas in a story that may be based on true events!



16-BIT ZOMBIES #1 ANTARCTIC PRESS
Perry | Hutchison

The survivors of the arcade zombie apocalypse only escaped the carnage by jumping onto a GeoNeo arcade cartridge. Little did they suspect the zombie virus would

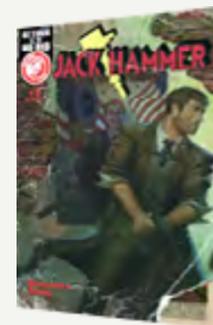
be able to follow them! What began in the arcades comes to the living room, as the zombie game sprites stalk and devour hapless 16-bit characters! The DigiZombies are coming. Without "pause". With no way to "reset" the situation. And there is nothing that can "save" the game!



THE TWILIGHT ZONE #1 DYNAMITE ENT
Straczynski | Vilanova | Francavilla

Trevor Richmond is a Wall Street investor who embezzled millions and is about to tank the economy. Again. Desperate to avoid the consequences for his

actions, he goes to Expedited Services, Inc., which offers to help him disappear and enjoy a life of leisure in a new life. But what exactly is this new life, how much is freedom worth, and what happens to the old life when someone else shows up to claim it? This is the first installment of three interlocking stories that will push the boundaries of The Twilight Zone into new and uncharted territory, a journey that will travel into the past and the future, into murder and revenge and the sunrise of nuclear Armageddon. From J. Michael Straczynski, Hugo-winning creator of Babylon 5 and writer of the 1988 Twilight Zone.



JACK HAMMER #1 ACTION LAB
Barrows | Ionic

In Boston, where powers are real and heroes are rare, Jack McGriskin is a private detective with a wicked right cross and a penchant for nosiness. When a missing person

he's searching for turns up dead, he stumbles onto a web of hidden corruption and a world he thought he'd left behind! Variant cover by Riley Rossmo (Pirate Cowboy Ninja, Green Wake)!



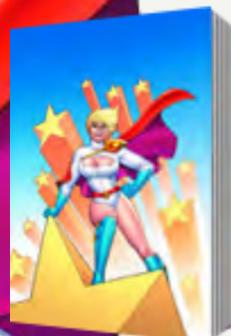
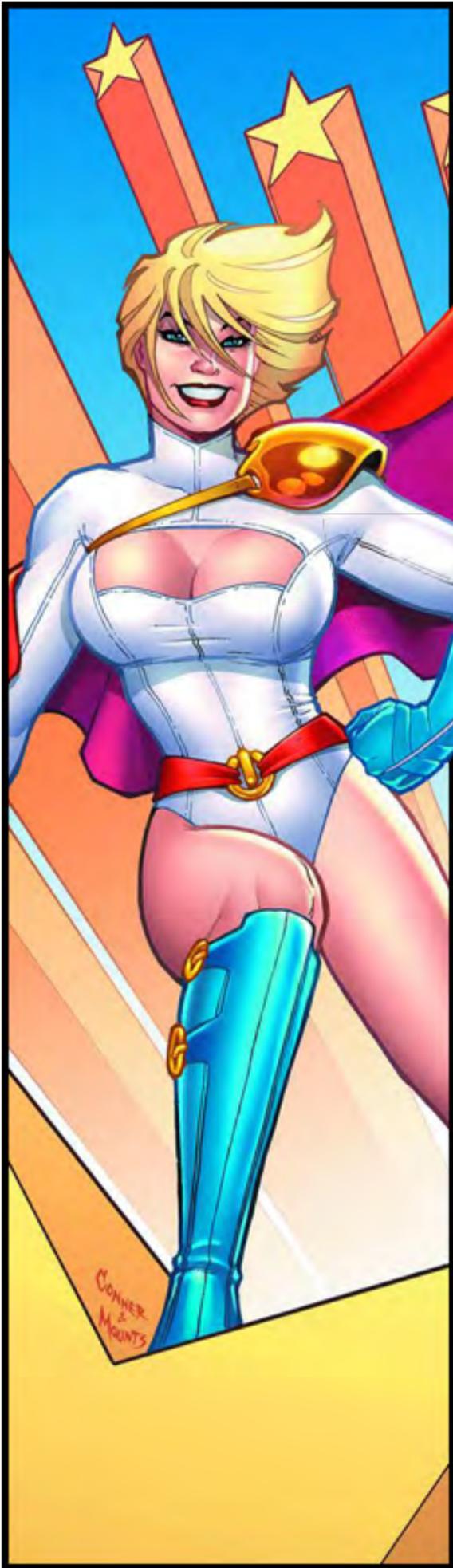
LEGENDERRY: A STEAMPUNK ADVENTURE #1 (OF 7) DYNAMITE ENT
Willingham | Davila | Benitez

It's a world in which the great heroes of our stories live in the flesh. We start in the Big City, protected by Vampirella

and the Green Hornet. A scarlet clad woman of mystery rushes into a bar, pursued by a team of assassins. The terror that breaks loose there and then will eventually lead (in the issues that follow) to The Phantom's Jungle, Flash Gordon's space age town of Landing, battles in the sky with Captain Victory, and so much more, until finally, we arrive in the Monstrous Lands, protected by... well, nobody.

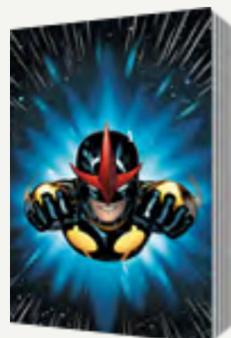
NOVEL IDEAS

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



POWER GIRL: POWER TRIP
JOHNS | CONNER | PALMIOTTI | VARIOUS
DC, 392 pages

Every Power Girl story illustrated by Amanda Conner is collected in one volume that includes JSA Classified #1-4 and Power Girl #1-12! Don't miss these stories featuring the Psycho-Pirate, Ultra-Humanite, Vartox and some very sexy alien marauders!



NOVA VOL. 1: ORIGIN
LOEB | MCGUINNESS
Marvel, 160 pages

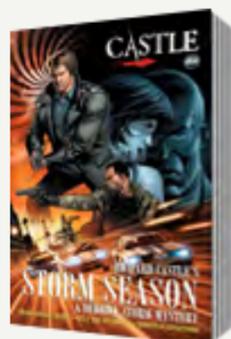
The new Human Rocket roars into action! Sam Alexander is a kid bound by the gravity of a small town - and a father whose ridiculous, drunken fairy tales about a "Nova Corps" were just another heavy burden. But lucky for Sam, gravity soon won't even matter - and those troubles will be a billion miles away. It's a boy, a helmet and an intergalactic legacy! As Sam trains with the Guardians of Galaxy's Gamora and Rocket Raccoon, the helmet leads Nova into intergalactic conflict that will affect the entire Marvel Universe! Mysteries are revealed in this breathtaking new series by the best-selling, award-winning team of Jeph Loeb and Ed McGuinness (Hulk, Avengers: X-Sanction)!

Collecting Nova (2013) #1-5 and material from Point One #1 and Marvel NOW! Point One #1.



HELLBOY: THE FIRST 20 YEARS (HC)
MIGNOLA | STEWART
Dark Horse, 136 pages

Mignola has expanded Hellboy into the most exciting group of books since the early Marvel universe, and his style has influenced art and illustration far beyond the world of comics. Selected finished pieces are shown alongside sketches and raw scans from the last twenty years.



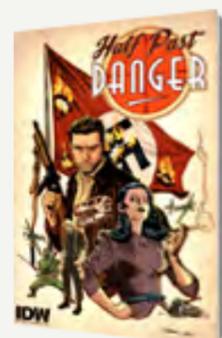
CASTLE: RICHARD CASTLE'S STORM SEASON
DECONNICK | BENDIS | LUPACCHINO | WEAVER
Marvel, 112 pages

The sequel to the critically acclaimed, best-selling graphic novel Richard Castle's Deadly Storm! In this "adaptation" of Derrick Storm's second novel, the private investigator is hired to bug an African head of state's hotel suite - but the routine mission quickly spirals out of control when Storm overhears a woman's terrifying scream on the wire. Plagued by the victim's helpless cry, Storm - despite an ominous warning - investigates. Soon, he'll discover an international conspiracy reaching further than he ever imagined - and perhaps the truth about Clara Strike, a CIA agent the world thinks is dead! Richard Castle's Storm Season reunites the lauded writing duo of Brian Michael Bendis and Kelly Sue DeConnick for their second Castle story, and the dynamic artwork of rising star Emanuela Lupacchino brings the world of Derrick Storm to life like never before.



JUSTICE LEAGUE: TRINITY WAR (HC)
JOHNS | REIS | PRADO | VARIOUS
DC, 320 pages

The blockbuster event of the summer is collected in this new hardcover featuring Justice League #22-23, Justice League Of America #6-7, Justice League Dark #22-23, Constantine #5, Trinity Of Sin: Pandora #1-3 and Trinity Of Sin: Phantom Stranger #11. When the three Justice Leagues go to war with one another, whose side will everyone be on? Allies will be born, friends will become enemies, and the DC Universe will never be the same!



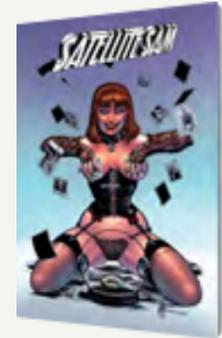
HALF PAST DANGER (HC)
MOONEY
IDW, 200 pages

Summer, 1943, and in the midst of a war waged by monsters, Staff Sergeant Tommy "Irish" Flynn never expected to encounter a real one. But on a remote island in the South Pacific theatre, Flynn and his squad come face-to-fanged-face with creatures long thought dead! History meets Prehistory in this two-fisted race against time.



FBP - FEDERAL BUREAU OF PHYSICS VOL. 1: THE PARADIGM SHIFT
OLIVER | RODRIGUEZ | FOX
DC, 160 pages

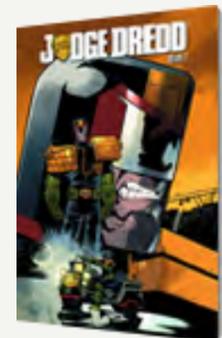
When gravity fails, time reverses itself and entropy sets in, it's time to call the Federal Bureau of Physics! And with these anomalies getting worse, Special Agent Adam Hardy and his team must unlock the secret of the Bubbleverse! Collecting issues #1-7 of the new series!



SATELLITE SAM VOL. 1
FRACTION | CHAYKIN
Image, 144 pages

New York City, 1951: The star of the hit TV show "Satellite Sam" turns up dead in a flophouse filled with dirty secrets. If his son can sober up, he might be able to figure out why in this noir mystery shot through with sex and violence in the seedy underbelly of TV's golden age. By Matt Fraction (Sex Criminals, Casanova, Hawkeye) and Howard Chaykin (Black Kiss I and II, American Flagg!).

Collects Satellite Sam #1-5.



JUDGE DREDD VOL. 3
SWIERCZYNSKI | DANIEL | FUSO
IDW, 104 pages

As chaotic and violent as things can be in Mega-City One, it's all unicorns, ice cream, and rainbows compared to what you'll find beyond the outer walls... in the Cursed Earth! In the wake of the devastation of "The Long Fall," Dredd is forced to lead a small team of Judges into the scariest stretch of irradiated wasteland to recover the very soul of the city, which means, among other unsavory things, the Angel Gang!



BEDLAM VOL. 2
SPENCER | BROWNE | IRVING
Image, 120 pages

Fillmore Press, formerly the maniacal crime lord Madder Red, is trying to protect the city he once terrorized - but what happens when the city turns on itself? No one is safe when a new killer emerges, pulling unseen strings and wreaking chaos on every corner.



AVENGERS VOL.1: AVENGERS WORLD

Hickman | Opena |
Kubert | Weaver
Marvel, 152 pages

The greatest heroes in comics, together as one unbeatable team! The Avengers “go large,” expanding their roster and sphere of influence to a global and even interplanetary level. When Captain America puts out his call, who will respond? The answers will surprise you! The Avengers’ first mission takes them to Mars, but the secrets of the Garden lead right back to Earth’s Savage Land! And when the Shi’ar Imperial Guard are broken on a dead moon, the Avengers travel across the galaxy to battle an invading force. It all leads up to the secret origin of the universe itself, as Captain Universe races to decipher the code hidden in the Avengers’ recent adventures! Jonathan Hickman takes Earth’s Mightiest Heroes to the next level with big threats, big ideas and big idealism. These are the Avengers NOW! Collecting Avengers (2012) #1-6.



CAPTAIN AMERICA: LIVING LEGEND

Diggler | Granov |
Alessio
Marvel, 96 pages

When a top-secret orbital research station is dragged from the sky by an unknown alien force, Captain America finds himself caught between two global superpowers on the brink of war! But how does it involve Volkov - a decorated WWII Russian officer who disappeared on an ill-fated lunar mission more than forty years ago? And how is Cap’s shield the key to the mystery of this deadly alien force? As the Russian army mobilizes to lock down the station’s remote Siberian crash site, Captain America’s mission is to find the survivors and bring them back alive - or silence them forever. But as mutated foes swarm the Russian squad, even Cap is unprepared for the horror that awaits them all in the icy wilderness. Because something has survived. Something alien. And it is awake! Collecting Captain America: Living Legend #1-4.



TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE VOL.3

Furman | Wildman |
Various
IDW, 152 pages

The very fabric of the Transformers’ universe begins to unravel, as huge and ancient cosmic forces take note of Cybertron’s (and ehe Cybertronians’) descent into chaos and anarchy.



BUFFY SEASON 9, VOL.5: THE CORE

Chambliss |
Espenson | Jeanty
| Madsen | Chen |
Various
Dark Horse, 160 pages

When Dawn falls ill, it’s up to best friends Buffy, Xander, and Willow to join forces and find a supernatural cure in a world sorely lacking magic. The trio must fight their way into the Deeper Well, the former home of Illyria and other ancient gods known as the Old Ones, where they hope to jump-start magic back into existence.

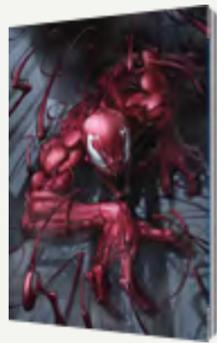
Collects Buffy Season 9 #21-#25 and “Love vs. Life” from Dark Horse Presents #25-#27.



KISS KIDS

Ryall | Waltz |
Holder
IDW, 104 pages

Presenting the adventures of Li’l Demon, Starchild, Catkid, and Spacey... the KISS Kids gang! This rockin’ new comic offers adventures for all ages (and many in-jokes and familiar characters for the KISS faithful, too). No blood or fire here, just laughs and fun tales of the little costumed maniacs and the crazy town in which they live. Also features an all-new introduction from the ageless Gene “Lil Demon” Simmons and Paul “Starchild” Stanley!

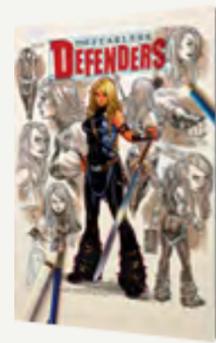


SUPERIOR CARNAGE

Shinickn | Segovia |
Crain
Marvel, 112 pages

Locked away in an asylum, Carnage may finally be gone for good - but his fellow inmates have other plans. Can they successfully wake the monster? Or will this hideous experiment create the most powerful, dangerous, maniacal Carnage yet - a Superior Carnage? After performing unspeakable acts in the name of science, the Wizard releases Carnage into the world as his personal agent of evil! But can the new Frightful Four control its latest member? And lest you think we forgot, it’s the moment you’ve been waiting for: Superior Carnage vs. Superior Spider-Man, with enough blood and bluster to rival Sunday nights on HBO! Can the Wizard pull one last trick out of his hat, or has Carnage been unleashed for good? It’s a story so grotesquely gratifying you won’t be able to look away!

Collecting Superior Carnage #1-5.



FEARLESS DEFENDERS VOL.2: MOST FABULOUS FIGHTING TEAM OF ALL

Bunn | Hans | Slaney
| Brooks
Marvel, 136 pages

With Thanos’ hordes invading Earth, the Fearless Defenders live up to their name in an INFINITY tie-in like no other! Misty kicked ass in Valkyrie’s world, now it’s time to see how Valkyrie fares in Misty’s. But it’s not easy being an Asgardian shieldmaiden - especially when your boyfriend’s got a chip on his shoulder! And when a gifted young woman discovers she possesses terrifying powers, will this new hero join the ranks of the Defenders? Then, secrets of Hippolyta’s resurrection are revealed on a field trip to New Amazonia as the team makes a stand against Caroline LeFay’s apocalyptic Doom Maidens! Plus: Valkyrie and Annabelle’s complicated relationship becomes even more perplexing and problematic, and a new (cosmically awesome) character joins the team! Guest-starring Elsa Bloodstone, Venom, Dr. Strange, Iron Fist, Hercules, Werewolf By Night and more!

Collecting Fearless Defenders #7-12.

NOVEL IDEAS

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CONSTANTINE VOL.1: SPARK AND THE FLAME

Lemire | Fawkes
| Guedes | Reis |
Prado | Various
DC, 144 pages

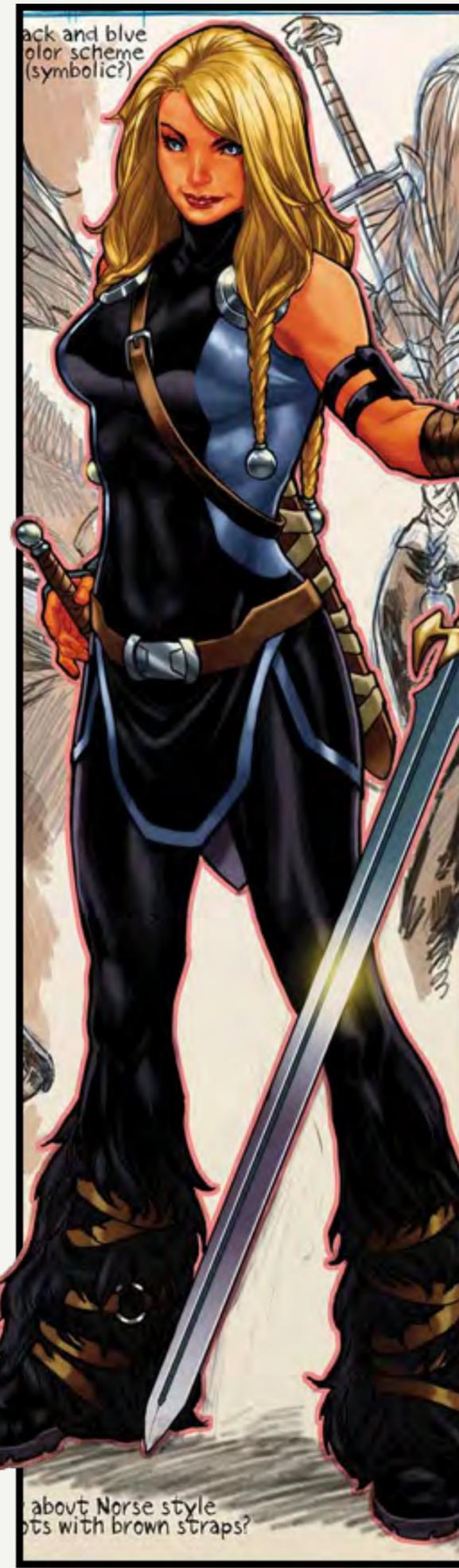
This first Constantine collection includes issues #1-6 of The New 52 series, including a quest to find the last piece of a powerful mystic artifact and Constantine’s run-in with the power of Shazam!



MY LITTLE PONY: FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC VOL.3

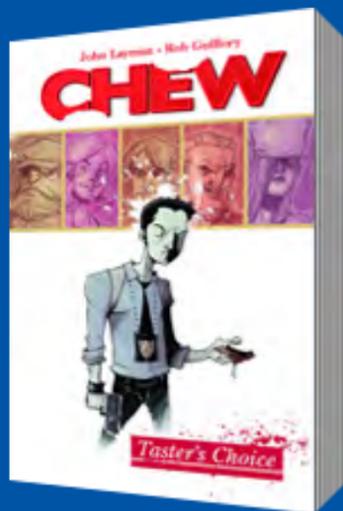
Cook | Price
IDW, 104 pages

The citizens of Ponyville take center stage as an ordinary morning for Big McIntosh quickly turns into an unexpected adventure! Plus, the secret history of Shining Armor and Princess Cadence’s love!



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.



CHEW VOL. 1: TASTER'S CHOICE

JOHN LAYMAN | ROB GUILLORY

"Tony Chu is a detective with a secret. A weird secret. Tony Chu is Cibopathic, which means he gets psychic impressions from whatever he eats. It also means he's a hell of a detective, as long as he doesn't mind nibbling on the corpse of a murder victim to figure out whodunit, and why. He's been brought on by the Special Crimes Division of the FDA, the most powerful law enforcement agency on the planet, to investigate their strangest, sickest, and most bizarre cases." - Image

In the vast, almost impassable sea of comic books available, 'Chew' makes for a refreshing read. The idea of a story based around a cibopath (a person able to visualize events connected to food just by biting them) and other characters with food-related powers is truly unique.

In 'Taster's Choice', said cibopath Tony Chu (great play-on-words linking to the title) gets recruited to the Food and Drug Administration who wish to use his abilities to solve crimes. What follows is a series of events that range from the comical to the violent and disgusting.

It's a snappily written collection with John Layman showing a great talent for characterization and humour that still carries enough drama to be taken seriously. Reading through, there is a real sense of direction in 'Chew', and the 'tasters', for want of a better word, of where the story will lead, are tantalising.

Opting for a stylized approach, Rob Guillory's art is strong and definitive throughout. The characterization of the cast is enhanced by their individual appearances from the reasonably vanilla Tony Chu to the hulking, egg-on-legs that is Mason Savoy.

When issue #1 first appeared in 2009, Chew was a surprise hit for Image Comics and since then, it has continued to sell strongly, particularly as collected editions.

We cannot recommend Chew enough, so we'll simply suggest you take a bite, as this truly original book tastes great!

£7.50 inc p&p



ONES TO WATCH

Almost hidden amongst the plethora of brand new **Marvel** #1's and false 'All-New Marvel NOW!' #1's (a system that looks destined to become confusing), we have a new ongoing **BlackWidow** series debuting. **Natasha Romanova** has never appeared in a run of self-titled comics longer than 8 issues, so it will be interesting to see if this new book has legs, but with **Nathan Edmondson** (Image spy-thriller 'Who Is Jake Ellis?') writing, and the supremely talented **Phil Noto** (Dark Horse's '**Ghost**') providing the artwork, it's an exciting prospect and one we can't wait for!

Nathan Edmondson talking to **Comic Book Resources**: *"Her world is real; her apartment is small, her enemies are warlords or martial arts killers and the gun she aims at them fires very real hollow points; she dangles on steel wire outside of towering Dubai hotels, she doesn't have a jetpack ... Natasha can slip into a country, a city, a hotel, a laboratory unseen, she can move in the shadows and strike in the dead of night.*

...We are having a total blast with this book. The story is fast paced, character-driven, and action-packed. Phil's approach on art is fully fresh and thoroughly sexy. We couldn't have struck a better balance, I don't think, to tell an ongoing Natasha story."

Black Widow debuts on 8th January 2014.

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

Dark Horse is setting out on a new adventure with the **Serenity** crew - **Mal, River, Zoë** and the rest, in the miniseries **Serenity: Leaves on the Wind**. Following the model established with its **Buffy The Vampire Slayer** line of books, the Serenity series will pick up where the 2005 film ended and will feature Buffy artist **Georges Jeanty** with **Zack Whedon** writing and **Joss Whedon** as Executive Producer.

As the series begins, Mal and the crew are recouping from their recent strike against the sinister interplanetary government, The Alliance, in which they exposed government agencies as those responsible for the creation of the Reavers ... the scourge of the universe. We're big fans of the show and are looking forward to seeing where the series goes next when the book lands on 8th January 2014.

Another upcoming title of note is **Dynamite's Legendary: A Steampunk Adventure**, a seven issue series penned by **Bill Willingham**.

Famous for his outstanding work on **Vertigo's Fables**, Willingham will be introducing alternate versions of Dynamite's stable of characters, including **The Green Hornet, Red Sonja, Vampirella, Steve Austin** and **Zorro**. It's looking very interesting indeed and will be well worth picking up when it hits comic book shelves on New Year's Day!



BIFF'S BIT

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KICK START FANTAGRAPHICS

Fantagraphics has been at the Forefront of independent, intelligent and thought provoking comic publishing since 1976. Gary Groth and Comics Journal were an integral part of the young comic scene I joined back in 1979 when a very young Biff made his first steps on the road to founding ACE Comics (Planet Ace Ltd). In those early days I bought a few items direct from Fantagraphics, as I did direct from Dave Sim. Cutting out the distributors in order for the small publisher to make a few extra dollars.

Now a situation has arisen that I feel the comic community should get behind. Fantagraphics must not fail (Fail). Visit their website and pledge now to make sure that an iconic part of the comic world continues to publish ground breaking works, and some not so ground breaking (Eros).

Now a few words from Gary Groth:

"We are not going to bullshit you. If we were a big corporate publisher (or perhaps an avaricious smaller one), we'd have plenty of money to weather this temporary crisis. But, we're not. Ours is and always has been an intrinsically difficult commercial enterprise, and we have survived due to a combination of good taste, sheer will, good luck and reasonable business acumen. Still, it has never been easy. Fantagraphics has always been a guerilla publisher - lean and mean. In order to do what we do, we've always kept our overhead low and our lifestyle modest. No fancy offices, no limousines, no frills. We publish 100 books a year with a staff of 20 - a level

of efficiency unheard of in corporate publishing. We work hard!"

Now the hard sell:

2013 has been a particularly hard year for Fantagraphics Books. Earlier in the year, one of their founding partners, Kim Thompson, was diagnosed with lung cancer and died four and a half months later, on June 19. Because Kim was such an active part of the company, his death has had repercussions - emotionally, of course, but financially as well. Kim edited their European graphic novel line and as a result of his illness, 13 of his books scheduled for the Spring-Summer season had to be cancelled or postponed, representing the loss of nearly a third of that season. Their fixed costs stayed the same - because they're fixed - but the income 13 books would've generated was lost, disrupting their cash flow, and leaving them in a tight spot. Many, if not most of them, will be re-scheduled (Jacques Tardi's Run Like Crazy, Run Like Hell is scheduled for July 2014, for example) but in the meantime, they've suffered a severe shortfall that will impede their ability to produce next season's books. That's why they're asking their faithful readers, stores and new converts alike to help them recoup - and help finance their next season's books. The money we contribute will go toward production, design, marketing, and printing the books.

FANTAGRAPHICS BOOKS IS ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT. CONTINUE THEIR LEGACY BY HELPING TO FINANCE THEIR SPRING-SUMMER SEASON, AND BE A PART OF THE COMPANY THAT HAS PUBLISHED MORE GREAT CARTOONISTS THAN ANY PUBLISHER IN THE HISTORY OF COMICS.



MARVEL MOVE INTO INHUMANITY AND BLACK WIDOWS

Flowing from Infinity, the next cataclysmic event to overwhelm planet Earth will be the Inhuman Terrigen mist that is activating all latent Inhumans. If the Fall of Attilan on to New York, the invasion by Thanos and the attempt to destroy the planet by the Builders was not enough, we now face an onslaught of mutation. Much as I am enjoying the story, I cannot help but feel the planet cannot survive this continuing barrage of world destructive forces. I hanker for the simpler days of Daredevil fighting the Jester, Stiltman and the much loved but maligned Frogman.

Looking at the Marvel output for January 2014 shipping I feel there is a lack of all ages comics which used to be the glue that held the Marvel Universe together.

However, in amongst all the heavy hitting, depressing world destructive events,

there is a new Black Widow comic, hurrah! Written by Nathan Edmondson (Image: Who is Jake Ellis) and with art by Phil Noto, this will be an excellent adventure comic and will be a much needed break from the doom of the main line of titles.

I am sure that this series, like Hawkeye last year, is going to take off in a big way with intriguing stories and classy art.

Thought for the month. Why can't Walt Disney, owners of Marvel Comics, create good Disney comics? Boom did, Gladstone did. What will they do with the Star Wars comics?

On behalf of all of my fabulous staff at ACE COMICS and RED HOT COMICS...

...READ MORE COMICS!!