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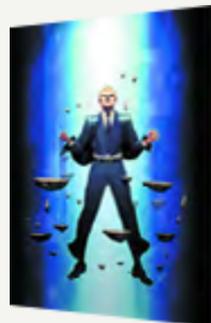
NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN DECEMBER: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



TERMINATOR SALVATION: THE FINAL BATTLE #1 (OF 12)

J. Michael Straczynski | Pete Woods

A-listers J. Michael Straczynski and Pete Woods unite for the biggest Terminator story ever! Hopping between the future and the past, this sweeping, twelve-issue epic counts down the end of the Machine War—but not the one fans expect! Everything's at stake, and the fates of Skynet and John Connor will be told!

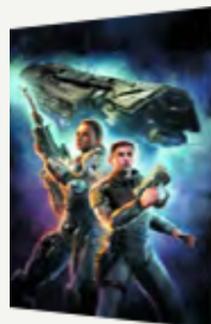


BRAIN BOY #0
Fred Van Lente | Freddie Williams II

When the United States Secret Service needs to make sure a location is safe for the president, they call Matt Price, a.k.a. Brain Boy, the world's most powerful telepath. Raised by his parents'

employer after their deaths, Matt studied and honed his incredible psychic abilities under the tutelage of Albright Industries. Jump back in time to one of Brain Boy's first missions with this #0 issue. He may have a powerful mind, but he's in over his head!

Collects the Brain Boy run from Dark Horse Presents!

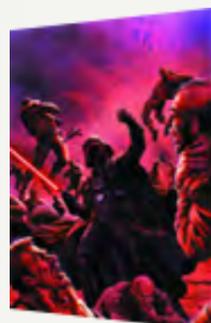


HALO: ESCALATION #1
Chris Schlerf | Sergio Ariño

Halo, the most celebrated video game series of all time, joins forces with Dark Horse for a thrilling new ongoing series! The UNSC flagship Infinity is assigned escort duty for a diplomatic mission

between the Arbiter and a powerful chieftain of the Brute tribes—but when a rogue Covenant group attacks, it's going to take all the firepower the Spartans have to keep the delegates alive!

First issue of an all-new ongoing Halo series from Dark Horse by Christopher Schlerf, lead writer of Halo 4!



STAR WARS: DARTH VADER AND THE CRY OF SHADOWS #1 (OF 5)

Tim Siedell | Gabriel Guzman

During the Clone Wars, a single trooper—left for dead during battle—comes to hate the Jedi generals who abandoned him. Years later, he lives on, bitter and angry, until hearing tales of a great warrior. Now, this clone believes he may have found the leader he should have been following all along . . . Darth Vader!



DEAD BOY DETECTIVES #1
Toby Litt | Mark Buckingham

From the pages of *The Sandman*, Neil Gaiman's dead boys get their own monthly series! As fans of storybook detectives, Edwin Paine (died 1916) and Charles Rowland (died 1990) will take on any and all mysteries—including their own untimely deaths! The dead boys head back to St. Hilarions, where bullying headmasters continue to rule the school. But when they investigate the lingering mysteries of their own deaths, they meet a young

girl named Crystal whose tech skills and strange link to the undead earn her a place as a new detective.

Dead Boy Detectives is a fast-paced adventure series that takes us from the bustling streets of contemporary London to Japanese-inspired video games and dangerous worlds perched somewhere between the now and nevermore.



DC COMICS ESSENTIALS: ACTION COMICS #1
Grant Morrison | Rags Morales

The one and only Grant Morrison (All-Star Superman) returns to Superman, joined by sensational artist Rags Morales (*Identity*

Crisis), to bring you tales of The Man of Steel unlike any you've ever read! Don't miss this promotionally priced reprint of this cornerstone issue!



DC COMICS ESSENTIALS: WATCHMEN #1
Alan Moore | Dave Gibbons

The unforgettable debut chapter that began the best-selling and most talked-about graphic novel of all time is back in a new, promotionally

priced reprint! The saga of *The Minutemen* begins with a bang as the Comedian is brutally murdered—but who could have killed him?



NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN DECEMBER: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT: 100-PAGE SUPER SPECTACULAR #1

Dan Mishkin | Jim Zubkavich | Tom Mandrake
| Neil Googe

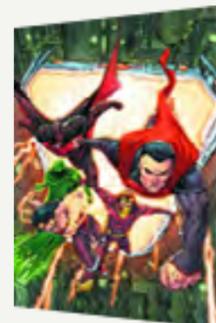
In "Without Sin," when the disfigured body of a priest is uncovered at a Gotham City demolition site, all clues lead Batman to suspect one of his old foes. But in Gotham City, not everything is as it appears. Plus: In "Dr. Quinn's Diagnosis," Batman interrogates Harley Quinn, who might reveal her puddin's secrets... if Batman agrees to one strange demand.



HARLEY QUINN #1

Amanda Conner |
Jimmy Palmiotti |
Chad Hardin

Harley is set to begin her new life, but she needs a job first! Enter the Coney Island Roller Derby! It's game time as Harley sets out to destroy her competition—literally!



JUSTICE LEAGUE 3000 #1

Keith Giffen | J.M.
Dematteis | Howard
Porter

The new series starring the heroes of today—tomorrow is resolicited, now with legendary artist Howard Porter (JLA) on board! But what are these heroes doing in the year 3000? And who (or what) brought them there? Get ready for a dose of wonder from the writing team of Keith Giffen and J.M. DeMatteis!



SMALLVILLE: ALIEN #1

Bryan Q. Miller | Edgar
Salazar

A new Smallville miniseries begins! Superman has barely adjusted to his new status quo when he finds himself racing against time (and Lex Luthor!) to uncover the secret behind a Russian meteor strike. Something has fallen from space—and it looks an awful lot like a Monitor!

Don't miss "Alien" part 1 of 4!



TEEN TITANS GO! #1

SHOLLY FISCH |
MERRILL HAGAN |
BEN BATES

Based on the hit new TV show, feast your eyes on this all-new, all-ages comic book series! Join Robin, Starfire, Beast Boy, Cyborg and Raven as they display their unique brand of hijinks, mayhem and justice! But giant pizza monsters aren't the only dastardly and delicious villains on the menu...so dig in, Titans!



VERTIGO ESSENTIALS: 100 BULLETS #1

Brian Azzarello |
Eduardo Risso

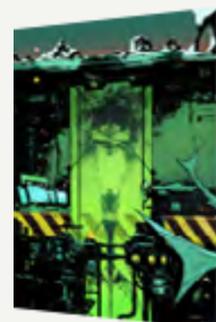
The issue that kicked off the Eisner Award-winning series is back in this promotionally priced reprint! Everyone talks about "getting away with murder," but what would you do if you were given irrefutable proof of the identity of the one that "done you wrong," the opportunity to kill them and the means to get away with it, scot-free?



VERTIGO ESSENTIALS: AMERICAN VAMPIRE #1

Scott Snyder |
Stephen King | Rafael
Albuquerque

Witness the birth of a new species of vampire in this reprint of the debut issue of this hit series! When notorious outlaw Skinner Sweet is attacked by a member of the undead, the first American vampire is born: powered by the sun, stronger, fiercer, and meaner than anything that came before.



THE WAKE PART ONE #1

Scott Snyder | Sean
Murphy

The first five issues of the acclaimed new Vertigo series The Wake are all collected in this new special!



**DEADWORLD:
RESTORATION #1 (OF 4)**
Gary Reed | Sami
Makkonen

The zombie classic returns in an all new series from the same creative team that brought you the acclaimed War of the Dead. The lepers have

been slaughtered, the people who escaped the breeder pits head for the safety of New Washington, and now the zombies are under the control of Donna, the half-human/half-zombie hybrid. With King Zombie dead, she leads the zombies. Or does she?



**DOCTOR WHO
SPECIAL 2013**
Paul Cornell | Jimmy
Broxton

In this special one-shot story celebrating the 50th anniversary of Doctor Who, a strange force flings the TARDIS and the Doctor into our own universe! Once

here, the Doctor encounters a 10-year-old girl who happens to be a huge fan of the Doctor Who TV show. The Doctor grapples with being a fictional character and monsters lurking at the girl's school on the way to coming face-to-face with the actor who portrays him, Matt Smith!



SINISTER DEXTER #1
Dan Abnett | Andy
Clarke

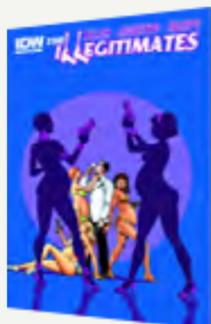
The popular sci-fi strip makes its way to our shores! Finn and Ramone in two classic 2000AD stories!

First is "Money Shots," which sees the two gunsharks crashing the

set of an adult movie in order to carry out a hit on a target that may be happier to see them than they expected! Second is "Point Blanc." The duo is recruited to take out a narc boss who owns extreme firepower. Is their mystery employer out for more than control of Downlode's heavy-duty killware?

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IDW PUBLISHING



THE ILLEGITIMATES #1
Taran Killam | Marc
Andreyko | Kevin
Sharpe

Jack Steele: World renowned agent of Olympus, super-spy, debonair, lover of ladies, man-slut. While facing off with his arch-nemesis, Viktor Dannikor, Steele

faces his biggest defeat, but who will take his place? Olympus scrambles to find not one, but five newbie agents to fill the void and, unbeknownst to them, they share a common thread. Can these five strangers embrace their fates and come together to save the world? They are The Illegimates! And if you called them bastards.... you'd be absolutely right!

From actor/comedian Taran Killam (SNL, The Heat, 12 Years a Slave), Eisner and Harvey nominated writer Marc Andreyko (Torso, Manhunter, Captain America And Bucky), and artist Kevin Sharpe (Avengers, Legion of Super-Heroes) comes an exciting and high-adventure series that will change your views on super-spies forever!



**THE X-FILES
CLASSICS #1:
HUNDRED PENNY
PRESS EDITION**
Stefan Petrucha |
Charles Adlard

Check out the first time the truth was in comics, with this new edition of the first Topps X-Files comic!

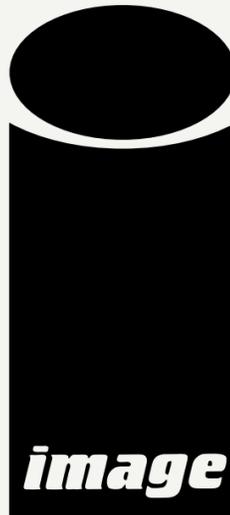


INDESTRUCTIBLE #1
Jeff Kline | Javi
Garron | Salvi Garcia

Meet Greg Pincus -- the planet's brand-spanking-newest Superhero. One small problem: Greg is neither super, nor particularly heroic. But, he sure enjoys the perks that come with

the job. Can Greg survive in a celebrity-obsessed world that wrongly believes he's indestructible? Jeff Kline (Transformers: Prime, G.I. Joe: Renegades) explores this comedic take on a reluctant hero, and contemplates what is required to be considered "special" in a world where fame can come and go faster than a speeding bullet.





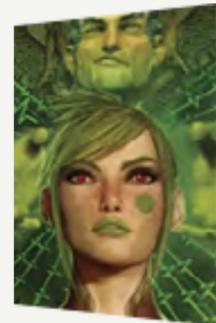
SAVIORS #1 (MR)
James Robinson | J. Bone

Eisner Award winner James Robinson (Starman, Earth 2) and artist extraordinaire J. Bone (The Rocketeer: Hollywood Horror, The Spirit) present an all-new saga of monstrous

alien horror.

When Tomas Ramirez stumbles upon an extraterrestrial conspiracy to take over the world, his life is changed forever. He must now seek out those few souls who share this terrible knowledge. But even united, how can they hope to defeat a shadowy alien cabal that is both indestructible and eager to kill anyone who threatens it?

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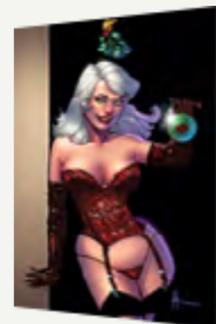


APHRODITE IX: HIDDEN FILES #1
Matt Hawkins | Stjepan Sejic

Peek into the proprietary black box of Aphrodite's mind!

The cybernetic assassin Aphrodite IX has survived the rise and fall of countless civilizations.

What sacrifices and tragedies has she seen that have been erased from her memory?



BLACK KISS II: CHRISTMAS SPECIAL (ONE-SHOT) (MR)
Howard Chaykin

The Black Kiss 2 Christmas Special - because nothing says "holiday fun" like an endless stream of incredibly nasty revenge sex.



CARBON GREY VOL. 3 #1 (OF 2)

Paul Gardner | Hoang Nguyen | Khari Evans | Various

"MOTHERS OF REVOLUTION," Part One

Long ago, a child fled a revolution. She stole another's name, betrayed a king, took his country to war, and turned sister against sister-all to reclaim her Father's throne. She is Raisa Vasilyeva, illegitimate child of a Czar, Queen of Mitteleuropa, and now... destroyer of all things. The Sisters Grey return for the final devastating chapter of Carbon Grey.



DEAD BODY ROAD #1 (OF 6) (MR)
Justin Jordan | Matteo Scalera | Moreno DiNisio

The men involved in his wife's death must die. All of them.

Writer Justin Jordan (Luther Strode) and artist Matteo Scalera (Black Science, Indestructible Hulk) craft the bruising story of one man's revenge and the dark road he travels.



JUPITERS LEGACY: STUDIO EDITION #1 (MR)

Mark Millar | Frank Quitely

In Jupiter's Legacy #1, superstar creators Mark Millar and Frank Quitely introduced an epic tale about the explosive tensions between two generations of superheroes. Now, this special edition spotlights Quitely's artwork in detailed black and white, plus includes Millar's original script and other special features.



KRAMPUS #1
Brian Joines | Dean Kotz

Meet the Secret Society of Santa Clauses. For centuries, Father Christmas, Ded Moroz, Hoteiosho, and others have magically distributed Christmas cheer to children around

the world. But when the source of their power is stolen, a desperate Society turns to an usual source for help: the dreaded Krampus, child-punishing demon of holiday lore. Free of his cell for the first time in decades, will the Krampus uncover the truth behind the Santas' depowering or leave his jailers to their ultimate fate?

It's Snake Plissken by way of the Grinch as the darkly comedic adventure begins here.



SIN BOLDLY (ONE-SHOT) (MR)
Joseph Michael Linsner

Joseph Michael Linsner writes and draws two stories featuring characters that his die-hard fans have been asking about for years. In "Hell Is Waiting,"

Sinful Suzi learns a lesson about the wages of sin. And in "Burning Roses," Obsidian Stone loses an old friend and welcomes a new demon. This guilty pleasure is a long-overdue return to the black and white short stories that Linsner started with in Cry For Dawn. Because if you are going to sin, then sin boldly!



AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #700.1
David Morrell | Klaus Janson

One year after his death at the hands of the Superior Spider-Man - Peter Parker is back!

Acclaimed novelist David Morrell (First Blood) and legendary comics icon

Klaus Janson (Daredevil: End Of Days) team up to kick off this celebration of the world's greatest super hero!

With a blizzard crippling New York City, Spider-Man must protect the city - but Aunt May's life is in danger!



AVENGERS ANNUAL 2013 #1
Kathryn Immonen | David Lafuente

It's Christmas Eve in Avengers Tower. Everybody's got somewhere better to be and Cap's all alone on Tower-sitting duty. Or is he?

Outside all is calm, all is quiet, but inside it's an avalanche of mayhem as an intruder turns the Avengers' own tower against them!

And introducing Zamira! She's Meryl Streep with a vengeance! Or maybe just a hormonal teenager... with out of control super powers!



INHUMANITY #1
Matt Fraction | Olivier Coipel

After Infinity, the Marvel Universe has changed.

The Avengers find themselves face to face with Karnak who has discovered the secret of the Inhumans that will shake the Marvel U to its core.

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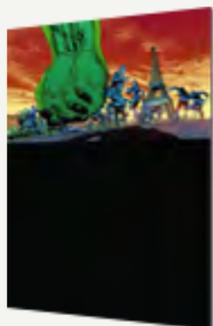


INDESTRUCTIBLE HULK ANNUAL #1

Mark Waid | Mahmud A. Asrar

"Journey Into Science!" guest starring Iron Man. Before Bruce Banner and Tony Stark became heroes, they built weapons. But who inspired them?

One of Bruce's lab assistants has unraveled a mystery from their past. Now SHIELD must send Hulk and Iron Man to retrieve one of the greatest weapon designers of all time. Will they come back as weapons of mass destruction themselves?



MARVEL KNIGHTS HULK #1 (OF 4)

Joe Keatinge | Piotr Kowalski

An all-new Hulk epic spotlighting the unique talents of two rising stars!

Marvel Knights returns as a platform for the continuing influx of

unique independent voices to Marvel-as writer Joe Keatinge (Glory) and artist Piotr Kowalski (Sex) unleash the green goliath!

An amnesiac Dr. Bruce Bannner awakens on the banks of the Sienne-and soon finds himself in a desperate race through the streets of Paris! Who is hunting him-and how are they both transforming into grotesque Hulks?

A mind-bending mystery + an iconic city + huge monsters = quirky cool Hulk action downloaded directly from the mad minds of Keatinge & Kowalski!



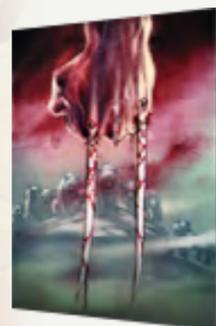
INHUMANITY: AWAKENING #1 (OF 2)
Matt Kindt | Paul Davidson

Inhumanity hits Marvel's superhuman schools!

Inhuman chrysalises have appeared across the world...some want them, some want to destroy them...and your

favorite superhuman students are caught in the crossfire!

From the pages of Infinity: The Hunt comes more craziness from the Avengers Academy and the Jean Grey School - written by The Hunt's Matt Kindt!



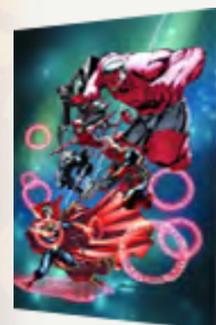
ORIGIN II #1 (OF 5)
Kieron Gillen | Adam Kubert

Part 1 of 5!

A few years after the events of Origin finds James Howlett running with the wolves...until something unexpected brings him back into the world of Follow

the first "X-Man" as he finds his way back to civilization and falls afoul of someone Sinister, who's just discovering mutantkind and the horrors he can visit on them. Plus, discover the secret behind James' greatest enemy! At some point, the mutant who will become The Wolverine must choose: is he man or is he beast?

An all-new chapter in the secret origin of one of Marvel's most mysterious characters is revealed starting this November, by superstars Kieron Gillen (Young Avengers, Iron Man) and Adam Kubert (Avengers, Uncanny X-Men, Wolverine)!



THUNDERBOLTS ANNUAL 2013 #1

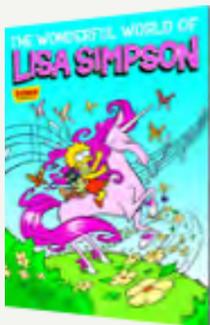
Ben Acker | Ben Blacker | Matteo Lolli

The Thunderbolts' new mission? Kill Doctor Strange!

Of course, they're gonna need a pretty special arsenal for that.

"Thrilling Adventure Hour" creators Ben Acker & Ben Blacker take the Tbolts on a whirlwind tour of the Marvel Magicverse!





THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF LISA SIMPSON #1
BONGO COMICS

Gail Simone | Sherri Smith | Nina Matsumoto | Various

Whether she's extolling the virtues of vegetarianism, raising awareness about the world's moral and social ills, or simply playing with her Malibu Stacy dolls and dreaming of ponies, Lisa Simpson, the pint-sized, pre-teen progressive, may just be the smartest and savviest citizen in Springfield — and she's still only in the second-grade! Enter the world of Lisa Simpson, a joy-filled journey through a realm of high ideals and girlish delights!



DOC SAVAGE #1
DYNAMITE ENT
Chris Roberson | Bilquis Evely

In 1933, readers were first introduced to Doc Savage, the Man of Bronze. Raised from the cradle to be the pinnacle of mental and physical perfection, Doc Savage

travels the world using science and sinews to right wrongs, aid the oppressed, and liberate the innocent. With his team of able associates at their headquarters high atop the tallest building in the world, Doc Savage is tireless in his pursuit of knowledge and justice. Writer Chris Roberson brings Doc Savage from 1933 through to today. And with "Easter eggs" along the way that will help pave the future of Doc, in a story only Chris (Roberson) could tell.



FRACTURE #1
ACTION LAB ENT
Shawn Gaborin | Chad Cicconi

Life has been good in Lower Triton since the events of Fracture Volume 1. Jeff has suppressed his fractures, taking both the villainous Malice and the

heroic Virtue off the table. But the city still has a hero in Virtue! Which villain is looking to fill Malice's shoes? New heroes! New villains! New Fractures!

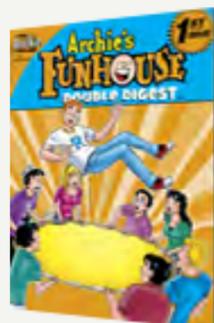
SELECTED TITLES SHIPPING IN DECEMBER



DEVIL'S HOPYARD #1
ARDDEN ENT
Brendan Deneen | Szymon Kudranski

Check out the book that has been praised by Robert Kirkman, Geoff Johns, and Brian K. Vaughn! This R-rated noir tale tells the story of a cop who gets pulled

into a world of secrets, sin, and superheroes! Featuring art by Spawn artist Szymon Kudranski and a script by Flash Gordon scribe Brendan Deneen!



ARCHIE'S FUNHOUSE DOUBLE DIGEST #1
ARCHIE COMICS
John Workman | Rex Lindsey | Various

Brand New #1! When the gang takes a trip to the Lodge's Lodge in the North Woods, they discover a nearby cozy cabin with a lot of

personality—so much personality that it seems to even have a life of its own! When each trip to the cabin comes with a new historic surprise, Archie & his friends get a little uneasy. Is the cabin haunted, or is someone playing a clever trick? The answer may surprise you in "Fun House," the crazy first story to this fun new double digest series!



SHERLOCK HOLMES: MORIARTY LIVES #1
(OF 5)
DYNAMITE ENT
David Liss | Daniel Indro

Professor James Moriarty has faced his arch rival, Sherlock Holmes, above Reichenbach Falls,

where they have both plummeted to their doom. Or have they? Washed ashore in a strange town in Switzerland, Moriarty is alone, penniless, and without his network of thieves. Will his cunning and guile be enough against a foe more ruthless than Holmes himself? It's one of the greatest villains of all time as you've never seen him!

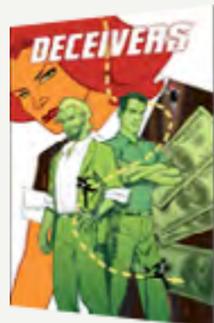


THE MIDAS FLESH #1
(OF 8)
BOOM! STUDIOS
Ryan North | Shelli Paroline | Braden Lamb

We've all heard of the Midas touch. You know, the Greek Mythology about the man who did a number on himself by

wishing for everything he touched to turn to gold? Who better to turn that tale on its head with a heavy dose of sci-fi than Ryan North? Also, did we mention the Utahaptor?

Fatima and her space crew have decided to return to Earth—a planet completely sectioned off, abandoned, and covered in gold — to find out exactly what happened to this once thriving planet and see if they can use that knowledge against the evil empire that's tracking them down. As luck would have it, they just landed the most powerful weapon in the universe: some ancient dead guy's body.



DECEIVERS #1
(OF 6)
BOOM! STUDIOS
Steven Grant | Jose Holder

Everybody loves a good underdog story, and we're no exception. Make that double for your classic Robin Hood-style "steal from the rich, give to the poor" yarns, and

when you couple that with Steven Grant's (2 Guns) crackling dialogue, we couldn't resist! Deceivers is a globetrotting espionage action/comedy populated by charming, clever characters and thrilling sleight of hand, perfect for fans of films like Catch Me if You Can and the Ocean's 11 series.

Lincoln McCord and Prince Adony Zaruka are two American con men living abroad in Europe, posing as an oil magnate and the descendant of long-lost royalty to live the high life by leeching off the European elite. But when an international thief begins wreaking havoc on their marks, the deceivers are enlisted by a rogue CIA agent to help entrap him.



ROBOTECH/VOLTRON #1
(OF 5)
DYNAMITE ENT
Tommy Yune | Elmer Damaso

Part 1 of 5.

Two of the greatest anime legends of all time are about to collide in one epic saga! The Lion

Force team faces the return of a mysterious ancient adversary that could jeopardize the very existence of Voltron itself. The repercussions threaten to reach across the fabric of time and space, all the way to Earth. How will Roy Fokker and the Skull Squadron cope with such a new menace, especially with the Zentraedi looming over Macross Island? What opportunities will King Lotor pursue in a crisis like this?



HAWKEN: MELEE #1
(OF 5)
ARCHAIA ENT
Dan Abnett | Federico Dallocchio

Hi-action mech combat from the world of Hawken, the award-winning online video game! This premiere issue features the heart-

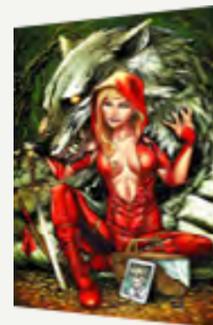
racing pace of cat-and-mouse combat in a tale by Dan Abnett and Federico Dallocchio entitled "20 Seconds" of, with cover art by Tim Bradstreet!



B.A.R. MAID #1
ZENESCOPE ENT
Clayburn Moore | Joe Brusha | TBD

Taken in and trained by her uncle to be a freedom fighter after her parents were murdered, Cassidy O'Hara leads a dual life in the mountains and forests

of Manchuria. Part time guerilla, part time saloon girl, Cassidy is about to be pulled into a plot that will affect the outcome of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and the very outcome of World War II.



GRIMM FAIRY TALES PRESENTS: CODE RED #1
ZENESCOPE ENT
Patrick Shand | TBD

Recruited for the Realm Knights, Brittany (last name, can't remember? Walters?) finds herself facing the Dark Horde on a regular basis. But with

a new leader in the Dark Queen the Horde is getting ready to launch their ultimate attack. Don't miss this new miniseries that ties directly into the upcoming milestone Grimm Fairy Tales #100.



ROVER RED CHARLIE #1
AVATAR PRESS
Garth Ennis | Michael Dipascale

When a worldwide epidemic suddenly rids the Earth of all humans, what happens to man's best friend? Garth Ennis — the master wordsmith

of Preacher and Crossed — delivers a story like no other, as a band of canines set out to survive on their own for the first time. This is the story of three best friends at the end of the World. Charlie was a helper dog and he was good at getting his feeders safely around. Now he and his pals Rover and Red must escape the failing New York City and find their way in this new order. Ennis applies his incredible talent for creating rich and complex characters to a whole new species, with this shockingly original tale that is fully painted by Michael Dipascale.



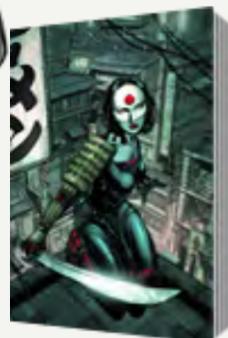
GRIMM: THE WARLOCK #1
(OF 5)
DYNAMITE ENT
Jai Nitz | José Malaga

Check out this new miniseries based on the hit NBC show!

Follow Portland Detective Nick Burkhardt on his adventures as a cop and as a monster-hunting Grimm. Nick and his partner Hank have to put a stop to a fixed basketball game that will keep the hometown team out of the playoffs. But the stakes are even higher when Nick finds a dangerous Wesen at the heart of the case.

NOVEL IDEAS

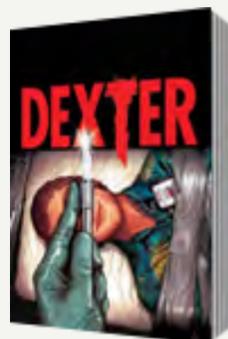
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KATANA VOL.1: SOULTAKER

NOCENTI | SANCHEZ | VARIOUS
DC, 160 pages

In these stories from Katana #1-6 and Justice League Dark #23.1: The Creeper, the former assassin and new Justice Leaguer embarks on a quest to restore the Outsiders to their former glory! Will she succeed, or will she be overcome by the power of her sword, the Soultaker?



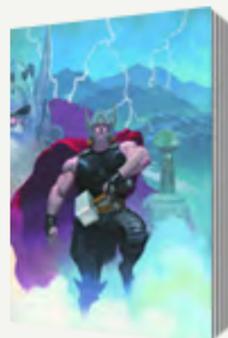
DEXTER PREMIER HC

LINDSAY | TALAJIC
Marvel, 120 pages

It's an all-new Dexter adventure - his first time in comic-book form - written by his creator, Jeff Lindsay! Dexter Morgan isn't just Miami's No. 1 forensic blood splatter expert. He's also a serial killer - who targets other serial killers! But now, the deeply damaged Dexter must face his two worst nightmares: his high school reunion and a former classmate with a secret that could destroy him! And as if that weren't enough, Dexter and his detective sister, Deborah, are on a hot new case - that ends in flames!

Dexter may have met his match, but did he help create him? Determined to prove how sneaky he really is, Dexter infiltrates his rival's lair - but has he actually stepped into a trap? The bodies are piling up under the hot Miami sun - and Dexter might be next!

Collecting Dexter #1-5.



THOR GOD OF THUNDER TP VOL 01 GOD BUTCHER

AARON | RIBIC
Marvel, 136 pages

A trail of blood threatens to consume Thor's past, present and future! Throughout the ages, gods have been vanishing, their mortal worshippers left in chaos. The only hope for these ravaged worlds is for Thor to unravel the gruesome mystery of the God Butcher! In the distant past, the Thunder God discovers a forgotten cave that echoes with the cries of tortured gods - and is shocked to find himself among them! In the present, Thor follows the bloody wake of murdered gods across the depths of space. And thousands of years from now, the last god-king of a ruined Asgard makes his final stand against the God Butcher's berserker legions. As three Thors from three eras race to stop the God Butcher, the full extent of his vicious scheme takes terrifying shape!

Collecting Thor: God Of Thunder #1-5.

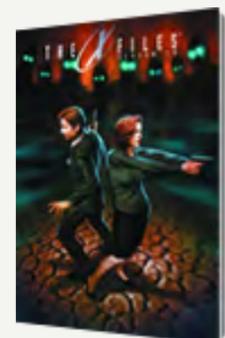


SNAPSHOT

DIGGLE | JOCK
Image, 104 pages

When Jake Dobson finds a lost cell phone, he's horrified to discover it's full of snapshots of a murder victim. Suddenly he finds himself hunted by a ruthless hit-man who will stop at nothing to recover his "proof of kill" photos - and silence Jake forever!

Collects Snapshot #1-4.



X-FILES: SEASON 10 VOL.1 (HC)

HARRIS | WALSH
IDW, 132 pages

For years they investigated the paranormal, pursued the "monsters of the week," and sought the truth behind extraterrestrial activity, along with the grand conspiracy surrounding it rooted deep within their own government. But when Agents Mulder and Scully reunite for a new, ongoing series that ushers The X-Files into a new era of technological paranoia, multinational concerns, and otherworldly threats, it'll take more than a desire "to believe" to make it out alive.

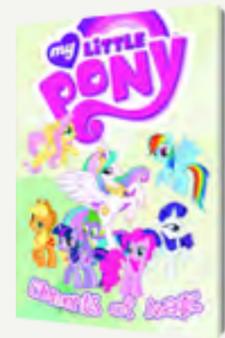


HELLBLAZER VOL.7: TAINTED LOVE (MR)

ENNIS | DILLON
DC Vertigo, 320 pages

John Constantine celebrates his fortieth birthday alongside his friends Swamp Thing and Zatanna but soon finds himself at his lowest point ever. Drunk and homeless, John must pull himself together if he is going to survive against the King of the Vampires.

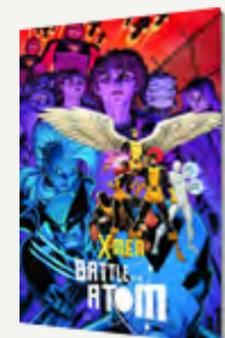
Collecting Hellblazer #62-71, Hellblazer Special #1 and a story from Vertigo Jam #1.



MY LITTLE PONY: ELEMENTS OF MAGIC

VARIOUS
IDW, 112 pages

The celebrated animated series comes to bookshelves! Revisit the inhabitants of Equestria and learn about the magic that friendship brings in this adaptation of the television series.

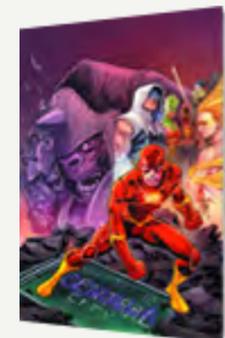


X-MEN: BATTLE OF THE ATOM (HC)

BENDIS | WOOD | AARON | CHO | IMMONEN | LOPEZ | BACHALO | CAMUNCOLI | RIBIC
Marvel, 224 pages

The X-Men's past, present and future collide in this 50th-anniversary event! Something horrible happens to the past versions of the X-Men that shakes spacetime to its core — and more X-Men arrive from the future with a message: The original five must return home! But when young Cyclops and Marvel Girl run away to stay in the present, the hunt is on! And where does the modern-day Cyclops' revolutionary faction fit in? Things get even more complicated when mysterious foes attack the Jean Grey School, and the healing-impaired Wolverine takes a mortal hit! With spacetime up for grabs, the surprise ending will change everything as the X-Men's footing in the world is drastically altered!

Collecting X-Men: Battle Of The Atom #1-2, All-New X-Men #16-17, X-Men (2013) #5-6, Uncanny X-Men (2013) #12-13 and Wolverine And The X-Men #36-37.



FLASH VOL.3: GORILLA WARFARE (HC)

MANAPUL | BUCCELLATO | VARIOUS
DC, 176 pages

When Grodd and his gorilla army descend on Central City, The Flash will have to contend with a threat unlike any he's faced before: murderous, ruthless and without principle. With mammoth strength and mind-control powers, Grodd will not stop until he conquers the city with its heroes blood on his hands. Knowing he cannot defeat this new foe alone, The Flash will need the help of his former enemies, the Rogues, if he wants to keep himself and Central City alive.

This new hardcover collects The Flash #13-19.



BATMAN '66: THE TV STORIES

FINGER | KANE |
VARIOUS
DC, 160 pages

For the first time, DC Comics collects Batman stories originally published between 1948 and 1966 that were adapted into specific episodes of the classic Batman TV series!

Starring The Joker, The Penguin, The Riddler and Mr. Freeze (here called "Mr. Zero"), and featuring the debut of Batgirl, these stories have never been collected together before.

Collected from Batman #53, 73, 121, 140, 169 and 171, and Detective Comics #230, 346 and 359.



SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN VOL. 4: NECESSARY EVIL

SLOTT | STEGMAN |
CAMUNCOLI
Marvel, 112 pages

Back by popular demand, Spider-Man 2099 returns!

But when the future Spidey and the Superior Spidey clash, who will be the most superior Spider-Man in the multiverse? It may not matter, because the end of the battle brings about a moment that will alter the world of Spider-Man — and the Marvel Universe — for years to come! But which Spider was responsible for this shocking change?

Then, from the ashes of battle comes the first team-up between the Superior Spider-Man and the Black Cat. Felicia Hardy always cared for the Spider more than the man, but what happens when that man is Otto Octavius? And as an Osborn we haven't seen in a while returns, Otto celebrates a milestone! Is the world ready for "Dr. Peter Parker" — or what he plans to do next?

Collecting Superior Spider-Man #17-21.



TRANSFORMERS: MONSTROSITY

METZEN | DILLE |
RAMONDELLI
IDW, 112 pages

In the early days of the war on Cybertron, Optimus Prime puts everything on the line to unify the planet-but not everyone agrees that this new Prime should be in charge! Meanwhile, the fallen Decepticon leader, Megatron, begins a journey that will change everything.



MASS EFFECT: FOUNDATION VOL. 1

WALTERS | PARKER |
FRANCIA
Dark Horse, 96 pages

Introducing Rasa, a mysterious agent working behind the scenes for the Illusive Man and his human-survivalist paramilitary group, Cerberus! First, learn how she began her life as a covert operative-then, follow her investigations and witness formative events in the lives of signature characters Urdnot Wrex, Ashley Williams, and Kaidan Alenko!

Collects issues #1-4 of the Foundation series.



GHOSTBUSTERS VOL. 6

BURNHAM |
SCHOENING | SHANER
IDW, 104 pages

The original Ghostbusters are back in Manhattan, picking up the pieces of their interrupted lives. Ray and Egon throw themselves into their research, while a decision Janine made when she was busting ghosts comes back to haunt her, and to top all of that a ghost ship roams the waters off Long Island.

NOVEL IDEAS

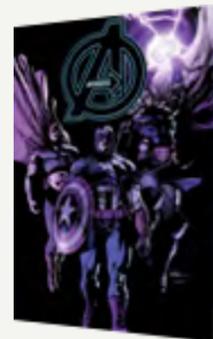
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LOBSTER JOHNSON VOL.3: SATAN SMELLS A RAT

MIGNOLA | ARCUDI |
ZONJIC | VARIOUS
Dark Horse, 144 pages

Hellboy's favorite gun-blazing vigilante takes justice to the skies aboard a Nazi-filled zeppelin and to the gritty alleyways of Chinatown against an army of monkeys. Collects The Prayer of Neferu, Caput Mortuum, Satan Smells a Rat, A Scent of Lotus #1-#2, and "Tony Masso's Finest Hour" from Dark Horse Presents #9.



AVENGERS PREMIER HC VOL.4: INFINITY

HICKMAN | YU
Marvel, 152 pages

Infinity tie-in! Deep in space, the Avengers join the Council of Worlds as they declare war on their cosmic invaders. As the Skrull Empire is reborn, witness the first encounter with the Builders! And when betrayal strikes the Galactic Council and the Avengers find themselves prisoners of war, one last desperate plan is hatched! The Builders make unexpected overtures, Ex Nihilo re-enters the picture, and the final battle for the Marvel Universe begins. Galactic empires fall and rise - and as Earth is targeted, the Avengers race back to their own solar system. But will they be in time to stop the Black Order from making their move? Or will Thanos' mad plans conquer all life?

Collecting Avengers (2012) #18-23.



ANGEL & FAITH VOL.5: WHAT YOU WANT NOT WHAT YOU NEED

GAGE | ISAACS
Dark Horse, 136 pages

Angel's quest to restore Giles's life has entered its last stage. As he and Faith prepare to carry out their task and resurrect an old friend, Season 9's Big Bads enter the last phase of their own plan to restore balance to earth.



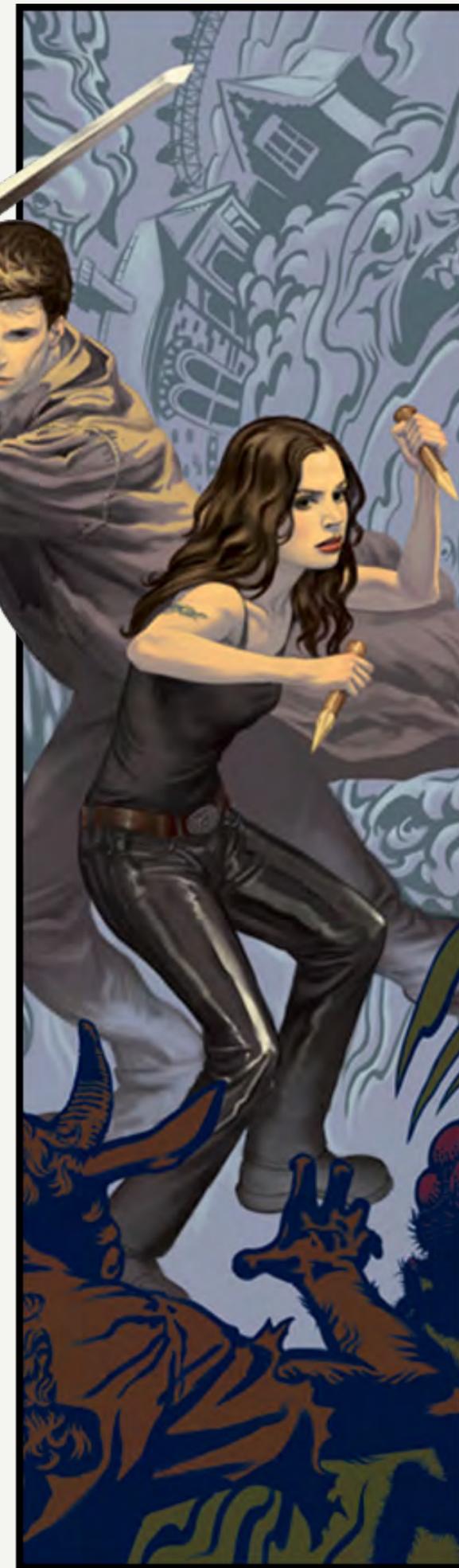
FATALE VOL.4: PRAY FOR RAIN

BRUBAKER | PHILLIPS
| BREITWEISER
Image, 144 pages

Sex, drugs, rock-n-roll, and ritual killers all collide in the strangest and most exciting volume of Fatale yet.

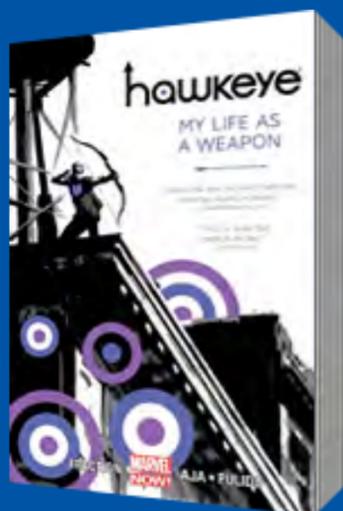
A strange woman with no memory stumbles into the lives of a struggling grunge band in mid-'90s Seattle... Is she their muse? Will she save them from "one-hit wonder" status? Or will she be something much worse, especially since there's a psycho killer on her trail?

The newest volume of the New York Times Best-Selling series collects #15-19.



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.



HAWKEYE: MY LIFE AS A WEAPON

MATT FRACTION | DAVID AJA

"Fraction. Aja. Hawkeye. Kate Bishop. Cars. Guns. And videotape. The breakout star of this summer's blockbuster Avengers film, Clint Barton - a.k.a. the self-made hero Hawkeye - fights for justice...and good rooftop BBQs! And with ex-Young Avenger Kate Bishop by his side, he's out to get some downtime from being one of Earth's Mightiest Heroes! (Immortal Iron Fist) reunite to tell the ongoing tales of the Arrow-Avenger. Barton and Bishop mean double the Hawkeye and double the trouble! Plus:

Relive Kate's first meeting with Clint, as she learns wanting something can be miles away from actually earning it. Collecting Hawkeye (2012) #1-5 and Young Avengers Presents #6." - Marvel

Hawkeye: My Life As A Weapon began life as the new ongoing Hawkeye series, debuting in August 2012, in the wake of the supremely popular Avengers movie. Selling extremely well, the initial issues of Hawkeye ran to multiple printings, garnering widespread praise and in March of this year, the first collected volume was released.

Juxtaposed to the regular Marvel 'hero' titles, Hawkeye reads more like an indie comic, following Clint Barton's interactions with the friends, neighbours and gangs in his apartment block, as well as his undertakings as a secret Avenger for S.H.I.E.L.D.

Matt Fraction's command of dialogue and character here is unrivalled, presenting a very likeable Barton, down on his luck at times, but ever reliable to do the right thing. He is supported by a great cast of allies and villains, the conversations with ex-female-Hawkeye, Kate Bishop being particular highlights, equally endearing and hilarious.

Artist David Aja is on top of his game throughout, with some gritty and thick, yet detailed and naturalistic artwork, enhanced by the muted colour palette with more than a hint of purple.

A future classic come early, you NEED to read this book.

£12.99 inc p&p



ONES TO WATCH

Terminator fans rejoice as J. Michael Straczynski is teaming up with Pete Woods for **Terminator Salvation: The Final Battle**, a 12-issue finale series detailing the fates of John Connor and Skynet. Straczynski had this to say about the series, which flits between the present and the dark future...

"The story that I've always wanted to see visualized, and that I think other fans of the movies have eagerly anticipated, is the battle that set all of the movies into motion: the assault on Skynet, the Terminators going through and what happens afterward on both sides of the timeline. So the events weave in and out of the tapestry of the Terminator, showing what we know or what we think we know, then turning the camera around to show us that what we thought we knew may not be exactly what happens."

Terminator Salvation: The Final Battle is out 4th December from Dark Horse. Also on our radar is **Dead Boy Detectives**, a new series based on the popular Sandman characters, written by Toby Litt and Mark Buckingham with Neil Gaiman's blessing. Edwin Payne and Charles Rowland are spectral detectives, solving supernatural mysteries across space and time, including their own untimely demise.

Toby Litt: *"These are all new adventures, but they will be taking Charles and Edwin back to some familiar locations, allowing them to conclude*

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

some long-neglected business. For the most part, though, they are going to be encountering a much vaster universe of trouble. Our ambitions are to have the boys continue to pursue individual cases, but there are some much bigger things at stake than lost cats -- even extremely cute and feisty lost cats."

File under spooky-version-of-the-Hardy-Boys.

If you missed out on DC's **Villains Month** 3D covers, fear not, as in February 2014 you can buy a full set of second prints, complete with the Forever Evil #1 3D variant! Yes, DC are offering all 52 Villains Month 3D #1's plus the aforementioned variant in one great big set. Likely to be a little pricey, contact us if you want to pre-order!

Meanwhile, Marvel have gone a little suffix-happy in their December solicitations. The 'Inhumanity' crossover issues now have '.INH' added to their numbering, while Peter Parker's time as Spider-Man is celebrated in **Spider-Man #700.1 - 700.5**. In addition, we also have **Avengers #24. NOW**, introducing 'All-New Marvel NOW!', the equivalent of a brand new #1 and ideal jumping-on point for new readers.

This could get a bit confusing, but hopefully the quality of the comics will continue outweigh the bizarre marketing strategy of the publishers!



BIFF'S BIT

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ACE GUIDE TO COLLECTING COMICS: PART THREE

The third and Final part of my guide to protecting your comics takes us on a journey around the backing board world.

The most obvious job of a backing board is to prevent a comic from being damaged. The second is to prevent any reaction occurring between board, bag and comic.

Non buffered backing boards are just card board, normally quite thick, whose soul job is to prevent damage. Some shops might use these for protection while comics are in their back issue section as they are cheaper than any other boards. These can easily be spotted by their grey colour.

Buffered boards have been impregnated with calcium which actively 'mops up' acids emitted from comics, thus maintaining a neutral pH environment. This type of board is an essential for long term protection of valuable comics. These boards are white in aspect and once again easily distinguished from non buffered.

We offer three types of backing board. Our Comicare range is the cheapest followed by the Collectorline range. The Comicare range is slightly thinner than the Collectorline range hence they are cheaper. Both these ranges are 98% acid free and for most collectors these offer excellent protection. For the collector that wants to leave nothing to chance that leaves the Gerber range of backing boards that are offered in two thicknesses, the half board (which

is similar to the Collectorline thickness) and the Full board which is a very solid board, recommended for your treasured items. Gerber boards are also 100% acid free and offer the ultimate protection for your comics.

Humidity and temperature are the collectors worst enemy and it is of the utmost importance that whatever the protection you have that you try to keep the comics in a dry atmosphere and at a constant cool temperature. The loft is the worst place to store comics as it has extremes of hot and cold.

However, apart from exceedingly valuable comics, say Action Comics #1 or Detective Comics #27 (1939), don't become too obsessed. Reading and enjoying the comic is still, from my perspective, the most important feature of our hobby. You will find me re-reading my Daredevil #1 whilst eating Cornflakes, thus running the risk of splashing milk! I live on the edge! Besides, my wife, if she outlives me, has no interest in my hobby and will sell or destroy after I leave this world for the cosmic afterlife, where I hope to commune with the Silver Surfer.

I hope over the last few months I have been of help and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me via the web-site.

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

...READ MORE COMICS!!

