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NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN NOVEMBER



CRIMINAL MACABRE: THEY FIGHT BY NIGHT (ONE-SHOT)

Niles / Mitten

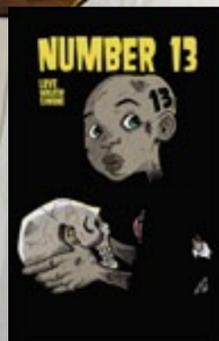
After Cal McDonald's recent resurrection into the world of monsters, he's back to his old game:

solving crimes involving creatures that go bump in the night. After a political candidate is mysteriously decapitated on live TV, Cal teams up with his ghoulish sidekick Mo'Lock and an LAPD detective to find out who the culprit is . . . and if it's connected to the brewing war of darkness.

The debates turn bloody . . . live on TV!

Collects four instalments from Dark Horse Presents!

Leads into the epic 30 Days of Night crossover!



NUMBER 13 #0

Love / Walker

In a post apocalyptic wasteland populated by mutants and terrorized by flesh-eating ogres, a young amnesiac searches for the answers to the

mystery of his identity. Wandering aimlessly, he comes to the rescue of Lorna, a young girl who gives him a name: Number 13. Facing danger at every turn, Number 13 fights to stay alive as his quest to find out who he is leads to the deadly truth of what he is.



47 RONIN #1

Richardson / Sakai

Among the best-known tales in Japanese history, the legend of the 47 Ronin and their epic mission to avenge their disgraced master

epitomizes the samurai code of honour. It has been said, "To know the story of the 47 Ronin is to know Japan." Retold through the ages, the legend at last comes to comics in a meticulously researched and beautifully illustrated miniseries from Mike Richardson, Stan Sakai, and editorial consultant Kazuo Koike! Recounting this sweeping tale of honour and violence in all its grandeur, chapter one details the tragic incident that would seal the fate of Lord Asano and set forty-seven of his vassals on a years-long path of vengeance!

A gorgeous new adaptation of Japan's enduring "national legend" from writer Mike Richardson (The Secret) and artist Stan Sakai (Usagi Yojimbo), created in consultation with manga giant Kazuo Koike (Lone Wolf and Cub)!



BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER: WILLOW - WONDERLAND #1

Parker / Ching

With the disappearance of magic, Willow Rosenberg lost the very thing that made her tick.

Armed with Buffy's broken scythe, and fresh off an adventure with Angel and Faith, Willow is ready to find a solution on her own terms. The world can't live without magic—and neither can she!



BALTIMORE: THE PLAY (ONE-SHOT)

Mignola / Golden / Stenbeck

A mad playwright puts on a Grand Guignol featuring actors that are real vampires. The evil financier of the play

makes a bizarre discovery when he finds out that the playwright is a fraud and the true author is a disembodied head of a famous American author kept in a glass case.



COLDER #1

Tobin / Ferreyra

Declan Thomas's body temperature is dropping. He never gets sick, never feels pain. An ex-inmate of an insane asylum that was destroyed in

a fire, he has the strange ability to step inside a person's madness and sometimes cure it. He hopes to one day cure his own, but time is running out, because when his temperature reaches zero . . . it's over.



MIND MGMT #0

Kindt

Haven't tried Matt Kindt's visionary MIND MGMT series yet? Well, lock up your dolphins, shield your brain, and don't believe anything you see,

because this specially priced issue is the perfect initiation into Kindt's electrifying tale of Mind Management's psychic spies, its most infamous defector, and Meru, the journalist who stumbles upon their incredible secrets! Available in print for the first time, these three stories introduce the series' key players and delve deeper than ever into MIND MGMT's secret history! This special issue can't be missed!



EDGAR ALLAN POE'S THE CONQUEROR WORM (ONE-SHOT)

Corben

A horrifying adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's classic by comics legend, Richard

Corben. A betrayed man hunts down his wife and her lover only to stumble upon a gruesome puppet show based on his life.



STAR WARS: DAWN OF THE JEDI - THE PRISONER OF BOGAN #1

Ostrander / Duuresma

Banished to the dark moon Bogan, the Force Hound Xesh has been living in

contemplation; the memory of who he was before his ship crashed on Tython still escapes him. A rival from his past is on his trail, and the Je'daii are doing all they can to discover his origin. And now, Xesh is about to meet someone who will change his life forever, a former great Je'daii . . . the prisoner of Bogan!



R.I.P.D.: CITY OF THE DAMNED #1

Lenkov / Barlow / Parker

Roy Pulsipher and Nick Walker are dead, but their time in law enforcement isn't over. Both Roy and Nick are officers in the Rest in Peace

Department, sworn to serve the Almighty and protect the living from evil. Their current case has them chasing a ghostly fanatic determined to undo all of creation - a threat with very personal connections to Roy's past, stretching back a hundred years into a weird, Wild West and Roy's first day on the job. It's a twisted history that Nick is only starting to uncover and could have him reconsidering ever joining the R.I.P.D.!



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NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN NOVEMBER

DYNAMITE
ENTERTAINMENT



GRACE RANDOLPH'S SUPURBIA #1

Randolph / Dauterman

The fan-favourite phenomenon returns in a brand new ongoing series! Meet the Meta Legion, the world's foremost faction of crime-fighting capes. But what happens when the masks come off and the heroes are faced with the sordid problems of everyday life in the suburbs?

From rising star writer Grace Randolph (Marvel's Nation X, Heroes) and hot new talent Russell Dauterman, Grace Randolph's Supurbia is a unique new twist on the superhero genre that appeals to both diehard fans and readers completely new to comics. New stories, new characters, new drama...

Don't miss out on what Bleeding Cool called "The Superhero Comic We've Been Waiting For"!



BATMAN: ARKHAM CITY — END GAME #1

Fridolfs / Alexander

Based on events directly from the ARKHAM CITY videogame. The final, climactic battle between Batman and The Joker leads to traumatic ramifications in this epic-length adventure.

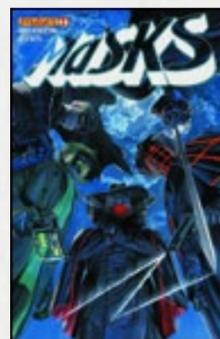
The entire digital first, 60-page story, in print for the first time FEATURING Powerful, moody artwork and wraparound cover by Jason Shawn Alexander (GOTHAM CENTRAL, Abe Sapien: The Drowning, Queen and Country)



BATTLEFIELDS GREEN FIELDS BEYOND PT 1 #1 (OF 6) (MR)

Ennis / Ezquerra

On the killing fields of Korea the Tankies find themselves back up the sharp end, as veteran Sergeant Stiles is finally given a tank that can take on any opposition. Unfortunately, the Chinese spring offensive of 1951 is on its way- leaving our heroes cut off, on their own and outnumbered ten to one. It's British steel against massed Communist hordes, as the last Battlefields series begins with a bang.



MASKS #1

Roberson / Ross

Starring The Shadow, The Green Hornet, Kato, and The Spider, in a story that only Dynamite could tell!

Before superheroes, there were Masks! They've always said it can't happen here... but what if it did? It's 1938, and the Justice Party has swept into office in New York State. But the newly-elected officials are in the control of powerful criminals, who quickly corrupt the law to their own advantage. When a fascist police state is instituted, the only ones who stand in defence of the innocent are masked vigilantes like the Shadow, the Green Hornet, Kato, and the Spider. Also, look forward to future appearances of Black Bat, Miss Fury, Black Terror, Green Lama and more!

When the law is unjust, justice must be an outlaw!



NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN NOVEMBER



ADVENTURES OF AUGUSTA WIND #1

DeMatteis / Gogtzilas

Augusta Webster thought she was an ordinary girl living an ordinary life in an ordinary town. But that was before the Snabbit-half-snake/half-rabbit-arrived to turn Augusta's world upside down and reveal that she's anything but ordinary. A new all-ages fantasy from J.M. DeMatteis, creator of Abadazad, with astonishing art by Vassilis Gogtzilas.



BORDERLANDS ORIGINS #1 (OF 4)

Neumann / Padilla

"Roland." For the millions and millions of fans of the smash-hit video game Borderlands, a lingering question

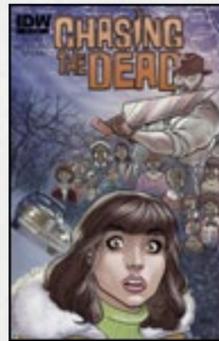
exists: how did the Vault Hunters get on the bus with Marcus in the first place? Find out how Roland got on the bus with Mordecai, Lilith, and Brick in this exciting look at the soldiers of the Crimson Lance and what made him leave their ranks and search for the Vault. Surprises abound in the first part of a four-issue series chronicling where Borderlands began!



JUDGE DREDD #1

Swierczynski / Daniel / Gulacy

In the 22nd century, crime runs rampant in Mega-City One, home to over 400 million citizens, robots, criminals and lunatics. The only line of defence between anarchy and chaos are... the Judges. And Judge Dredd is the toughest of them all. In this, Judge Dredd's 35th anniversary year, IDW is proud to re-introduce Judge Dredd to America in this all-new ongoing series.



CHASING THE DEAD #1 (OF 4)

Scott / Westland / Smith

A stranger has kidnapped Sue's daughter, Lily. But he doesn't want her money, only her suffering – and he will kill Lily if Sue

doesn't follow his every command. With detailed instructions, the faceless abductor leads Sue into a blinding snowstorm on the longest night of the year to a place she has not travelled to since childhood. The voice on the other end of her cell phone somehow knows Sue's deepest, most chilling secret – an ominous incident from her past, buried long ago...Chasing the Dead is a fast-paced, ferociously tense supernatural thriller from the twisted mind of Star Wars horror novelist Joe Schreiber (Red Harvest, Death Troopers).



LOCKE & KEY OMEGA #1 (OF 7)

Hill / Rodriguez

The Locke family's story began in 2007 in Welcome to Lovecraft, and after five years of tension and terror, there are only seven issues

left to their story. The beginning of the end starts here. Dodge has the Omega key, and nothing can stop him from using it...



MY LITTLE PONY FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC #1

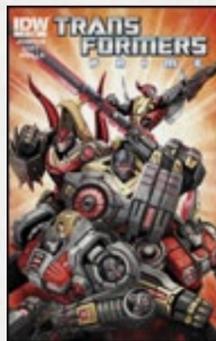
Cook / Price

Welcome to Ponyville, home of Twilight Sparkle, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie, Applejack,

and all your other favourite Ponies! Something's not right in the town though, as some of the inhabitants are acting very, very strange! It's up to the Mane Six to find the source of the weirdness before it's too late!

MY LITTLE PONY FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC #1 COMPLETE BOX SET

Collecting all 6 of the "Mane 6 covers in one handy box set, with an exclusive slipcase!



TRANSFORMERS PRIME RAGE OF THE DINOBOTS #1 (OF 4)

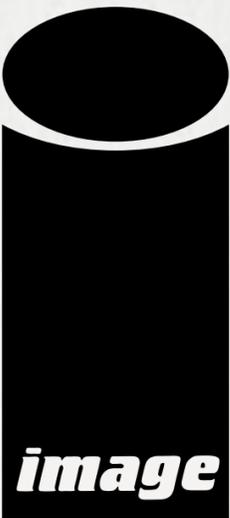
Johnson / Scott / Padilla

Bridging the story from the Fall of Cybertron video game to the Prime TV show, the Dinobots

hold the line as Cybertron falls! With Optimus Prime and the Ark long gone, the rest of the population makes their escape from the dying world-but Shockwave remains behind, continuing his experiments!



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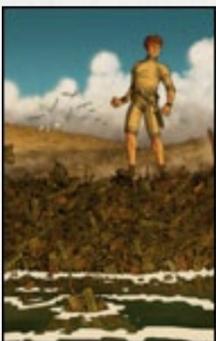
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COMEBACK #1 (OF 5)

Brisson / Walsh

Reconnect is more than a company - it's an opportunity for good. Reconnect can reverse tragedy by sending agents into the past to rescue your mother, your wife, your brother or father or child moments before their untimely death. Mark is one of these agents. He brings the rescued from the past to the present, to a blessed reunion with their loved ones. He saves lives...or does he?

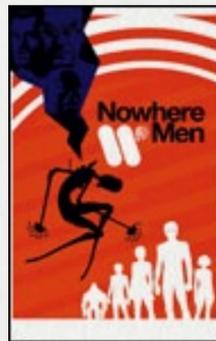


GREAT PACIFIC #1

Harris / Morazzo

"Trashed!", Part One. Chas Worthington dreams of big things, solving bigger problems, and making his mark on the world.

Only no one takes the twenty-one year-old heir to one of the biggest oil fortunes in history very seriously. That is, until he turns his back on his cushy life of wealth and prestige, and seeks to solve an environmental disaster twice the size of his native Texas known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The epic sci-fi adventure and survival tale begins!



NOWHERE MEN #1

Stephenson / Bellegarde / Bellaire

"Science is the new rock 'n' roll."

So said Dade Ellis, Simon Grimshaw, Emerson Strange and Thomas

Walker at the dawn of a new age of enlightenment that ushered in a boom in scientific advancement. As the research supergroup World Corp., they became the most celebrated scientists of all time. They changed the world - and we loved them for it. But where did it all go wrong? And when progress is made at any and all cost, who ultimately pays the price?



WHERE IS JAKE ELLIS? #1 (OF 5)

Edmondson / Zonjic

"Chapter six".

Jon is in hiding. For almost a year, he has survived on his own in a remote corner of the world, but the

powers behind the Facility have not forgotten him. The most wanted man in the world is soon in the crosshairs of powerful and mysterious people, and he will not be able to stop them on his own.



PERHAPANAUTS: DANGER DOWN UNDER! #1 (OF 5)

Dezago / Rosseau

When an Australian contingent of Bedlam goes missing, the remaining agents from the American

teams join forces to find them. But what foul Beast lurks beneath the billabongs?

Plus: Requiem for a gremlin.



STORM DOGS #1 (OF 6)

Hine / Braithwaite / Arreola

David Hine and Doug Braithwaite are re-united for Season One of this science-fiction crime thriller. A

uniquely skilled team arrives on a frontier planet to investigate a series of bizarre and violent deaths. Forced to rely on primitive technology, they soon learn what it means to be aliens in a hostile environment. If they are to unravel the mysteries of Amaranth they will also have to learn what it is to be human.



WITCH DOCTOR: MAL PRACTICE #1 (OF 6)

Seifert / Ketner

The breakout medical horror hit from Robert Kirkman's Skybound imprint is back on call!

Even the world's leading expert in supernatural disease needs to unwind sometimes. But when Dr. Morrow wakes up with no memory of what - and who! - he did last night, is it just a case of partying too hard... or something more malignant? (Hint: It's the malignant one!)

"Terrifying, hilarious, and above all else, smart." - The A.V. Club



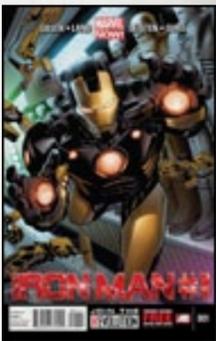
CLONE #1

Schulner / Ryp / Serrano

From Robert Kirkman's Skybound imprint, comes a sci-fi story like you've never seen before! Dr. Luke Taylor's perfect life

comes to a dramatic halt when an identical, bloodied version of himself arrives at his doorstep with news that he is one of many clones... and they're all after his pregnant wife and their unborn child!

NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN NOVEMBER



IRON MAN #1

Gillen / Land

Tony Stark—Iron Man: Technological visionary, wealthy playboy, unparalleled engineer, and armoured Avenger. His greatest invention becomes

his greatest mistake. Iron Man must act fast...and Tony Stark must build faster! The lethal techno virus Extremis is out in the wild and out for grabs to the highest bidder! It's up to Tony Stark to contain it and that means creating a new suit of armour...NOW!



MARVEL'S IRON MAN 2 ADAPTATION #1 (of 2)

Pilgrim

The Marvel Cinematic Universe returns with Iron Man 2, the adaptation of one

of Marvel Studios blockbuster films! Why does the government go after Iron Man? Plus a mysterious figure from Tony's past returns—and he's got a vendetta. Featuring: the first appearance of War Machine!



ALL-NEW X-MEN #1

Bendis / Immonen

Cyclops, Marvel Girl, Iceman, Angel and Beast – are plucked from the past and brought to the present. But what they find, the state that their future selves are in and the state of Xavier's dream, is far from the future they dreamed of.



ASTONISHING X-MEN ANNUAL #1

Gage / Baldeon

Someone is attacking friends and associates of the X-Men and it's up to Wolverine and his team to stop them. Meanwhile,

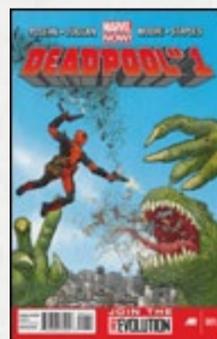
newlywed Kyle learns the hard way that marrying Northstar also meant marrying his family...and in this case, Northstar's family is the X-Men!



CAPTAIN AMERICA #1

Remender / Romita Jr

Thrust into a bizarre, inhospitable world far from home, the all-new, high-adventure, sci-fi, pulp-fantasy era of Captain America is NOW! With no country and no allies, what's left for the Sentinel of Liberty to protect?



DEADPOOL #1

Duggan / Posehn / Moore

Dead former United States presidents have been resurrected, and the Marvel heroes can't be the ones to stop them. Someone is needed with the reputation, skills and plausible deniability to take them out... NOW! is the time for Deadpool... In Wade We Trust!



FANTASTIC FOUR #1

Fraction / Bagley

Four adults. Two kids. One "car." NOW! begins a journey through all of infinite time and space.



FF #1

Fraction / Allred

In the absence of the Fantastic Four, a substitute Four, hand-picked by the real deal - Ant-Man, Medusa, She-Hulk and Miss Thing - stand ready to guard

the Earth and the nascent Future Foundation for four minutes... NOW! what could possibly go wrong?



INDESTRUCTIBLE HULK #1

Waid / Yu

Hulk - indestructible force. Banner – smartest man alive. Combined they are the strongest, smartest weapon on the planet! And

NOW! the Indestructible Hulk is an Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.!



THOR: GOD OF THUNDER #1

Aaron / Ribic

Throughout the ages, the gods of the Marvel Universe have been vanishing, their mortal worshippers left in chaos. NOW!

the Mighty Thor follows a trail of blood that threatens to consume his past, present and future selves. The only hope for these ravaged worlds lies with the God of Thunder unravelling the gruesome mystery of the God Butcher!



MINIMUM CARNAGE: OMEGA #1

Yost / Bunn

Houston is on fire as Carnage's greatest act of evil may be his final hour! The most dangerous web-slingers of all unite with humanity

at stake! Cullen Bunn, Chris Yost and Lan Medina bring the crossover smash hit to it's synapse-shattering finale!



VENOM #27.1

Bunn / Silas

The fall out of Minimum Carnage is here! The wounds of Carnage still fresh, Flash Thompson confronts his past as a bully – and

makes a momentous decision about his future!



X-MEN: LEGACY #1

Spurrier / Huat

Legion, the most powerful and unstable mutant in the world and son to Professor Charles Xavier, has killed gods and reshaped the face of

the universe. NOW! in the aftermath of Avengers vs. X-Men, Legion will finally attempt to conquer his demons and embrace his father's legacy!



ULTIMATE COMICS X-MEN #18.1

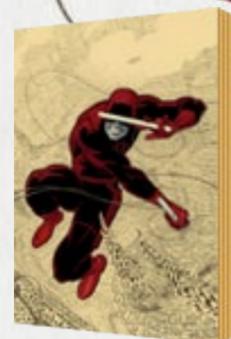
Wood / Andrade

Meet Mach Two, former Morlock tunnel refugee turned mutant resistance fighter! Will she side with Kitty Pryde or

become a dangerous new enemy? A brave new world for the nation's surviving mutants starts here!

NOVEL IDEAS

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



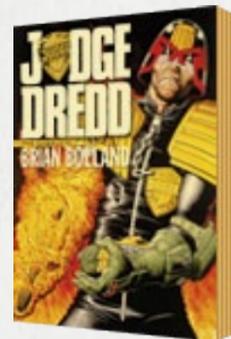
DAREDEVIL BY MARK WAID VOL. 1 HC

Waid / Rivera / Martin / Rios / Pham

Marvel, 288 pages

The Man Without Fear is back with new enemies, new friends and that same old “grinnin’ in the face of hell” attitude for a new, Eisner Award-winning spin that will leave you gasping for air. Having turned his world upside over the past several years, Matt Murdock realizes justice may not be blind to his past - and villains may not be the only ones looking for answers.

Collecting Daredevil #1-10.1, and Amazing Spider-Man #677.



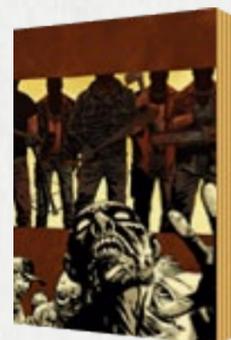
JUDGE DREDD HC - COMPLETE BRIAN BOLLAND

Wagner / Bolland

IDW, 248 pages

Mega-City One, 2099. This vast urban nightmare has sprung up from the post-apocalyptic ashes of North America’s east coast. Each of the 400 million citizens based there is a potential criminal and only the Judges can prevent total anarchy. These future lawmen are judge, jury, and executioner. Toughest of them all is Judge Dredd – he is the Law!

By the end of 1977 Brian Bolland was regularly handling art chores for John Wagner’s scripts on Judge Dredd. All told, he illustrated 20 stories.



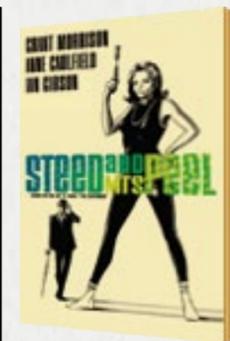
THE WALKING DEAD, VOL. 17: SOMETHING TO FEAR

Kirkman / Adlard / Rathburn

Image, 144 pages

In this volume of the New York Times bestselling survival horror, Rick and his band of survivors work to build a larger network of thriving communities, and soon discover that Negan’s “Saviours” prove to be a larger threat than they could have fathomed. Crossing Negan will lead to serious, dire consequences for the group; it seems that for the first time since the Governor’s reign of terror that Rick may have Something to Fear.

Collects The Walking Dead #97-102.



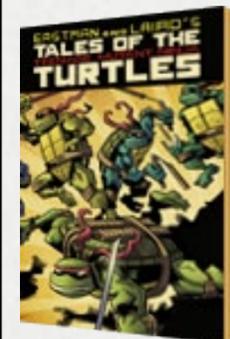
STEED AND MRS. PEEL: THE GOLDEN GAME

Morrison / Caulfield / Gibson

BOOM!, 160 pages

John Steed reunites with Emma Peel to investigate the disappearance of

his new partner, Tara King, as the legendary Grant Morrison (Allstar Superman, Arkham Asylum) and Ian Gibson (The Ballad Of Halo Jones) enter Steed and Mrs. Peel into “The Golden Game”! Also, Mr. Peel comes back to England from the Amazon — but some unwanted guests have come along for the ride. Emma Peel fights for her husband’s life in “Deadly Rainbow”!



TALES OF THE TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES VOL. 1

Eastman / Lawson / Various

With a new cover by Steve Lavigne, this book collects issues #1-4, which

include the stories “A Tale of the TMNT,” “Nobody’s Fool,” “All Hallow’s Thieves,” and “I, Monster.” Read along again (or for the first time!) to enjoy the enormity of the Turtles’ universe.



JUSTICE LEAGUE VOL. 2: THE VILLAIN’S JOURNEY HC

Johns / Lee / Williams / Ha / D’anda / Reis / Prado

DC, 176 pages

Shifting focus to the present-day Justice League,

what has changed? Who has joined the team? And why does Green Arrow want to join those ranks so badly? Plus, someone is out to get the Justice League, and he is determined to show the world how mortal these godlike beings really are!

Collects Justice League #7-12.



THE BOOKS OF MAGIC DELUXE EDITION HC

Gaiman / Bolton / Vess / Johnson / Hampton

DC Vertigo, 208 pages

From Neil Gaiman comes a mesmerizing tale

of the dangers and opportunities of youth, and its endless possibilities. The Books Of Magic collects all four issues of the original miniseries in hardcover for the first time.

Timothy Hunter could be the most powerful magician in the world, but does he really want to be? John Constantine, Phantom Stranger, Mister E, and Doctor Occult attempt to aid Timothy in choosing his path, but by the time Timothy makes a choice, it may already have been made for him.



DEADPOOL: DEAD HC

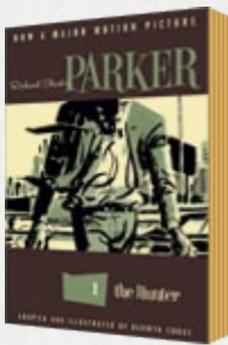
Way / Barberi / Garza / Crystal / Espin

Marvel, 328 pages

Deadpool is desperate to end it all, but his healing factor makes dying a near-

impossibility. When Wade finds the one thing in the world that can kill him, will he get his wish? And will his teammates in X-Force stop him — or pull the trigger themselves? Then, the Intelligencia beat Deadpool badly — but just who is underneath the mercenary’s mask? Finally, with his healing factor gone at last, Deadpool faces down his old foes in a final blazing battle! But as Deadpool’s most dangerous fight reaches a fever pitch, Wade comes to a terrible realization! Would Marvel really kill off a character with a movie rumoured? What, do you expect us to spoil the ending here? Guest-starring Daken, Taskmaster, Black Tom Cassidy, Hit Monkey and more!

Collecting Deadpool (2008) #50-63.



PARKER THE HUNTER

Cooke

IDW, 160 pages

The Hunter is the story of a man who hits New York head-on like a shotgun blast to the chest.

Betrayed by the woman he loved and double-crossed by his partner in crime, Parker makes his way cross-country with only one thought burning in his mind—to coldly exact his revenge and reclaim what was taken from him!

Richard Stark (AKA Donald Westlake) was a master writer of crime fiction and Parker is arguably his greatest Creation—having been featured in more than a dozen novels and several well-regarded films (including Point Blank with Lee Marvin and Payback with Mel Gibson), and an upcoming one starring Jason Statham and Jennifer Lopez due this fall.

The Hunter is the first in a series of Parker graphic novels that Darwyn Cooke, who has won nearly every award available to comics creators, is adapting.



CONAN VOL. 13: QUEEN OF THE BLACK COAST HC

Wood / Cloonan / Harren

Dark Horse, 152 pages

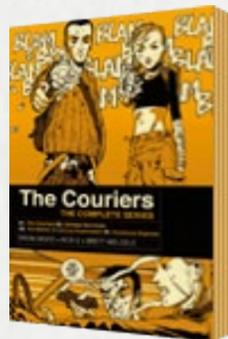
Kicking off Dark Horse's sweeping adaptation of Robert E.

Howard's "Queen of the Black Coast," Conan turns his back on the civilized world and takes to the Western Ocean. Finding first danger and then passion in the arms of the pirate queen Bêlit, the Cimmerian begins a new life of pleasure and pillage along the Black Coast, in this epic of romance and terror!

This great jumping-on point collects issues #1-#6 of the Conan the Barbarian series.

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THE COURIERS COMPLETE COLLECTION

Wood / Rob G / Weldele
Image, 360 pages

Collecting the complete four-volume saga, this epic story from 2002-2005 is the

hyper-violent, tongue-in-cheek tale of mercenary bike messengers in New York City who do the jobs no one else will: the black market runs, the smuggling, the hits and the double crosses. The Couriers Complete Collection represents the bulk of creator-writer Brian Wood's (DMZ, Demo, The Massive, The X-Men) early-'00s work.



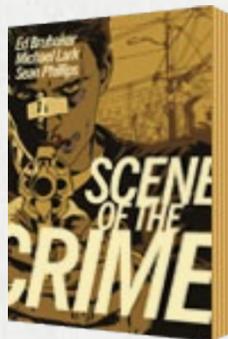
CAPTAIN MARVEL VOL. 1: IN PURSUIT OF FLIGHT

DeConnick / Soy / Rios
Marvel, 136 pages

The " Mightiest " of Earth's Mightiest Heroes is back! Carol Danvers has a new name,

a new mission — and all the power she needs to make her own life a living hell. As the new Captain Marvel, Carol is forging a new future for herself, but finds she can't walk away from a challenge from her past! It's a firefight in the sky as the Banshee Squadron debut — but who are the Prowlers, and where has Carol seen them before? Witness Captain Marvel in blazing battlefield action that just may change the course of history!

Collecting Captain Marvel (2012) #1-6.

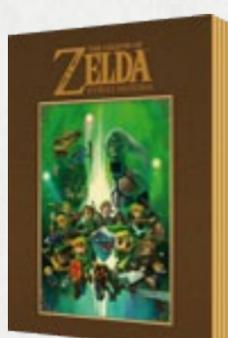


SCENE OF THE CRIME DELUXE HC

Brubaker / Lark
Image, 128 pages

From the co-creators of Gotham Central and Fatale comes a lost crime noir masterpiece. Long out of print,

and presented here for the first time in an oversized hardback edition, Scene Of The Crime was the first time Ed Brubaker and Michael Lark worked together. This is where it all began, with a hard-hitting mystery story, a modern day "Chinatown" that garnered nominations for Best Miniseries and Best Writer in the 2000 Eisner Awards. Also included in this new collection are behind the scenes art and stories, a new foreword by Brubaker, and many other extras.



LEGEND OF ZELDA: HYRULE HISTORIA HC

Miyamoto / Aonuma
Dark Horse, 248 pages

Containing an unparalleled collection of historical information on

The Legend of Zelda franchise, this handsome hardcover contains never-before-seen concept art, the full history of Hyrule, the official chronology of the games, information about the storied history of Link's adventures from the creators themselves, and much more! As a bonus, an exclusive comic by the foremost creator of The Legend of Zelda manga, Akira Himekawa, is included!



BATMAN: NO MAN'S LAND VOL. 4

Dixon / O'Neil / Various

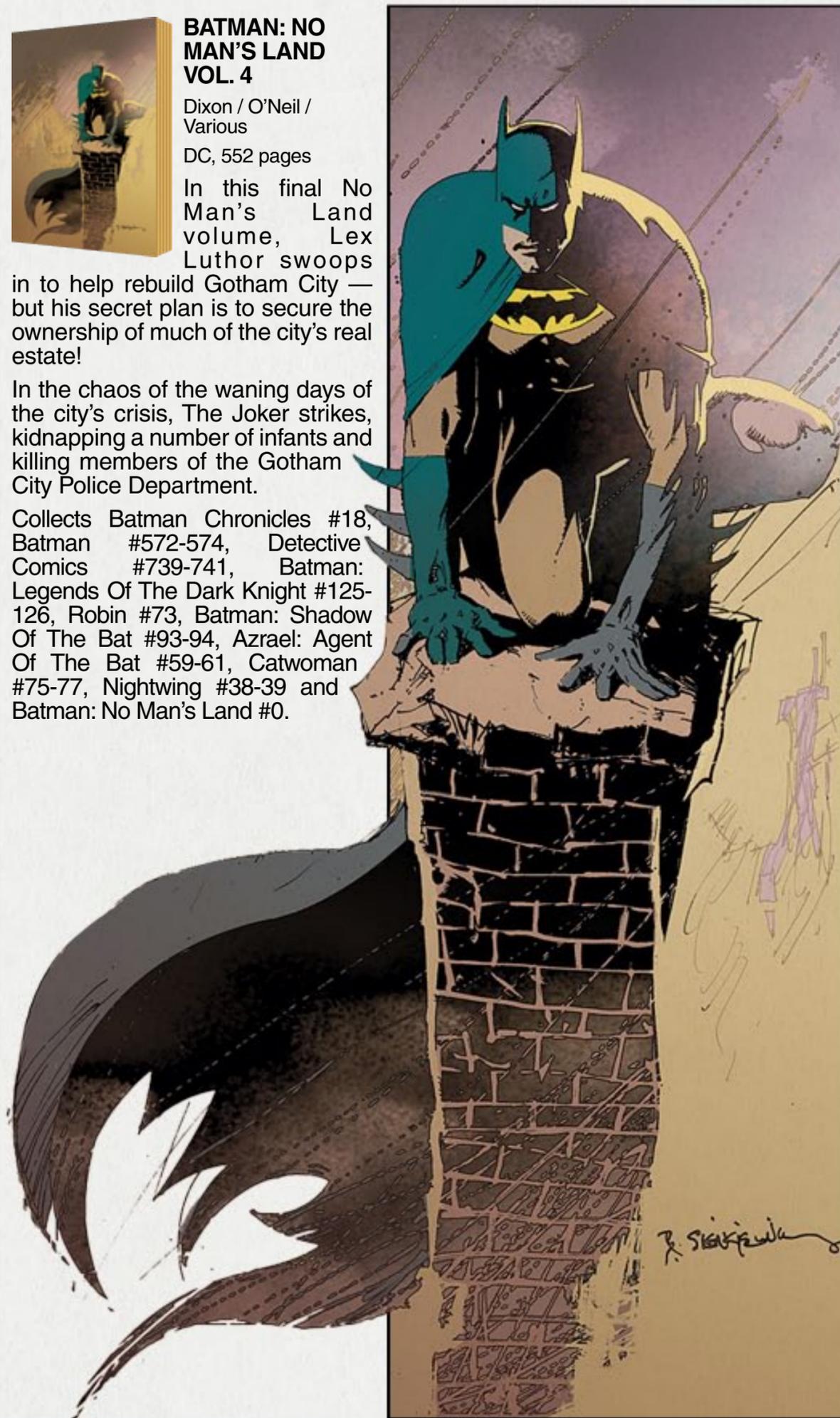
DC, 552 pages

In this final No Man's Land volume, Lex Luthor swoops

in to help rebuild Gotham City — but his secret plan is to secure the ownership of much of the city's real estate!

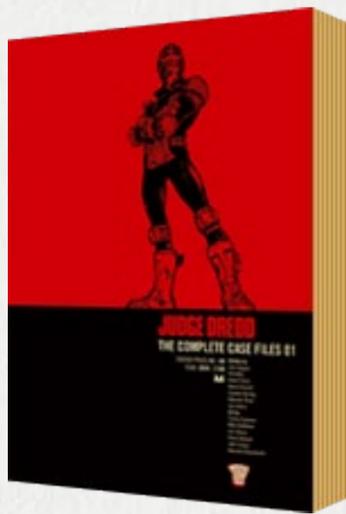
In the chaos of the waning days of the city's crisis, The Joker strikes, kidnapping a number of infants and killing members of the Gotham City Police Department.

Collects Batman Chronicles #18, Batman #572-574, Detective Comics #739-741, Batman: Legends Of The Dark Knight #125-126, Robin #73, Batman: Shadow Of The Bat #93-94, Azrael: Agent Of The Bat #59-61, Catwoman #75-77, Nightwing #38-39 and Batman: No Man's Land #0.



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.



JUDGE DREDD: THE COMPLETE CASE FILES 01 (2005)

Wagner / Mills / Ezquerra / Bolland /
and others

"For almost thirty years, one man has dominated the British comic scene. He is judge, jury and executioner, a merciless far-future lawman delivering justice with an iron fist on the mean streets of Mega-City One. He is Judge Dredd!"

Now you can re-discover the roots of this legendary character in this vast and Thrill-packed series of graphic novels

collecting together all of Dredd's adventures in chronological order, complete and uncut!" - 2000AD

First appearing in the second issue of **2000AD** in 1977, **Judge Dredd** has gone on to become arguably the most successful and recognisable British comic book character ever and has been in publication ever since his debut.

Over the years a number of key Dredd tales have been told, but **Case Files 01** contains the very first, and ultimately essential, establishing Judge Dredd stories, first published 1977-1978. Amongst these mostly stand-alone episodes are the multi-part 'Robot Wars' story, 'The Return of Rico' featuring Dredd's revenge-seeking clone brother, and the 'Luna-1' moon-based collection. Also included are a series of **Walter the Wobot** single page tales and **Carlos Ezquerra's** initial 'Dredd' introduction.

The artwork is provided mainly by four of the most famous 2000AD artists - **Carlos Ezquerra**, **Ian Gibson**, **Mike McMahon** and the infamous **Brian Bolland**, whose work is outstanding throughout.

Among the half-dozen writers that contribute, character-creator **John Wagner's** stories stand clearly above the rest, while **Pat Mills** writes probably the best single tale ('The Return of Rico').

With the **Dredd 3D** movie about to introduce a whole new set of fans to Mega-City One's ultimate law enforcer, now is a great time to revisit a younger, less hardened Judge Dredd, establishing his rightfully-earned place in UK comic history. He is the *law*, after all.



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...

This month there is too much on offer:

*The **Marvel** relaunch bodes very well indeed, as long as the stated intent is carried out. Axel Alonso has stated he wants to give each creative team on each new title, security of tenure and allow them to grow the title and make it unique. Trying to recapture the uniqueness of past glories such as **MASTER OF KUNG FU**, **LUKE CAGE POWERMAN**, **MANTHING**, **HOWARD THE DUCK** and **THE DEFENDERS**. The sole problem is that there will be so many titles to try from. My personal choice will be **INDESTRUCTIBLE HULK** as this is written by **Mark Waid** and his work on **DAREDEVIL** is brilliant.*

*My pick from **Dark Horse** is **MASSIVE**, now at issue six but growing in story structure.*

***DC** just power on, but, the '**DEATH OF THE FAMILY**' **JOKER** story line has got to be the big draw this month.*

***IDW** bring back **JUDGE DREDD**, this is just massive as far as I am concerned.*

*For children check out **MY LITTLE PONY** #1.*

***Image**: **CLONE** #1. Explores the ramifications of cloning.*

***Boom Studios**: **SUPURBIA** #1. The life of super-heroes in Supurbia went down a storm as a mini series and returns on going.*

***D.E. Dynamite**: **MASKS** #1 (of 8). Brings together **THE SHADOW**, **GREEN HORNET** and **THE SPIDER** in a series which in issue one has fully painted **Alex Ross** artwork. I love old pulp stories, I love **Alex Ross** art. What more do you need to know.*

***Oni Press**: **BAD MEDICINE** #1. **CSI** meets **NYPBD** meets horror. As all **Oni Press** series, good art and strong story.*

***Valiant**: Check out any of these new series as they are definitely worth a read.*

*I am totally spoilt for choice. - **BIFF***



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BLACK KISS

When the First Black Kiss series came out, back in 1988, the sexual content meant that it was not allowed in this country. Being a libertarian and all for freedom of expression I felt I was morally obliged to do my bit for artistic licence. I duly ordered this and some titles from Fantagraphics' Eros imprint. Alas, my entire shipment of comics, both sexually explicit and regular comics was impounded and destroyed. I was warned that if I brought in another shipment I would be prosecuted. Duly chastened I did not try again.

The old importation law of contamination is used. This was originally written to protect the country from infection. Hence if one crate of fruit is rotten then the whole shipment is destroyed, in case they too are infected. It is a stretch to apply this to books, but this is how UK Customs operate.

Roll forward 24 years and the second series is out. Diamond Comics brought in the first issue and I assumed the content must be tamer than the first series. Having seen the issue I am gob smacked that it was allowed in the country. It is outrageous. It's portrayal of all manner of sex acts is just as obscene as the original, if not worse. Diamond have now decided that they will not bring in further issues in case the whole of the UK's comics for one week get caught by the UK Customs use of the 'contamination' law.

Am I incensed by Diamond's decision? No. I am incensed by Howard Chaykin's work. Comics are still seen as the

territory of children and the content of Black Kiss just cannot be openly displayed in a comic shop. I had already decided to make it a pre order comic before it arrived. Fearing that it would be too explicit. Our industry has a long way to go to establish itself as a genre for young and old, for spy stories for fairy tales, for horror, for romance. Jumping in feet first with something you can only get from X Rated DVDs or adult sites on the internet is not my idea of proving that comics are of age.

Am I still a libertarian? Tough question. If people wish to read X Rated comics then I would not wish to prevent them from reading them. I would not want to prevent people creating them. However, I will not be up in arms about this. My experience has taught me that the number of people interested in such product is so low that the absence of Black Kiss will not even raise a eyebrow or be noticed by 99.99% of my customers.

BLUEWATER PRODUCTIONS LEAVE DIAMOND

"Experience has shown me that if your name is not DC or Marvel, it is very difficult to get support from Diamond. As an independent producer, I felt it was time to take our titles to the next level." Bluewater President Darren G. Davis talking on line about his decision to withdraw his company from Diamond distribution.

A bit of controversy about the power of Diamond and the inability of small publishers to get a toe hold?

No. Diamond have a minimum order threshold and if a title does not get sufficient orders they do not carry that item. This is the same for everyone, not targeted at Bluewater or anyone else. This threshold is very low and if a comic does not hit it then the question to be answered is why not. Not to berate Diamond for their intransigence on the threshold level. This threshold has not stopped Ardvark, Abstract Studios or Cartoon Books and many more. The reason they succeed is the quality of the comics they put out. Any title from Bluewater has very dubious production qualities. The artwork is, in my opinion, amateurish and the stories not gripping enough to get past the artwork.

This is not big brother Diamond picking on independents. This is comic readers turning their noses up to inferior product.

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 Brenden and Bryony, Lea in Southend, Richard and Guy in Richmond, Ivor, Darren, Scott, Scott, Lorna, Stuart and Bennie in Glasgow...

TRY SOMETHING OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT READING.

Anything from Image, except Liefeld associated, is sure to be a breath of fresh air. Manhattan Project, Saga, Secret, Fatale, Hoax Hunters to name a good few. Anything from Top Shelf, a wide and intriguing range of styles and subject matter. Oh and read more comics.