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NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN DECEMBER



CALIGULA: HEART OF ROME #1

Lapham

Caligula returns for an all-new series by the original creative team! David (Stray Bullets) Lapham and painter

German Noble return to the time of hedonism and supernatural evil with Caligula: Heart of Rome #1! They thought the mad emperor destroyed, his mysterious soul box gone, and his body run through with a thousand blades. But the demon lives on and ten years later the job of finding and slaying the beast once and for all has fallen to heroic Laurentius. But can anyone unravel the mystery of the demon before its bloody tendrils can make glorious Rome a wasteland?



ADVENTURE TIME COVER SHOWCASE ONE SHOT

Various

Come on grab your friends for an Adventure Time cover showcase!

Collectors love the Adventure Time comic book's many totally math covers by the hottest artists in the comic book industry! See several of your favourite Adventure Time covers packaged into one high-quality special issue featuring a cover by comic book rockstar Paul Pope!



DEATHMATCH #1

Jenkins / Magno

The superhero battle royale you can't get from Marvel or DC!

A powerful and mysterious supervillain has imprisoned the

world's greatest superheroes, forcing them to fight to the death until there is but one victor. It's kill or be killed as we settle the score on all those hypothetical superhero match-ups in the ultimate deathmatch. Written by industry legend Paul Jenkins (Sentry, Inhumans) and drawn by comics superstar Carlos Magno (Planet Of The Apes, Transformers), Deathmatch is a dark, psychological deconstruction of the superhero genre that can't be missed.



BEFORE WATCHMEN: MOLOCH #1

Straczynski / Higgins / Riso

"We are doing great things here, Edgar. Amazing things."

And don't miss the latest chapter of the "Crimson Corsair" backup feature from writer/artist John Higgins!



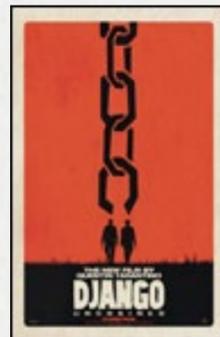
ARROW #1 (OF 2)

Guggenheim / Kreisberg / Grell / Jimenez / Sandoval

The first time in print for these digital-first adventures!

Discover exciting new mysteries and plotlines for the ultimate Arrow experience!

Written by the show's creators and featuring covers and interior art from legendary Green Arrow: The Longbow Hunters artist Mike Grell!



DJANGO UNCHAINED #1 (OF 2)

Tarantino / Guera

Oscar-winning writer/director Quentin Tarantino's latest epic film script is adapted for comics!

The blood-soaked tale of a bounty-hunting dentist and his partner, a recently freed slave, in the post-Civil War South!



HUMAN BOMB #1

Gray / Palmiotti / Ordway

Ex-Marine and war veteran Michael Taylor discovers a conspiracy to use human bombs to destroy the United States! But

how can he possibly stop them when he could be their ultimate bomb?



JSA: THE LIBERTY FILES - THE WHISTLING SKULL #1

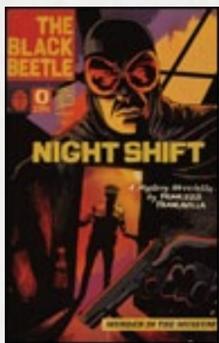
Moore / Harris

A new series from acclaimed creators B. Clay Moore and Tony Harris!

In 1940s Europe, the Nazi war machine is on the move... but crimes are still committed in even the smallest hamlets. Can one heroic duo solve the most bizarre mystery of all? Witness the birth of a new hero for the ages!



DC COMICS™



BLACK BEETLE: NIGHT SHIFT #0

Francavilla

When a powerful totem of dark magic shows up at the Colt City Natural History Museum, Hitler sends his fearsome

Werwolf Korps to collect the piece. Unfortunately for the führer, Colt City's protector, the Black Beetle, is on the case!

From the mind of 2012 Eisner Award winner Francesco Francavilla (Batman: The Black Mirror). Collects three Dark Horse Presents stories from issues #11-#13.

Features a brand-new cover, 24 story pages, and bonus sketch material and art!



CRIMINAL MACABRE: FINAL NIGHT—THE 30 DAYS OF NIGHT CROSSOVER #1 (of 4)

Niles / Mitten

In this epic crossover with IDW, Steve Niles's greatest characters come together in a final showdown.

Cal McDonald only wanted a beer, but what he got was a jaded federal agent and a story about vampires up in Barrow, Alaska. There's a new vamp in LA, and he's hell bent on escalating his attacks. When Mo'Lock's sometimes ghou-friend is murdered, Cal's on the hunt . . . for Eben—the longtime protagonist/antagonist of 30 Days of Night.

Dark Horse and IDW team up on this once-in-a-lifetime crossover!

Covers by poster artist Justin Erickson (Rue Morgue).

NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN DECEMBER



HELLBOY IN HELL #1

Mignola

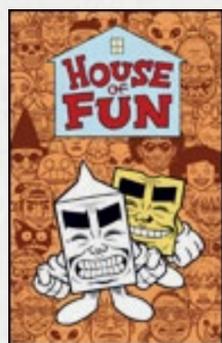
After saving the world in The Storm and The Fury, but sacrificing himself and Great Britain, Hellboy is dead, cast into Hell,

where he finds many familiar faces, and a throne that awaits him.

Mike Mignola returns to draw Hellboy's ongoing story for the first time since Conqueror Worm. It's a story only Mignola could tell, as more of Hellboy's secrets are at last revealed, in the most bizarre depiction of Hell you've ever seen.

Mike Mignola writes and draws the next phase of Hellboy's story.

Dark Horse horror gets under your skin!



HOUSE OF FUN

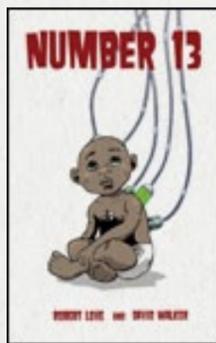
Dorkin

Evan Dorkin's sick and twisted sense of humour unleashes itself with a new Murder Family episode, multiple pages of Fun gag strips, and

the return of The Eltingville Comic Book, Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and Role-Playing Club, and new Milk and Cheese strips. Collecting stories from Dark Horse Presents #10-#12.

Eisner and Harvey winner Evan Dorkin (Superman: The Animated Series, Beasts of Burden)!

A must for Milk and Cheese fans and new readers!



NUMBER 13 #1

Love / Walker

The young bionic amnesiac known as Number 13 searches for answers and his creator, in a future world that's been brought to its

knees by the vicious Monstrum Morbus plague. Weakened by his last explosive encounter, Number 13 is discovered by a group of curious, scavenging mutants who have banded together for survival. They dub him "Thirteen" and invite him to join their group—and one of them knows exactly what horrible purpose he was built for!

From the pages of Dark Horse Presents!



STAR WARS: PURGE—THE TYRANT'S FIST #1 (of 2)

Freed / Castiello

Shortly after the birth of the Empire, Darth Vader master of combat, terror of his enemies, continues his purge of the Jedi Knights on a planet where his Jedi prey are revered. Amidst a planetwide insurgency, the Dark Lord must snuff out one surviving Jedi, as well as kill the fire of rebellion in the native populace. All will bow to the power of Vader and the Galactic Empire!



ROTTEN APPLE

Brown / Greene

In the crumbling, chaotic city now known as Rotten Apple, San Gee is hired by religious fanatics to find a lost, sacred artifact called the Bleeding Rock—but other strange sell-swords are also on the hunt for the priceless relic! Collects stories from Dark Horse Presents #2-#5.

A manic, Cannonball Run-style race for a mystical relic by Sanford Greene!



NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN DECEMBER



SHADOW SPECIAL #1

Beatty / Cliquet

The Shadow knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men. But when Lamont Cranston crosses paths with an old friend—a fellow veteran of “the war to end all wars”—Cranston’s justice serving alter ego must judge a man whose path to villainy began with their friendship! At the risk of his own secrets being laid bare, Cranston accepts an invitation to join a very exclusive club of adventurers whose dark hearts might be the worst The Shadow has ever encountered!



SHERLOCK HOLMES LIVERPOOL DEMON #1 (OF 5)

Moore / Reppion

Sherlock Holmes is busy doing what he does best, solving a case of far-reaching international notoriety. It has landed him at the Port of Liverpool, a bustling hub of commerce both legitimate and illicit. As that chapter closes, ours begins. They head to Lime Street Station, to catch a fast steam locomotive home to London and Baker Street, when violent weather keeps The Great Detective and Watson in Britain’s second city a while longer. Long enough to encounter a monster, discover the Liverpool underworld, and to become embroiled in one of his strangest cases yet.



JOE PALOOKA #1 (OF 6)

Bullock / Triano

The legendary Joe Palooka name returns in this all-new version, as Joe fights for his freedom and for his life around the world. Set in the violent and dangerous world of top-tier mixed martial arts, this series will get you in its grip and not let go until you tap out.

Accused of a murder he didn’t commit, Nick Davis flees a police manhunt, picks up the name Joe Palooka in a Tijuana tough-man contest and then travels the world seeking to clear his name while making a name for himself at the same time.



HOLLOWS #1 (OF 4)

Ryall / Kieth

An all-new series from the creator of The Maxx and the co-creator of Zombies vs Robots! Sam Kieth and Chris Ryall transport you to a near-future Japan, where burned-out husks—the Hollows—wantonly devour souls throughout the city. Far above, a segment of society lives safely in giant tree-cities, but the problems below have a way of growing out of control...



TMNT SECRET FOOT CLAN #1 (OF 4)

Santolouco / Burnham

Demons, ninjas, and hostile takeovers—what more can you expect from a TMNT comic? The first instalment of this new miniseries reveals a history never told before about the original founder of the Foot. Join the Turtles as they get a history lesson that they will never forget!



TRANSFORMERS SPOTLIGHT: ORION PAX

Roberts / Kurth

Before Optimus Prime—there was Orion Pax! Four million years ago, the future leader of the Autobots disappeared into the Cybertronian wilderness to save a friend. What happened next would take him to the very brink—and have startling repercussions on the current comics!



CROW SKINNING THE WOLVES #1 (OF 3)

O’Barr

James O’Barr returns to The Crow! In this special three-part tale, O’Barr and artist Jim Terry craft

a harrowing tale set at a death camp in 1940s Germany, where a simple game of chess turns deadly, leading to the creation of a new Crow, giving new meaning to the term Gotterdammerung (“Death of the Gods”)!



GREEN HORNET YEAR ONE SPECIAL #1

Cosby / Padilla

Ruby’s thirteen. She sells newspapers for pennies. And she’s got The Green Hornet’s gun. Will Hornet and Kato find Ruby before the mob does... or can the Green Gun Girl save herself? The original Green Hornet in a super special tale from writer Nate Cosby (Cow Boy)!



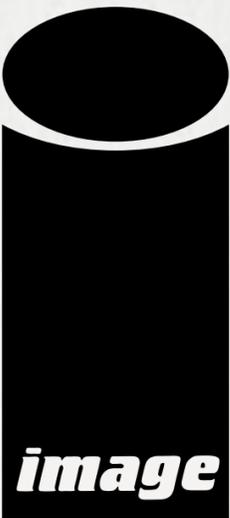
STAR TREK 100 PAGE SPECTACULAR WINTER 2012

Guggenheim / Tipton

Explore the amazing worlds of Star Trek through our continuing series of 100-page spectaculars! How do you deal with killing a legend? Find out in the story of Captain Harriman, the notorious commander of the Enterprise when Captain James T. Kirk was lost and presumed dead. Guest starring Dr. McCoy! Discover the devious inner workings of the Romulan military! Re-enter the Mirror Universe as Kirk’s Doppelgänger plots to overthrow his superior... Captain Pike—And more!



IDW PUBLISHING



NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN DECEMBER



BLACKACRE #1

Boudreau / Cavalcanti

100 years after the fall... A new great game begins.

A retired soldier on a secret mission... sent out from the walled city and the only life he's ever

known into the violent wilderness of the world after the fall! Tribal cults, roaming bands of barbarians, vicious warlords! A startling new take on the post-apocalypse and the most auspicious comics debut of the year!



CHANGE

CHANGE #1 (of 4)

Kot / Jeske

A foul-mouthed struggling screenwriter who moonlights as a car thief. An obscenely wealthy rapper completely disconnected from

the real world. A dying cosmonaut on his way back to Earth.

Los Angeles is being toyed with by destructive forces that repeatedly find the city through time and swallow it whole, and those three are the only people able to save it – if they survive the fanatics who live in the hills, National Security Agency agents, and the horrors that lurk in the Pacific Ocean.



HIP FLASK: OURBOROUS

Starkings / Ladrönn

Ladrönn, Eisner award winner for his work on Hip Flask: Mystery City, returns for the penultimate issue in the series.

Sahara is dead, but both Hip Flask and Obadiah Horn are determined to save her!



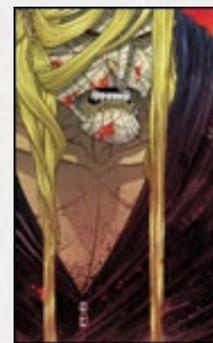
I LOVE TROUBLE #1

Symons / Robinson

“Disappearing Act”

Felicia Castillo, a New Orleans grifter, is on the run from mobsters in our premiere issue, when she

discovers she possesses an unusual superpower in the middle of a plane crash.



THE LEGEND OF LUTHER STRODE #1 (of 6)

Jordan / Moore

Luther Strode lives.

Five years after losing everything, Luther has become more

than a nightmare for the evil men in his city... he has become a legend. But somebody is hunting the bogeyman, and he has dangerous allies that Luther will never expect. Luther Strode lives; but for how long?

The sequel to 2011's breakout hit begins here!



MARA #1 (of 6)

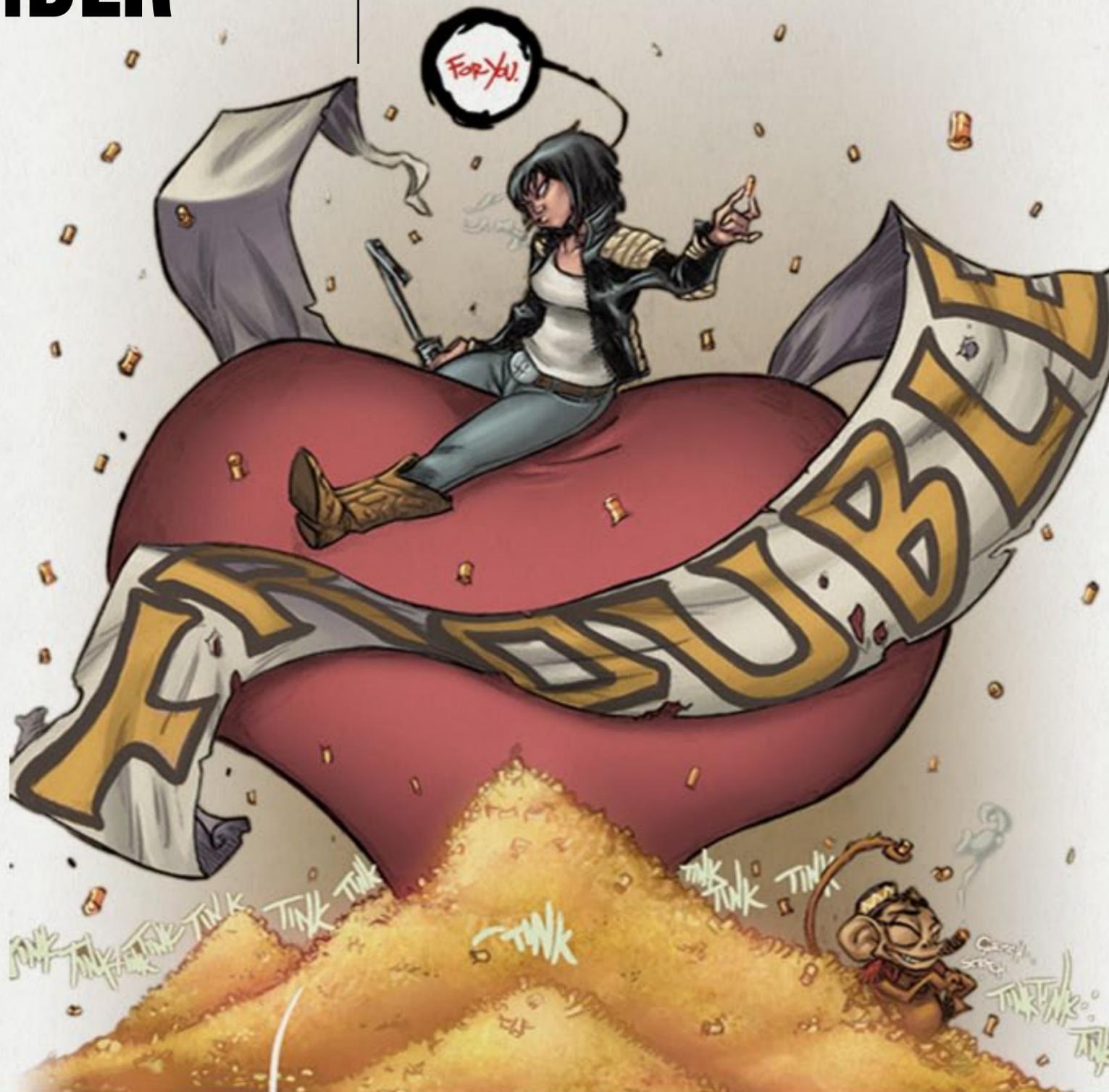
Wood / Doyle

Acclaimed creator Brian Wood (The Massive, DMZ, Demo, Northlanders) and brilliant newcomer Ming Doyle (The Loneliest

Astronaut, Fantastic Four, Girl Comics) bring you Mara, the story of an especially gifted woman in a sports-and war-obsessed future.

Young Mara Prince is at the top of the world, a global celebrity in a culture that prizes physical achievement above all else. After she manifests supernatural abilities on live TV, she becomes famous all over again but for the worst reasons.

Integrating themes of superpowers, celebrity worship, corporate power, feminism, and political brinkmanship, Mara takes a classic genre to new places.



NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN DECEMBER



CASTLE: A CALM BEFORE THE STORM #1 (OF 5)

David / Atkins

An all new miniseries based on the hit ABC show Castle!

The Derrick Storm adaptations continue!

Who is The Fear and what does he want with Derrick Storm?

Clara Strike returns!



AVENGERS #1

Hickman / Opeña

The greatest heroes in comics together on one unbeatable team! Now shipping twice a month, the Avengers "go large," expanding their roster and their sphere of influence to a global and even interplanetary level. When Captain America puts out his call - who will answer? Big threats, big ideas, big idealism - these are the Avengers NOW!



AVENGERS ARENA #1

Hopeless / Walker

Trapped on an isolated island, 16 superhuman young adults (including cult faves like members of the Runaways, The Avengers Academy and Darkhawk) are given a chilling ultimatum by their demented captor: Fight or die... only one will walk out alive! Thus begins a primal battle that will test the skills, stamina and morals of each combatant. Welcome to Murder World, where the secrets are plenty, alliances are fleeting, and the key to victory might be rewriting the rules of the game. Who will survive? The rising star team of Dennis Hopeless (X-Men: Season One) and Kev Walker (Thunderbolts) dare you to tune in to your new favourite comic NOW!



AVENGING SPIDER-MAN #15.1

Yost / Medina

Epilogue to Amazing Spider-Man Finale (#700)!

Coinciding with the end of Amazing Spider-Man, a look back at the greatest conflict in comics history: Spider-Man vs. Doctor Octopus!



AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #699.1

Slott / Keatinge / Barrionuevo

As Doctor Octopus' schemes take shape, Morbius The Living Vampire returns with a

Vengeance! Will he be able to resist the siren song of blissful bloodsucking or will Spider-Man sling him straight back into the slammer? Your first look at next month's all-new Morbius ongoing series.



CABLE AND X-FORCE #1

Hopeless / Larroca

Cable is back! NOW! with a new X-Force at his side, he must tackle the threats that nobody else can know about. But just

who are Cable's new recruits, and why is his team public enemy number one? Caught red-handed at the scene of a terrorist attack on a major American corporation whose CEO has expressed anti-mutant views, the X-Force is the run, with none other than the Uncanny Avengers in hot pursuit.



MONSTERS, INC. #1 (OF 2)

Bazaldua / Sciarrone / Melaranci / Merli / Zannetti / Matrone / Damiani / Naggi

Adapting the classic Disney Pixar adventure!

When they're not hiding under the bed or lurking in the closet, the monsters that scare human children live and work in the great city of Monstropolis. Monsters Mike and Sulley accidentally allow a human girl to sneak into Monstropolis, and they must return her to her home before anyone notices — or they might lose their jobs at Monsters, Inc.!



SCARLET SPIDER #12.1

Yost / Siqueira

Scarlet Spider's darkest hour begins here! Kaine's investigation brings him face to face with the Hand and Bruiser! What

does Kingpin want with Houston? Chris Yost and Paulo Siqueira (The Amazing Spider-Man) will bring you the answers as a brand new year of Scarlet action awaits!



THUNDERBOLTS #1

Way / Dillon

Forget the courts, the jails, the system — this team of Thunderbolts fights fire with fire, targeting the most dangerous and lethal players in the Marvel Universe

with extreme prejudice. Led by General "Thunderbolt" Ross, AKA the Red Hulk, this hand-picked team of like-minded operatives is going to make the world a better place...by all means necessary.



ULTIMATE COMICS ULTIMATES #18.1

Humphries / Eaglesham

Can America recover after the dramatic events of United We Stand? Perfect jumping on point for new readers!



X-TREME X-MEN #7.1

Pak / Araújo

If you haven't been reading, start here to find out what you've been missing! Dazzler and her team find themselves in a war

against the Brood...but the dimension they land in is a little too close to home.

NOVEL IDEAS

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



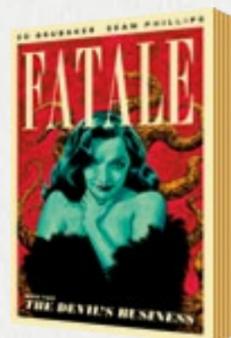
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE BY BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS HC

Bendis / Bagley
Marvel, 184 pages

A perfect jumping-on point, featuring the cast of the summer blockbuster — but in Marvel Universe continuity! When the new Zodiac rears its many heads, the Avengers must assemble to combat them. But

who is behind the group's return? None other than Thanos, the mad Titan, who has claimed Earth as his own! The Avengers team up with cosmic blockbusters the Guardians of the Galaxy to bring Thanos some cosmically charged pain — but can even these two mighty teams stop Thanos from making Earth into the throneworld of his new empire? This explosive battle will change one of the Avengers' lives — forever! Brought to you by Marvel architect Brian Michael Bendis!

Collecting Avengers Assemble #1-8.



FATALE VOL. 2: THE DEVIL'S BUSINESS

Brubaker / Phillips / Stewart
Image, 136 pages

The second arc of Image's new hit collected just in time for new

readers to jump on board with issue 11!

In 1970s Los Angeles, Josephine can't hide from the forces of Hollywood, Satanic Cults and creepy 16mm films collected by wealthy deviants. And when a struggling actor and his wounded friend cross her path, all hell will break loose, leaving ripples that echo all the way to modern time, where Nicolas Lash falls deeper into Josephine's spell.

Ed Brubaker and Sean Phillips' best-selling series just gets hotter!

Collects Fatale #6 - 10.



THE DEATH OF SUPERMAN: NEW EDITION

Ordway / Jurgens / Simonson / Stern / Bodganove / Grummett / Guice and Others
DC, 160 pages

Can even Superman stop

the unstoppable creature called Doomsday? If the assembled might of the JLA can't do it, what hope does he have?

The classic collection returns in a newly recoloured edition collecting Superman: The Man Of Steel #18-19, Justice League Of America #69, Superman #74-75 and Action Comics #684.



THE CURSE OF DRACULA HC

Wolfman / Colan
Dark Horse, 96 pages

A mysterious, charismatic figure is moving amongst the circles of San Francisco's political elite.

When Jonathan Van Helsing and his team of vampire hunters come to town investigating a string of grisly murders, they know it's only a matter of time before they come face to face with the master of the dark!



GREEN LANTERN VOL. 1: SINESTRO

Johns / Mahnke / Alamy
DC, 160 pages

The first six issues of the star-spanning series from DC Comics — The New 52,

collected in trade paperback

There's an unexpected new Green Lantern in town: Sinestro. And now, this renegade GL has set a course for Korugar with one purpose: To free his homeworld from the scourge of his own Sinestro Corps — with the not-so-willing help of Hal Jordan!



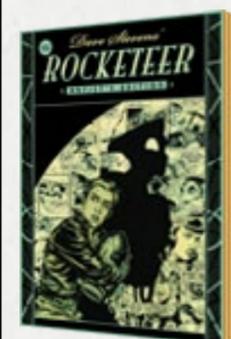
GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY: TOMORROW'S AVENGERS VOL. 1

Drake / Gerber / Claremont / Conway / Edelman / Slifer / Wein / Stern / Colan / Buscema / Heck / Milgrom

Marvel, 368 pages

A thousand years from now, Vance Astro, Yondu, Martinex and Charlie-27 — the Guardians of the Galaxy — rise to retake Earth from reptilian raiders! But they're not just building on the heroism of past centuries — they're recruiting from it! Captain America, Dr. Strange, the Thing, the Hulk and more join the star-spanning heroes in the greatest war the future ever saw! Then, as the Guardians help a planet in turmoil rebuild, threats rise from two other worlds: one of them living, the other gone mad! It's cosmic action as you like it, as the Avengers of tomorrow face their baptism of fire! Featuring the introduction of Nikki and the origin of Starhawk! Guest-starring the Silver Surfer!

Collecting Marvel Super Heroes (1967) #18, Marvel Two-In-One (1974) #4-5, Giant-Size Defenders #5, Defenders (1972) #26-29 and Marvel Presents #3-12.

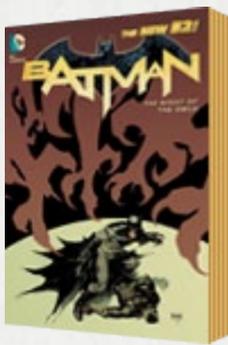


DAVE STEVENS ROCKETEER: ARTIST EDITION NEW PRINTING

Stevens
IDW, 136 pages

Dave Stevens' The Rocketeer: Artist's Edition was the first Artist's Edition

and it was a runaway hit, selling out in near-record time. Now, due to incredible demand from both fans and retailers, IDW is bringing this Eisner Award-winning book back with a snazzy new edition! This Artist's Edition collects both Rocketeer graphic novels in their entirety, nearly every page has been scanned from Dave Stevens' beautiful original art!



BATMAN: THE NIGHT OF THE OWLS HC

Snyder / Tynion IV / Daniel / Winick / Tomasi / Swierczynski / Simone / Lobdell / Higgins / Gray / Palmiotti / Capullo / Fabok / Finch / To / Gleason / Foreman / Syaf / Rocafort /

March / Barrows / Moritat and others DC, 360 pages

In this new hardcover, evil spreads across Gotham City as Batman's allies, including Red Robin, Batwing, Robin, Batgirl, the Birds of Prey, Nightwing and even Catwoman find themselves in a battle coming from all sides.

The Court of Owls makes its move against justice in this sprawling tale of corruption and violence.

Collects Batman #8-9, Batman Annual #1, Detective Comics #9, Batman: The Dark Knight #9, Batwing #9, Batman And Robin #9, Red Hood And The Outlaws #9, Birds Of Prey #9, Batgirl #9, Nightwing #8-9 and All-Star Western #9.



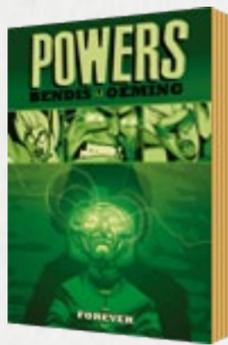
JUSTICE LEAGUE VOL. 1: ORIGIN

Johns / Lee / Williams DC, 192 pages

Now in trade paperback from comics superstars Geoff Johns and Jim Lee!

In a universe where Super Heroes are strange and new, Batman has discovered a dark evil that requires him to unite the World Greatest Heroes! Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Aquaman, The Flash and Cyborg unite for the first time to form the Justice League!

Don't miss the thrill-a-minute collection of the first six issues of the best-selling comic!



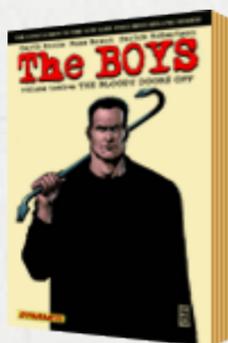
POWERS VOL. 7: FOREVER PREMIERE HC

Bendis / Oeming Marvel, 272 pages

The origin of Powers! The story that literally spans the history of man as all the mysteries

of powers and the Powers universe unfold, following a lone warrior's trek through the greatest stories ever told! This completely redesigned and reformatted hardcover includes the entire script to the controversial Powers #31, and a look into Michael Avon Oeming's research and sketch work for every era!

Collecting Powers (2000) #31-37.



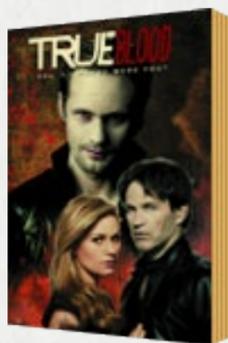
BOYS VOL. 12: BLOODY DOORS OFF

Ennis / Braun / Robertson

Dynamite, 176 pages

The war is over and the world is saved. The supes have been beaten

down so far they'll never get up again. So why would anyone want one hundred and eighteen metric tons of the only substance on earth that can kill them all stone dead?



TRUE BLOOD ONGOING HC: VOL. 1

Nocenti / McMillian / Gaydos

IDW, 160 pages

Alan Ball's hit HBO series, the sensually sizzling story of the lives

and loves of vampires, mind readers, and all manner of creatures, returns as an ongoing series! Do you remember where you were the day vampires came out of the coffin? On the anniversary of the "Great Revelation," Sookie and the crew look back and reflect on the day that changed their lives forever.

NOVEL IDEAS

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



CHEW VOL. 6: SPACE CAKES

Layman / Guillory Image, 156 pages

Presenting a new storyline of the New York Times Best Selling, Harvey and multiple Eisner

Award-winner series about cops, crooks, cooks, cannibals, and clairvoyants!

While Tony Chu – the cibopathic federal agent with the ability to get psychic impressions from what he eats – clings to life in a hospital ICU, his twin sister Toni steps up to take centre stage. Toni is cibovoyant, able to see the future of anything she eats, and, lately, she's seeing some pretty terrible things.

Collects Chew 26-30, plus extras, as well as the blockbuster spin-off one-shot that stole America's heart, Chew: Secret Agent Poyo.



TRANSFORMERS: COMPLETE DRIFT HC

McCarthy / Milne / Coller

IDW, 152 pages

Drift gets the deluxe upgrade as the four-issue mini-series plus

the Spotlight issue is collected in this hard cover oversized edition. Once a Decepticon, Drift now fights alongside the Autobots in the ongoing Civil War. How he came to be here, why he was once known as Deadlock, and how he came to be at odds with his Decepticon allies is revealed.



SHADOW HC VOL. 1: FIRE OF CREATION SIGNED EDITION

Ennis / Campbell

Dynamite, 200 pages

Who knows what evil lurks

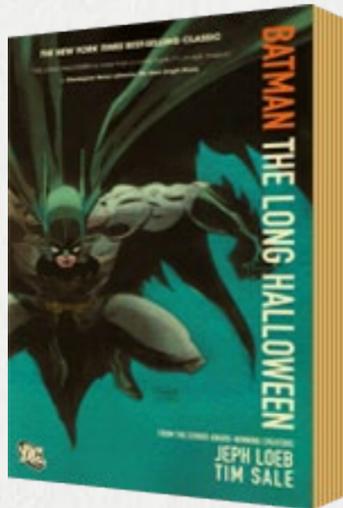
in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows! In the storyline 'The Fire Of Creation', it's 1938 and The Shadow returns in a tale of blazing action and deadly intrigue, as a night of carnage on the New York waterfront plunges the mysterious vigilante into a conspiracy involving the fate of the world itself. As storm clouds gather across the globe, American Military Intelligence meets with a certain Lamont Cranston, determined to beat a host of spies and assassins to the greatest prize of all... but what that might be, only the Shadow knows. Collecting the first six issues of the hit series written by Garth Ennis and drawn by Aaron Campbell, featuring Garth Ennis' script to issue #1 as well as a complete cover gallery featuring art by Alex Ross, Jae Lee, John Cassaday, Ryan Sook, Howard Chaykin, and more.

Now you can own this beautiful hardcover with a signed tip-in sheet by writer Garth Ennis and remarked by interior artist, Aaron Campbell!



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.



BATMAN: THE LONG HALLOWEEN (1999)

Loeb / Sale

"Taking place during Batman's early days of crime fighting, this collection tells the story of a mysterious killer who murders his prey only on holidays. Working with District Attorney Harvey Dent and Lieutenant James Gordon, Batman races against the calendar as he tries to discover who Holiday is before he claims his next victim each month. A mystery that has the reader continually guessing the identity of the killer, this story also ties into the events that transform Harvey

Dent into Batman's deadly enemy, Two-Face." - DC

First published as a 13 issue miniseries from 1996-1997, **The Long Halloween** is widely regarded as one of the greatest Batman graphic novels ever produced.

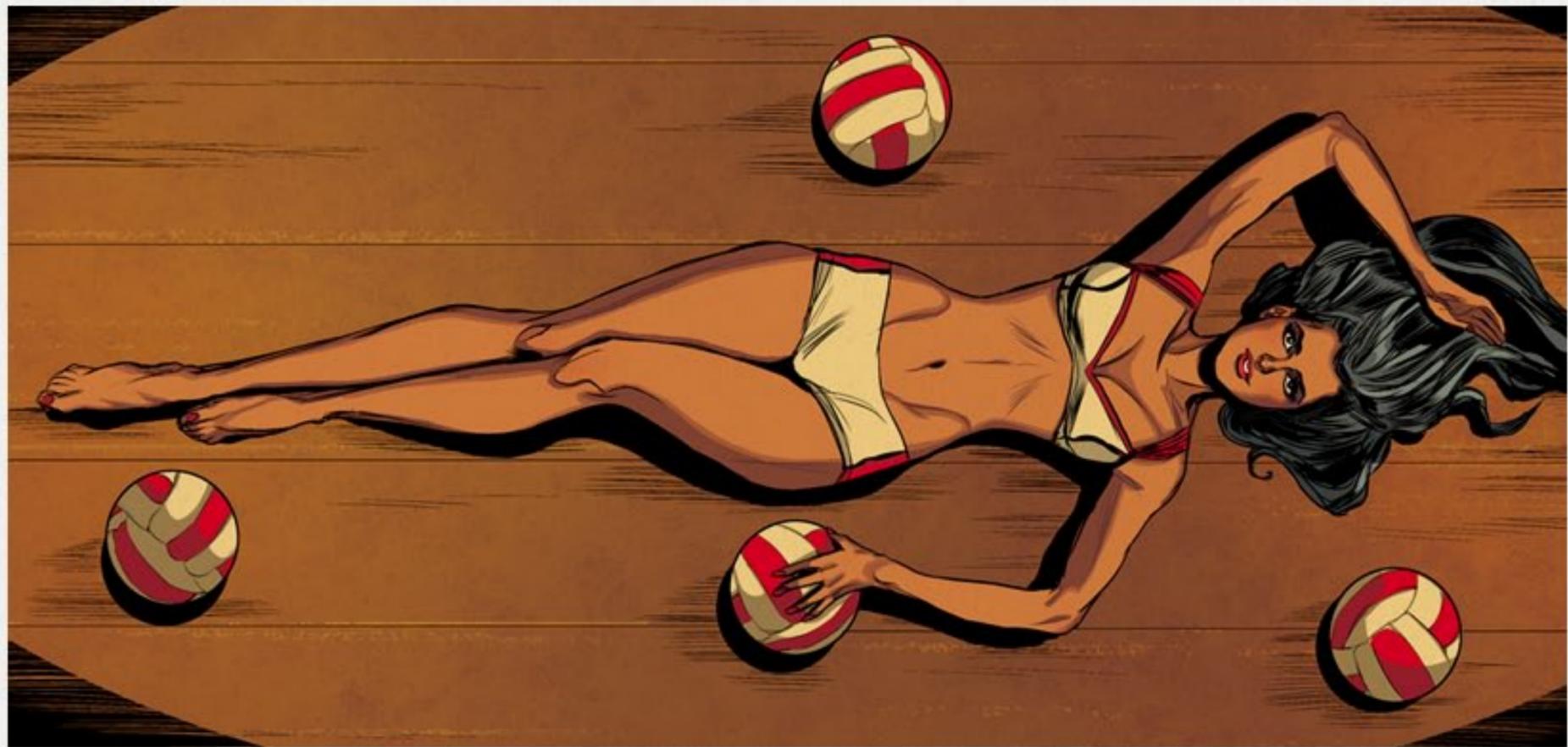
The story revolves around a mysterious killer who is targeting the Gotham City 'Mob' and claims his victims on a holiday day each month. **Batman**, **Lt. Gordon** and **DA Harvey Dent** are drawn in as they have made a pact to end crime boss **Carmine Falcone's** influence over Gotham.

Jeph Loeb writes a rich, noir, crime thriller complete with intrigue, action and twists, incorporating a number of famous Batman characters including **Calendar Man**, **Catwoman**, **Riddler** and the **Joker**. The human element is handled beautifully, from Harvey Dent's single-minded determination in his crusade against the mob, to Falcone's business of running a crime family in crisis, while the pacing is tight and the story remains deferential to the characters.

Tim Sale's stunning artwork is thick, moody and adds weight and realism to the world of the Batman. Shadow is used effectively throughout and action scenes are carefully constructed to flow effortlessly.

Christopher Nolan used many elements from The Long Halloween throughout his **Dark Knight** films, calling it "...more than a comic book. It's an epic tragedy." Unsurprisingly, the successful partnership of Loeb and Sale continued across other Batman series and beyond.

This is one Batman book we could only describe as essential. So we will. It's essential!



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...

Okay, I am of a certain age, and my excitement at the new series by Sam Keith may give you a good clue to my age. That said, Sam Keith's unique, intricate, almost 'underground', Corben influenced art is worth the cover price on it's own.

The Hollows From IDW, written by Chris Ryall is set in a near future Japan where burned out husks wantonly devour souls in the cities on the ground while, for the time being, a sector of society live safely in giant trees.

Found out about how good this title was a little late in the day, Atomic Robo. No current series on offer but a complete offering of the trade collections. There have now been seven mini series, the most recent being Atomic Robo and the Flying She-Devils of The South Pacific. Atomic Robo was created in 1923 going on to become an adventurer, scientist and soldier. In this graphic novel he finds himself in the South Pacific in 1951 and the steam punk adventure begins. Well written by Brian Clevenger and drawn in beautiful detail by Scott Wegener this all ages romp is brilliant. Try this, the seventh volume or go for the offered again volume one. You will not be disappointed. - BIFF

Most of us will have been enthralled by the athletic achievements of Jessica Ennis et al in this summer's Olympic Games. But imagine if, whilst going for a PB in the long jump, she had never landed and just flown out of the stadium?

This is the world Brian Wood is bringing to life in his latest series 'Mara', the story of an especially gifted woman in a sports-and-war obsessed future. After she manifests supernatural abilities on live TV, she learns what it means to be infamous...

Mike Mignola returns to the drawing board, which is just as well as this is a major Hellboy storyline that no-one but Mignola could do justice to.

Expect more secrets of Hellboy's past to be revealed in a wonderfully twisted backdrop of Hell - Mignola style.

- ED



BIFF'S BIT

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IDW JUDGE DREDD #1 ACE VARIANT

Back in the summer of 1983 I got very excited when the First Eagle Comics Judge Dredd #1 was announced. It had a glorious Brian Bolland cover which has been acclaimed since as an all time classic. Proof, if proof was needed is

that homage covers have appeared in the decades since. I had only been trading for two years and this was the first 'big' new release I had a chance to participate in. I can still remember having a stall at Essex University and proudly displaying this brand new comic.

I am just as excited now, nearly 30 years on. A new Judge Dredd film out which is actually very very good. Laying to rest the abomination that was the Sylvester Stallone cinematic travesty. Sin upon sin that he should reveal Judge Dredd's face. That film really knocked sales of 2000AD and the related comics as fans protested in the only way they could, by not buying the comics.

To cap it all there is a new Judge Dredd #1 coming out from IDW and this time I am able to order enough comics to be awarded my very own variant cover. Strangely I am very proud to have a cover that depicts Judge Dredd kicking in the door of ACE Comics. Unless you all want a visit from the eponymous law giver I suggest that you place a pre-order with us for this unique moment in comics history. If you

ask very nicely I will even autograph a copy for you. The price is to all our loyal Acers is just the regular \$3.99 price, who says this isn't the age of Biff generosity.

Thank you Pat Mills, Alan Grant, John Wagner and all the 2000AD writers and artists that followed.

FREE COMIC BOOK HALLOWEEN

Following on from our very successful Free Comic Book Day in May we are having our First Halloween Day. Armed with a pile of Free Halloween Day comics for the first eager visitors to our Colchester store we will be having another 50p blow out day with boxes and boxes of top comics for just 50p. Stock up on cheap reading material for the coming dark winter days and have a blast meeting up with all your friends at your local Ace store.

Ace Richmond, Red Hot Glasgow and Ace Southend will also be participating with special deals and 50p comics.

Oh, while you're there don't forget to pre-order the Judge Dredd #1 Ace variant.

Motto for the month, is PASS IT ON. Leave a comic or graphic novel in a public place clearly 'stickered' saying "Please read and pass on".

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 Halloween!