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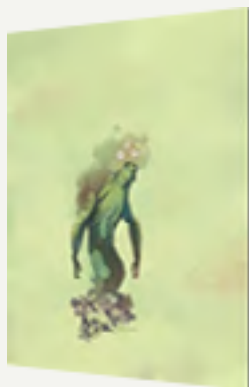
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**1 FOR \$1:
ABE SAPIEN #1**
**Mike Mignola | Scott Allie
| Sebastian Fiumara**

To celebrate the release of the new trade paperback collection, Dark Horse is offering Abe Sapien #1 again-for \$1! On the run from the B.P.R.D., a mutated Abe

Sapien traverses a devastated America, with monster corpses scattered around and cities in ruin.

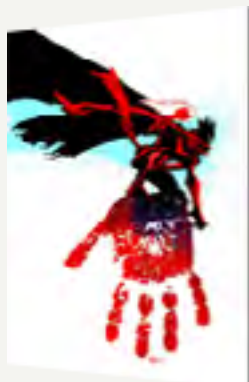


**1 FOR \$1:
STAR WARS LEGACY #1**
**Corinna Bechko |
Gabriel Hardman**

Read the first chapter in the saga of Ania Solo-Han and Leia's great-great-granddaughter-for only \$1! She's just a girl trying to make her way in the galaxy,

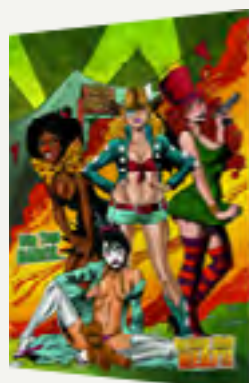
who comes into possession of a lightsaber and an Imperial communications droid-and discovers she has been targeted for death!

In the aftermath of Legacy: War, this is what's next!



**1 FOR \$1:
THE VICTORIES #1 (MR)**
Michael Avon Oeming

Meet the Victories-six heroes sworn to protect us from crime, corruption, and the dark. When the team member Faustus uncovers his traumatic hidden past, will he self-destruct?

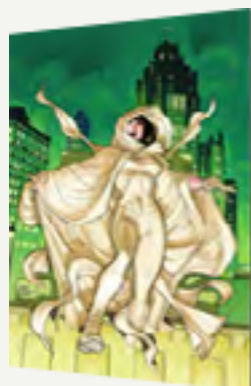


**CLOWN FATALE #1
(OF 4)**
**Victor Gischler | Maurizio
Rosenzweig**

Sexy female clowns are mistaken for contract killers and abandon their shabby traveling circus for a world of violence and cruelty-with clown makeup.

By Victor Gischler (Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Spike-A Dark Place, Punisher MAX, X-Men) and featuring covers by Tim Seeley (Hack/Slash, Revival)!

NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN NOVEMBER: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



GHOST #1
**Kelly Sue DeConnick |
Christopher Sebela**

Ghost, the hero trapped between two worlds, fights to protect Chicago from extradimensional demons disguised as humans. When a familiar stranger destroys an el train, Ghost makes a

deal with a devil for the chance to uncover her own mysterious past. The perfect issue to join this action-packed superhero title!



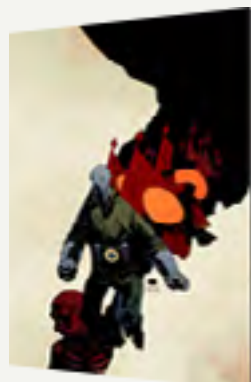
**NEVER ENDING #1
(OF 3) (MR)**

**Adam P. Knave | D.J.
Kirkbride | Robert Love**

Fighting crime isn't superhero Charles Baxter's main problem-it's fighting time! Trapped for decades in a superpowered body that never ages but is

now driving him insane, Chuck's only hope for a "permanent cure" is to team up with his archnemesis Archibald Crane. He just needs the evil scientist to stop hitting him first!

The writers behind Amelia Cole deliver a strange, stunning superhero adventure in Robert Love's superheroic follow-up to Number 13!

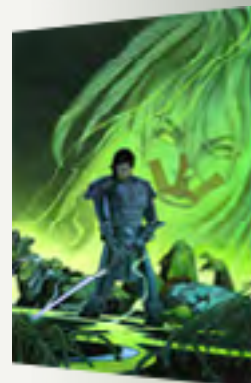


**SLEDGEHAMMER 44:
LIGHTNING WAR #1
(OF 3)**

**Mike Mignola | John
Arcudi | Laurence
Campbell**

After the classified, advanced airplane known as the Flying Wing is hijacked by the Nazis, Sledgehammer is

sent on a special recovery mission that pits him against the deadly Black Flame!



**STAR WARS DAWN
OF THE JEDI:
FORCE WAR #1**

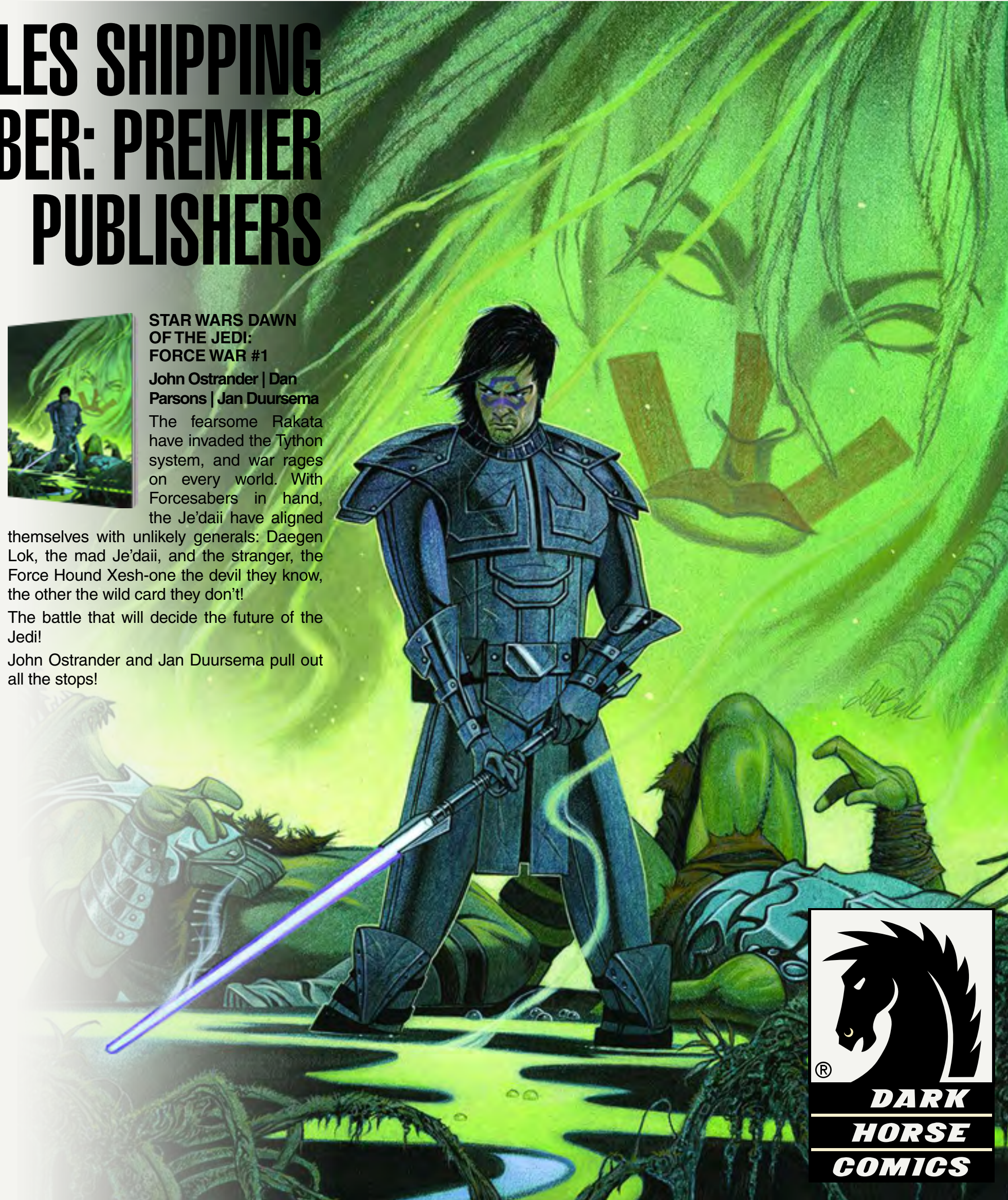
**John Ostrander | Dan
Parsons | Jan Duursema**

The fearsome Rakata have invaded the Tython system, and war rages on every world. With Forcesabers in hand, the Je'daii have aligned

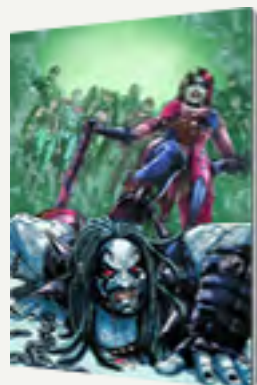
themselves with unlikely generals: Daegen Lok, the mad Je'daii, and the stranger, the Force Hound Xesh-one the devil they know, the other the wild card they don't!

The battle that will decide the future of the Jedi!

John Ostrander and Jan Duursema pull out all the stops!



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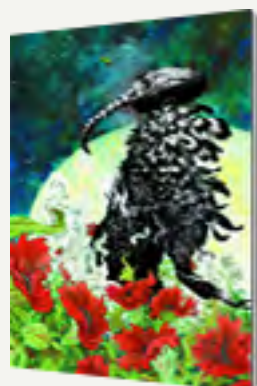


INJUSTICE: GODS AMONG US ANNUAL #1

Tom Taylor | Xermanico

Lobo invades the world of Injustice in "The Main Man Among Us." When Superman's world was cruelly taken from him, his retribution was swift. But one of

the perpetrators is still out there, and her freedom gnaws at him. But The Man of Steel can't spend time tracking down one person-not when the entire world needs him. So he enlists the help of Lobo, one of the greatest bounty hunters in the universe, to track down a now super-powered Harley Quinn!



THE SANDMAN: OVERTURE #1 SPECIAL EDITION (MR)

Neil Gaiman | J. H. Williams

Each of the six issues of The Sandman: Overture will be followed the next month by its own Special Edition which will include an interview

with a member of the creative team, plus rare artwork and more. This issue starts things off with an interview with J.H. Williams.

This issue will include the entire first issue of the new miniseries, including the gatefold in its original form before coloring, giving readers a behind-the-scenes at J.H. Williams' unique process. Williams' original coloring will be shown in addition to the black, white and gray tones of the original work. In addition, the lettering will be translucent, allowing the reader to see the exquisite artwork behind the word balloons.



SCOOBY DOO TEAM UP #1

Sholly Fisch | Dario Brizuela

Rumors of a giant bat-creature bring Scooby and the gang on the run - but Batman and Robin are already on the trail of their old foe, the monstrous Man-

Bat. Before long, the crooks behind a fake bat-creature will come face-to-face with the real thing... with the good guys caught in the middle!

Don't miss the start of this new, bimonthly series!



DC COMICS ESSENTIALS: GREEN LANTERN #1

Geoff Johns | Doug Mahnke | Various

This first DC Comics-The New 52 issue stars Sinestro, who must enlist the help of Hal Jordan to free the people of Korugar from the grip of

his former army of Yellow Lanterns!



DC COMICS ESSENTIALS: JUSTICE LEAGUE #1

Geoff Johns | Jim Lee | Scott Williams

The issue that kicked off DC Comics-The New 52 is reprinted in this promotionally priced special!

Don't miss the start of the story that brought together Batman, Green Lantern, and the rest of the Justice League!

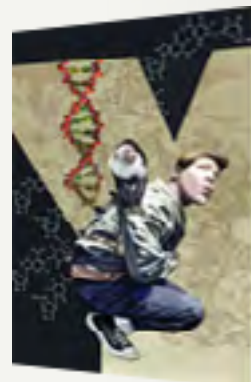


VERTIGO ESSENTIALS: FABLES #1 (MR)

Bill Willingham | Lan Medina | Steve Leialoha

The first issue of Bill Willingham's Eisner Award-winning series is reprinted in this new edition. Don't miss the issue that introduced

the Fables of legend into New York City-and asked the question "Who killed Rose Red?"



VERTIGO ESSENTIALS: Y: THE LAST MAN #1 (MR)

Brian K. Vaughan | Pia Guerra | José Marzan

A science-fiction epic begins in the first issue of the hit series Y: The Last Man, as a mysterious plague wipes out every

male on Earth-with the exception of escape artist Yorick Brown and his pet monkey, Ampersand.



HARLEY QUINN #0

Amanda Conner | Jimmy Palmiotti | Darwyn Cooke | Various

This bombastic debut issue features art by award-winning illustrators including Darwyn Cooke, Sam Kieth, Tony S. Daniel, Paul Pope, Walter

Simonson, Art Baltazar and others-but will any of them measure up to the exacting standards of the Clown Princess of Crime? Don't miss the thrilling return of Harley Quinn in her own monthly series!



MAXX MAXXIMIZED #1
Sam Kieth | William Messner-Loebs

Sam Kieth has long been renowned for his stunning artistry and insightful and quirky stories. Now, IDW is proud to present a re-mastered edition (complete with new

scans of all Maxx pages from the original art) with revised coloring, all overseen by Kieth.

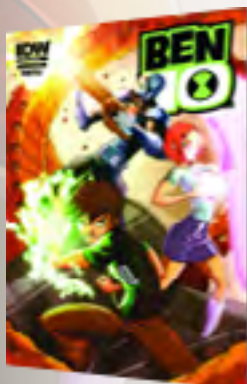
The Maxx tells the story of a homeless person who lives in a box and moves back and forth between our reality and "The Outback," a heroic fantasy realm. He is aided and accompanied by Julie Winters, a social worker in our world and a beautiful jungle princess in The Outback.



MR PEABODY & SHERMAN #1 (OF 4)
Sholly Fisch | Jorge Monlongo

A dog...and his boy?! Join the classic Jay Ward characters, the world's smartest individual who happens to be a dog, Mr. Peabody, and his son Sherman, on their

maiden voyage in the time-traveling WABAC machine and other adventures exploring history.



BEN 10 #1
Jason Henderson | Gordon Purcell

Who knew vacation could be this exciting? Ben Tennyson and his teammates kick off a maelstrom of action when an ocean cruise brings Ben in the cross hairs of Ssserpent, who's out to find a long-lost underwater society. But does Ben's new, slightly oddball love interest harbor dark secrets of her own?

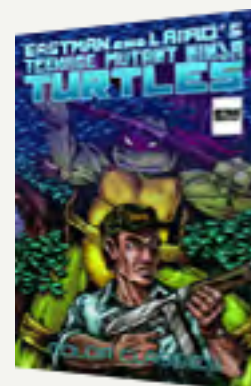
Aliens, superpowers, ships and swimsuits: the perfect ingredients for high-seas adventure.

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**MY LITTLE PONY
ART GALLERY**
Various

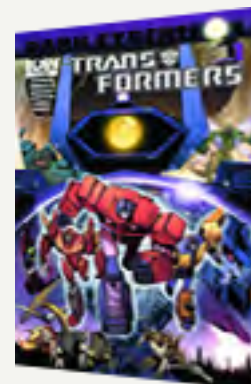
Showcasing beautiful pin-ups and covers from some of the best new My Little Pony artistic talent! Will this be where you find your new favorite artist?



**TEENAGE MUTANT
NINJA TURTLES
COLOR CLASSICS #1**
Peter Laird

Revisit this TMNT Mirage classic in full glorious color! A fun-filled and relaxing picnic turns into action-filled drama for our heroes as they suddenly find

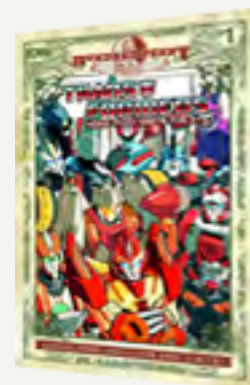
themselves thrust into battle against militant survivalists, all the while racing to disarm a nuclear bomb that's primed to start World War Three!



**TRANSFORMERS:
DARK CYBERTRON #1**
James Roberts | John Barber | Phil Jimenez | Various

the end of everything! Shockwave makes a move millions of years in the planning-an ultimate plan to remake Cybertron and destroy

both the Autobots and Decepticons! Bringing together the casts of the hit More Than Meets The Eye and Robots In Disguise for the first time in two years!



**TRANSFORMERS:
MORE THAN
MEETS EYE
100 PENNY PRESS #1**
James Roberts | Nick Roche

Rediscover the beginning of the ultimate Transformers saga, for only a buck! The first issue of the epic quest

from the fan-favorite creative team behind Last Stand of the Wreckers!



**TRANSFORMERS:
ROBOTS IN DISGUISE
100 PENNY PRESS #1**
John Barber | Andrew Griffith

Go back and discover how it all began, for only one dollar! Bumblebee and his fellow Autobots struggle to maintain control of a world without Optimus Prime!

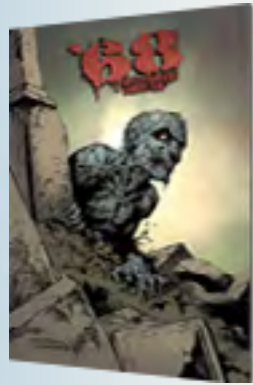


**WRAITH: WELCOME
TO CHRISTMASLAND
#1 (OF 5)**
Joe Hill | Charles Paul Wilson III

Joe Hill's New York Times Bestselling novel, NOS4A2, introduced readers to the terrifying funhouse world of Christmasland, and the

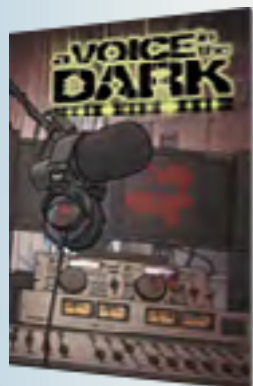
mad man who rules there: Charlie Talent Manx III. Now, in an original new comic miniseries, Hill throws wide the candy cane gates to tell a standalone story that is at once both accessible to new readers, and sure to delight fans of the book.

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68 HALLOWED GROUND (ONE-SHOT) Mark Kidwell | Josh Medors | Various

On February 13, 1968, a passenger train derails in Streiner, Mississippi when a rotting mass of the living dead blocks the tracks. Hundreds are killed and the few desperate survivors are forced to hole up as best they can within the confines of the small rural town. Trapped in a tiny church, two soldiers fresh from the killing fields of Vietnam must do their best to defend a handful of civilians from the oncoming horde of flesh-eating cadavers. While a man named for the devil holds the barricaded sanctuary, a sniper in the belfry above practices his deadly trade, slaying the "disciples" of hell from a hundred yards away. Together, they must brave the living nightmares of 1968 and fight to hold their tiny piece of Hallowed Ground.



A VOICE IN THE DARK #1 Larime Taylor

It's been 72 days since Zoey killed someone. With her recent move to college, Zoey is eager to start a fresh chapter of her life - one where she can control her dark urges they way she has before. But when she becomes the host of a late night campus radio show, Zoey must consider if she has given a voice to something far more troubled than her anonymous callers.



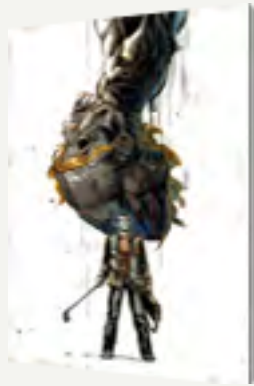
ALEX + ADA #1 Jonathan Luna | Sarah Vaughn

From Jonathan Luna (Girls, The Sword, Spider-Woman, Ultra) and Sarah Vaughn (Sparkshooter) comes Alex + Ada, a sci-fi drama set in the near future. The last thing in the world Alex wanted was an X5, the latest in realistic androids. But when Ada is dropped into his life, will Alex keep her?



BLACK SCIENCE #1 Rick Remender | Matteo Scalera | Dean White

Grant McKay, former member of The Anarchistic Order of Scientists, has finally done the impossible: he has deciphered Black Science and punched through the barriers of reality. But what lay beyond the veil was not epiphany but chaos. Now Grant and his team are lost, living ghosts shipwrecked on an infinite ocean of alien worlds, barreling through the long-forgotten, ancient, and unimaginable dark realms. The only way is forward. The only question is how far are they willing to go, and how much can they endure, to get home again?



DRUMHELLAR (PREVIOUSLY STRANGEWAYS) #1 Alex Link | Riley Rossmo

When shock-induced visions drive a detective specializing in the paranormal to a small town in South Dakota, he finds himself up against flesh-hungry bog-men, his ex-girlfriend, their mutual ex-girlfriend (did we mention she's a werewolf?), and a demon that's stolen his arsenal of psychedelics. Then things start to get weird. We live in strange times. They call for strange ways!

New series from Bedlam's Riley Rossmo!



GODLAND FINALE Joe Casey | Tom Scioli

At long last - the finale is here! 72 Pages of giant Gød-comics! What began eight long years ago comes to its cosmic conclusion! Will all questions be answered? Let's just put it this way: this is it! The single issue where comic books are changed forever is finally dropping! Buy this book and take the next step!



MANIFEST DESTINY #1 Chris Dingess | Matthew Roberts | Owen Gieni

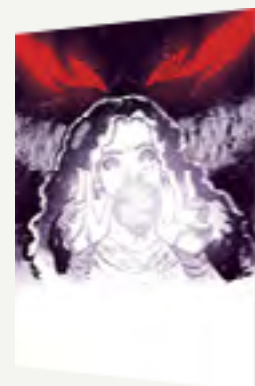
In 1804, Captain Meriwether Lewis and Second Lieutenant William Clark set out on an expedition to explore the uncharted American frontier. This is the story of what they discovered lurking in the wilds... Skybound's newest original series unveils the monsters of the western frontier in the adventure of a lifetime!



PROTECTORS INC #1 J. Michael Straczynski | Gordon Purcell | Michael Atiyeh

Protectors, Inc.: Heroes in a world without super-powered bad guys. Heroes with corporate sponsors and far too polite rivalries and sporting franchises. Heroes without anything or anyone to fight... until one of them is murdered in ways that could only have been accomplished by someone with equal powers.

Solving the mystery falls to Lieutenant Detective John Riley, an ordinary man whose investigation takes him into a strange and dangerous world light years beyond his abilities to understand and very likely far beyond his capacity to survive. The trail leads to a fifty-year-old secret that could threaten the very existence of Protectors, Inc., an impossible love affair, and a serial killer whose work is not yet finished.



UMBRAL #1 (MR) Antony Johnston | Christopher Mitten

"The Day Dawned Twice" A new dark fantasy from the creators of Wasteland! The young thief called Rascal witnesses the horrific murder of the royal family - now the world's dark legends will be relived, and only Rascal even knows it's happening!





CATACLYSM: ULTIMATES #1 (OF 3)

Joshua Hale Fialkov | Carmine Di Giandomenico

Nick Fury has defied the odds all his life and is no stranger to extinction level events. It's time to save the world again...at any cost!

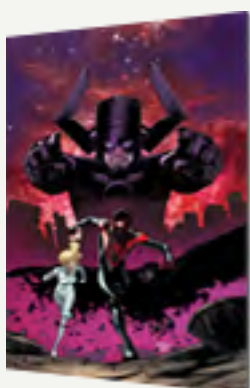


CATACLYSM: ULTIMATES LAST STAND #1 (OF 5)

Brian Michael Bendis | Mark Bagley

The biggest ultimate event yet! Marvel's Galactus vs. The Ultimates! Age Of Ultron ripped a hole into the Ultimate Universe.

Galactus came through...hungry. Is this the last stand of the Ultimate heroes?



CATACLYSM: ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN #1 (OF 3)

Brian Michael Bendis | David Marquez

Miles Morales learned the meaning of having great responsibility and put his costume back on after mourning the tragic death of his mother. Now

he stands to lose his entire world as a cosmic threat descends on earth. Can Spider-Man and his friends, Cloak & Dagger and Spider-Woman make a difference in the face of apocalypse?



CATACLYSM: ULTIMATE X-MEN #1 (OF 3)

Joshua Hale Fialkov | Alvaro Martinez

The mutants just survived a war between themselves that almost destroyed both sides! As Galactus threatens to eat the world, a secret

weapon is put in place to stop him. But will it be the thing that finally wipes all of mutant kind out of existence?



AMAZING X-MEN #1 Jason Aaron | Ed McGuinness

An amazing new era for the X-Men starts here! Ever since his Nightcrawler's death in X-Men: Messiah Complex, the X-Men have been without their heart and soul. After

learning that their friend may not be gone after all, it's up to Wolverine, Storm, Beast, Iceman, Northstar and Firestar to find and bring back the fan favorite fuzzy blue elf! Super star artist Ed McGuinness (Hulk) joins master X-Writer Jason Aaron (Wolverine And The X-Men, X-Men: Schism) to bring you the most exciting comic on the stands!



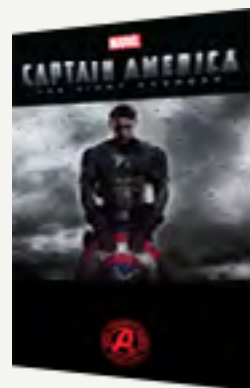
LONGSHOT SAVES MARVEL UNIVERSE #1 (OF 4)

Christopher Hastings | Jacopo Camagni

When someone is targeting the lucky for death, it won't take long before the luckiest X-Man, Longshot, is in the killer's sights. But

things quickly go from bad to worse as super heroes, villains, all of S.H.I.E.L.D. and even cosmic entities have it out for our boy!

Is Longshot finally in over his head, or can he beat the odds and save the Marvel Universe when no one else can?



MARVEL'S CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE FIRST AVENGER ADAPTATION #1 (OF 2)

Peter David | Wellington Alves

Get ready for Captain America: The Winter Soldier with this awesome adaptation of the first avengers's

debut Marvel Studios film!

Travel back to the deadly days of World War II as the globe stands on the edge of destruction...and one skinny kid from Brooklyn steps forward to become the Strategic Scientific Reserve's one and only Super-Soldier!

Captain America! Bucky! The Howling Commandos! The Red Skull! All of this and more movie magic!

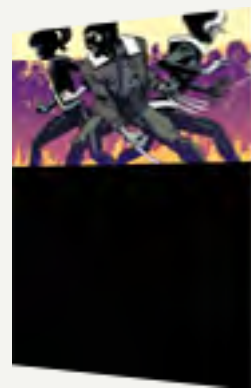


DEADPOOL ANNUAL #1 Ben Blacker | Ben Acker | Evan Shaner

Written by Ben Acker and Ben Blacker, the mad minds behind "The Thrilling Adventure Hour"!

Answering the most asked question since Deadpool's new series

began... "Whatever Happened to the White Caption Boxes?" Featuring Thor, Daredevil, Luke Cage and...Madcap?!?

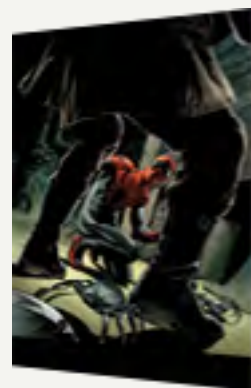


MARVEL KNIGHTS X-MEN #1 (OF 5)

Brahm Revel

Marvel Knights presents Brahm Revel's thrilling and dark X-Men adventure that asks: what happens when your past comes back to kill you?

Wolverine, Kitty & Rogue set out on the road to rescue new mutants from being murdered. But their help may not be welcome in this backwoods town--and the murderer may be closer to them than they think.



SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #1

Christos N. Gage | Javier Rodriguez

This ain't no regular Annual, buck-o! This one counts!

Blackout is back, and he wants to re-establish his reputation by killing the toughest guy in town...

Spider-Man! He plans to force Peter Parker Spidey into a trap. Blackout's leverage? Aunt May! The world will never look at Superior Spider-Man the same after this. Be there!

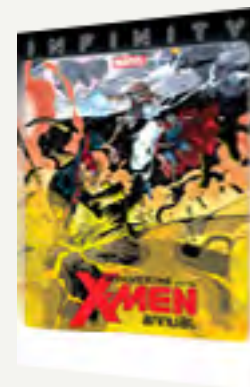


PAINKILLER JANE: PRICE OF FREEDOM #1 (OF 4) (MR)

Jimmy Palmiotti | Sam Lofti | Juan Santacruz

Painkiller Jane is back in action as we follow her on an adrenaline filled adventure protecting a Saudi Arabian princess on her visit to the New York City. It seems a number of people want her dead and the only thing between them and her royal highness is our gun toting, out of control, Painkiller Jane. Also in this issue a 10 page back up telling you all about the origin of Painkiller Jane and her friendship between

her best friend Detective Maureen Fernandez.



WOLVERINE AND THE X-MEN ANNUAL #1

Jason Aaron | Jorge Molina

Infinity tie in!

The Avengers find an unlikely ally against the forces of the Builders-Kid Gladiator! What has the prince of the Shi'Ar Empire been up to since

he left the Jean Grey School?



X-MEN GOLD #1

Various

It's the 50th Anniversary of the X-Men, ring it in with some of the greatest creators to ever work on the X-Men!

Chris Claremont is joined by classic X-Artist Bob McLeod to bring you an

untold story of the X-Men starring Cyclops, Wolverine, Nightcrawler, Colossus, Kitty Pryde and Rogue! Also jam-packed with all-star creators from X-Men past including Stan Lee, Walter Simonson, Louise Simonson and Fabian Nicieza!



MARVEL®



LEGENDS OF RED SONJA #1 (OF 5)
DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT
Gail Simone | Jack Jadson | Various

Dynamite Entertainment presents a bold new experiment in graphic storytelling, as the biggest female stars in

the worlds of prose, television, gaming and comics gather together to tell thrilling stories from the life of Red Sonja, which combine to make up her greatest adventure yet! This issue includes stories by Gail, Bram Stoker Award Winner Nancy A. Collins, and beloved Batman scribe, Devin Grayson, all braided together by an epic framing story told by Red Sonja scribe Gail Simone! This book is designed to appeal not just to fans of Sonja, but also the countless readers of these talented writers!



UNITY #1
VALIANT ENTERTAINMENT
Matt Kindt | Doug Braithwaite

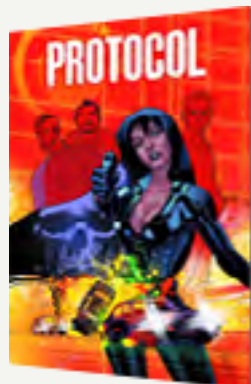
To kill a king, he has created an army.

The world's most dangerous man, Toyo Harada, has been struck

by the one thing he never thought possible - fear. Halfway across the globe, a new power threatens to topple modern civilization and, to preempt the cataclysm that is to come, Harada will unite the most lethal, most volatile, most unforgiving team the world has ever known - Unity. Their mission: defeat the warrior king armed with the universe's most powerful weapon. Kill X-O Manowar!

Be here when New York Times best-selling writer Matt Kindt (Justice League of America, Mind MGMT) and superstar artist Doug Braithwaite (Justice, Journey into Mystery) launch Valiant's first-ever superteam into the landmark comic book event of the year with an all-new ongoing series in Unity #1, featuring covers by a murderer's row of comics juggernauts - Doug Braithwaite, JG Jones, Bryan Hitch, Paolo Rivera, Clayton Crain, Travel Foreman, and Neal Adams! You've heard the buzz, you've seen the reviews. If you still haven't jumped onto Valiant Comics, the time is now! This November, Unity is the perfect entry point for new readers.

SELECTED TITLES SHIPPING IN NOVEMBER

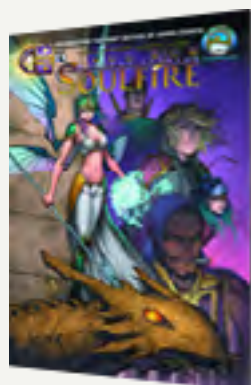


PROTOCOL #1 (OF 4)
BOOM! STUDIOS
Michael Alan Nelson | Mariano Navarro

Written by Michael Alan Nelson (Supergirl, Hexed) and drawn by newcomer Mariano Navarro, Protocol is an action-espionage series with a compelling cast

of young characters struggling with their transition into adulthood.

Protocol is a tense thriller perfect for fans of fun spy fiction like TV's Alias or Mission: Impossible. Grabbed up by the United States government and thrown into training-orphanages around the country have been raised to become America's next generation of superspies. Now, as adults, they live amongst us, ready for 'the family' to call them back into action.



ALL NEW SOULFIRE #1
ASPEN MLT
J. T. Krul | V Kenneth Marion

Aspen's final '10 for 10' series makes its red-hot debut!

In the future, technology is everywhere, but there's a greater source

of power and wonder now out there - magic! After saving the world from the destructive force of chaos itself, Malikai and his friends try to return to a life of normalcy. PJ is determined to be Benoist's heir in the battle arena, where cybernetic technology rules the day. Malikai is just happy to be with Sonia again, yet he can't help see that Grace is still haunted by the scars of the past. Meanwhile, a secret danger grows in the shadows between magic and technology, and it has a name - Rainier! Don't miss this exciting premiere issue of the All New Soulfire!

Join veteran Soulfire scribe JT Krul, along with the amazing artistic talents of V. Ken Marion and Kyle Ritter, as an all-new direction for Michael Turner's fantasy epic Soulfire begins right now!



BATTLESTAR GALACTICA: STARBUCK #1 (OF 4)
DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT
Tony Lee | Eman Casallo

Finally, the origin of Lt. Starbuck is told by #1 New York Times best-selling author Tony Lee!

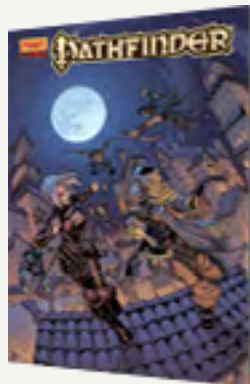
See how Starbuck became a Viper pilot, his first meeting with Apollo and why Adama treats him like a son - as he pieces together what really happened the night he was orphaned, and the name of the traitor who ordered it...



ASH & THE ARMY OF DARKNESS #1
DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT
Steve Niles | Dennis Calero

The battle has been fought and won. Ash battled and defeated the Deadite image of himself and save the world. Now

all he wants to do is get home and have a normal life. Too bad he messed up the Book of Dead incantation. New series. New start. Will Ash ever escape the land of the Deadites? Will he ever find his girl? Will he ever remember the last part of the incantation? Now an army of unbelievable horrors rules the land and only Ash can annoy them.



PATHFINDER SPECIAL #1
DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT
Jim Zub | Kevin Stokes

Magnimar is a city of mythic architecture and colorful occupants. When Merisiel and Kyra decide to 'hit the town'

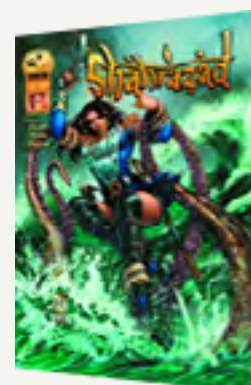
and explore their new home, they end up with more trouble than they bargained for - cutthroat thieves, betrayal, swashbuckling swordplay and much more are found in this super-sized story that couldn't be contained in the regular Pathfinder series.



GRIMM FAIRY TALES PRESENTS: QUEST #1
ZENESCOPE
Pat Shand

A rogue princess named Aisling teams up with Blake, a fallen Wonderland knight, and Bolder, a dwarf banished from his home, in order to protect the realm

of Myst from the dark shadows of its past. Journey with this ragtag team of disgraced warriors as they fight for redemption in a world that has forgotten them.



SHAHRAZAD #1
BIG DOG INK
Kim Hutchison | Kari Castor | Mike Krome

A new heroine rises from the legends of the ancient world. Shahrazad was known for her amazing stories of 1001 Arabian Nights, but now it is time to tell

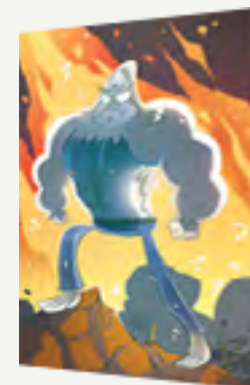
her story! She lives a life unlike anything you could imagine. An existence that spans generations as well as genres. In this new ongoing series, Shahrazad stares into the storms on the horizon with determination, but the forces of nature, and of history, are not to be taken lightly!



NOIR #1
DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT
Victor Gischler | Andrea Mutti

Prelude to Miss Fury! When thieves steal from other thieves it always causes problems, doesn't it? So when

The Black Sparrow is hired to steal a mysterious "Moon Stone" from a museum in New York, her decision to keep the thing for a better payday annoys her former employers who then steal it back from her. Now it's The Black Sparrow who is annoyed, and that's a dangerous thing. All she wants is what she stole fair and square, but she needs help. She needs The Shadow!

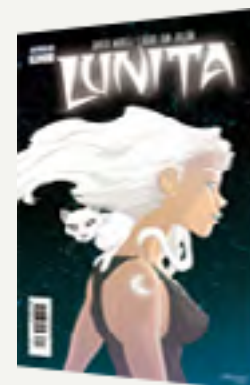


REGULAR SHOW: SKIPS #1
BOOM! STUDIOS
Mad Rupert

No one is more mysterious in the crazy world of Regular Show than Skips, the park's enigmatic yeti groundskeeper who always seems to know

what's going on. Finally, we get to see the world from his point of view.

Regular Show is anything but ordinary...and newcomer Mad Rupert has crafted a comic that is extraordinary. Pops decides to take the team on a mini-vacation for all the good work they've done. Little does Skips know, this vacation is not going to be a restful one...



LUNITA #1
AMIGO COMICS
Xavier Morell | Sergi San Julián

Have you ever heard of a drug that links you to the supernatural? This drug is on the streets... but only for the rich and wealthy people. The core of the dealers are

in Spain... this leads D.E.A. Agent Summer to join her forces with a weird agent from a Spanish agency. This agent possesses strange powers. Moreover, she assures she's the real daughter of the Moon!

Enjoy this new story with the awesome illustrations of Sergi San Julián. His brilliant art illustrates this amazing adventure mixing action and supernatural!



LEGEND OF MOLLY DOVES #1
BLISS ON TAP
Brian Phillipson | Alex Nino

In a depressed world under civil unrest, their one hope, is the Time Travel Machine. When the lead inventor is murdered, his daughter,

Molly Dove, sets out to discover her father's murderer with the assistance of her trusted allies from the Time Travel Academy. By tracking this villain through time, Molly hopes to prevent his schemes from materializing.

NOVEL IDEAS

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

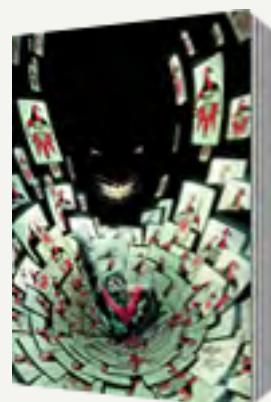


AGENTS OF SHIELD
VARIOUS
Marvel, xx pages

Marvel's Agents Of S.H.I.E.L.D. are coming to the ABC Network this fall! Get in on the espionage action with this collection of modern classics!

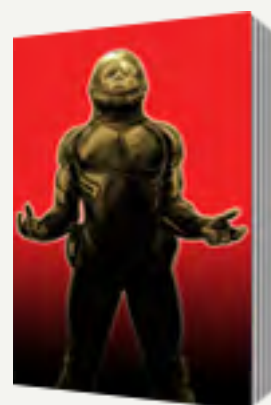
Thrill to the formative appearances of Agent Phil Coulson and Nick Fury Jr., and learn how Fury followed in his famous father's footsteps! See S.H.I.E.L.D. recruit the Avengers' Hawkeye and Black Widow for an undercover team so secret even they can't know about it! When the Superior Spider-Man comes on board the Helicarrier, will Fury, Coulson and Maria Hill learn that he's hiding a secret of his own? Plus: the classic first appearance of S.H.I.E.L.D.!

Collecting Battle Scars #6, Secret Avengers (2013) #1, Avenging Spider-Man #20-21, and material from Strange Tales (1951) #135.



NIGHTWING VOL.3: DEATH OF THE FAMILY
DEFALCO | GUINALDO
| VARIOUS
DC, xx pages

In this title collecting Nightwing #13-18 and Batman #17, The Joker returns to Gotham City, and he's more dangerous than ever! The Joker sets his twisted sights on the members of the Bat-Family and hits them where it hurts-and for Dick Grayson, that means going after the family he's built up for the past year at Haly's Circus!



STORM DOGS VOL.1 (MR)
HINE | BRAITHWAITE | ARREOLA
Image, xx pages

When a crime team arrives on the frontier planet of Amaranth to investigate a series of mysterious deaths, they begin to uncover secrets that could unravel the fabric of the universe. With elements of westerns, mysteries, and political thrillers, this critically-acclaimed series is far more than just "CSI in Space." The first season builds an enigmatic and complex world that will surprise and horrify you.

Collects Storm Dogs #1-6



DOCTOR WHO CLASSICS VOL.9
STARKINGS | BRAITHWAITE | VARIOUS
IDW, xx pages

The continued classic adventures of Doctor Who! Volume 9 of Doctor Who Classics contains stories like "Time and Tide," "Invaders from Gantac," and more!



WALKING DEAD VOL.19: MARCH TO WAR
KIRKMAN | ADLARD
Image, xx pages

Rick. Ezekiel. Gregory. Negan. Each man holds the fate of their community in their hands... and war is on the horizon.



DEADPOOL BY POSEHN AND DUGGAN VOL.1 (HC)
VARIOUS
Marvel, xx pages

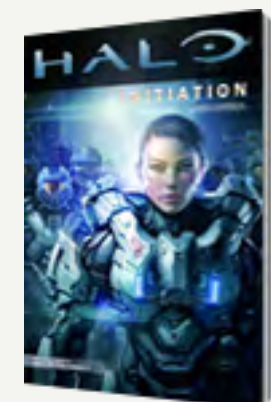
Gerry Duggan and Brian Posehn's hilarious, nonstop reinvention of the Merc With a Mouth! When a cadre of dead U.S. presidents - from George Washington to Gerald Ford - rise from the grave to terrorize their countrymen, only someone with the already-sullied reputation, indiscriminate killing skills and implicit insanity defense of a heavily armed madman can be trusted with this abhorrent operation. But who in the Marvel Universe will dirty their hands by bashing in these resurrected heads of state? NOW! is the time for Deadpool! Then: A demon hires Deadpool to reclaim damned souls! And just in case you didn't think he could get any stranger, Wade gets in touch with his feminine side! Guest-starring your Superior Neighborhood Spider-Man and some dude with aquatic powers! And we promise Deadpool kills one of those two! Plus: Flash back to Wade's adventures of yesteryear with Iron Man!

Collecting Deadpool #1-12.



FLASH VOL.2: ROGUES REVOLUTION
MANAPUL | BUCCELLATO | VARIOUS
DC, xx pages

The Rogues Gallery is united for the first time in The New 52 in this title collecting issues #0, 9-12 and The Flash Annual #1! Who is behind their sudden organization, and why are they after their Captain Cold?

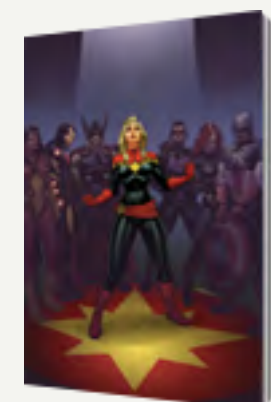


HALO: INITIATION (HC)
REED | CASTIELLO
Dark Horse, xx pages

Halo - one of the most iconic video game franchises in history-comes to Dark Horse!

Before she was a supersoldier defending humanity as part of the Spartan-IV program, Sarah Palmer was an ODST-Orbital Drop Shock Trooper-carrying out the most dangerous missions behind enemy lines! Join her on her dramatic journey from the ranks of humanity's toughest leathernecks to the highest echelon of elite warriors in the galaxy.

Collects the three-issue miniseries.



AVENGERS: THE ENEMY WITHIN
VARIOUS
Marvel, xx pages

Vicious echoes of the Avengers' past are cropping up all over Manhattan - but Captain Marvel, grounded since a recent power loss, refuses to be left behind. Who is the sinister figure behind these incursions, and what does it have to do with Carol Danvers' mysterious condition? As the Brood attack and Kree Sentinels enter the mix, a new villain is revealed - but what is the link between Carol and the maddening Magnitron? The Avengers assemble to deal with the most pivotal event in Captain Marvel's history - but as Magnitron's sinister plans are unveiled, the world begins quite literally ripping apart at the seams! With the Avengers scattered, Carol must do whatever it takes to end Magnitron's reign - no matter what the cost!

Collecting Avengers: The Enemy Within #1, Captain Marvel (2012) #13-14 And #17, and Avengers Assemble #16-17.



BEN 10 CLASSICS VOL.1: BEN HERE BEFORE

MAN | BRIZUELA |
MADAN
IDW, xx pages

The hit animated show that turned into a hit comic is now collected into trade paperback! Kicking off with the premiere story "Ole!" and also including "Fast Lane," "Fear Itself," "A Villain A Day," and many more, these TPBs present the Ben 10 comics from Cartoon Network Action Pack! in chronological order. It's the most concentrated dose of Ben 10 ever!



TRUE BLOOD VOL.2: TAINTED LOVE

ANDREYKO |
MCMILLIAN | MOLNAR |
CORRONEY
IDW, xx pages

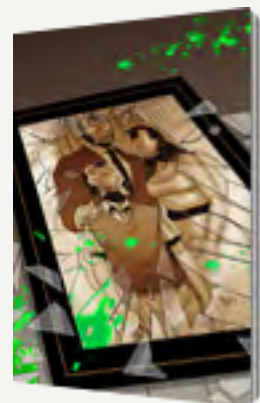
A sweet gesture by Hoyt to surprise Jessica with the prom night she never had goes awry when Tru Blood served turns out to be part of a poisoned batch- and Jessica becomes its first victim! Sookie, Bill, and Eric race to track down the culprits responsible, and find it's all part of a nefarious plot. Now there are mere hours to locate Jessica... before the maddening effects of the tainted elixir drive her to the true death!



STAR TREK VOL.6: AFTER DARKNESS

JOHNSON | FAJAR |
BALBONI
IDW, xx pages

Star Trek, Vol. 6 picks up right where this year's blockbuster sequel Star Trek Into Darkness leaves off! Captain Kirk and the crew of the Enterprise face a dire new threat rising in the wake of the movie's momentous events!



IRON MAN VOL.3: THE SECRET ORIGIN OF TONY STARK BOOK 2 (PREMIER HC)

VARIOUS
Marvel, xx pages

Prepare for more mind-blowing revelations as the shocking secret origin of Tony Stark continues! And it began with a birth! As the manipulative alien 451's ulterior motive is laid bare, a massive surprise awaits Tony in a deserted battlefield from the beginning of time. Now all Iron Man has to do is fight a robot who can take over his armor at any time and evade one of the universe's greatest bounty-hunters: Death's Head! An impossible choice at the edge of space will decide the fate of two worlds. Who lives? Who dies? Can Tony somehow find a way to avoid his destiny before it all goes wrong? Tony and 451 both discover the surprising truth - and things change forever!

Collecting Iron Man (2012) #12-17.



POWERS BUREAU VOL.1: UNDERCOVER (MR)

BENDIS | OEMING
Marvel, xx pages

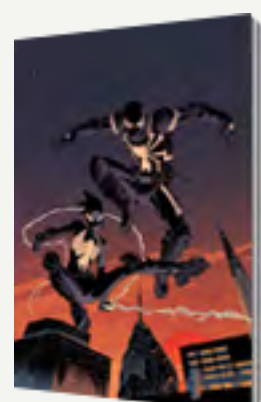
The newest chapter of the Eisner Award-winning Powers is here - and it's a bold game-changer! Now that all powers cases are federal cases, Christian Walker and Deena Pilgrim are now federal agents and must learn to live by the new rules. But when they find themselves dealing with the biggest powers cases in the entire country, will this new life close the closet full of skeletons Deena carries with her? (Absolutely not!) Walker and Deana are up to their necks in the most dangerous chase of their careers when they're faced with a case so dangerous it will take more than just their expertise to solve. Also, Deena is pregnant! So there's that. Get on board the creator-owned series that shows cops and capes like you've never seen them before!

Collecting Powers: Bureau #1-6.

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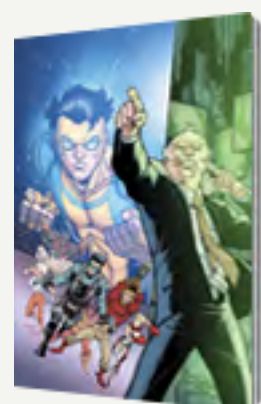


VENOM: LAND WHERE KILLERS DWELL

BUNN | LARRAZ |
VARIOUS
Marvel, xx pages

Introducing underworld boss Lord Ogre! If Venom's going to be the super hero Philly deserves, he's got to do it right - but he knows zip about how to start. And to make matters worse, Lord Ogre declares war! A hit has been taken out on Venom's life - and killers are flooding Philly to collect! How does Flash protect himself while trying to hide his secret identity from Katy Kiernan? Even in tough times, every super hero needs a sidekick. But is Marvel's newest symbiote-powered character, Mania, a hero or villain? As Venom and Mania tackle Lord Ogre, Crossbones and the DOA, Flash and the symbiote have a heart-to-heart. But what is Daimon Hellstrom's role in all this? Plus: Flash Thompson confronts his past as a bully - and makes a momentous decision about his future!

Collecting Venom (2011) #27.1 and #36-42.



INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE VOL.1

HESTER | NAUCK |
ELTAEB
Image, xx pages

In the aftermath of Invincible: The Death Of Everyone, Dinosaur has left his mark on the world. Can heroes from across the universe - Invincible, the Guardians of the Globe, Tech Jacket, the Astounding Wolf-Man, and more - contain the damage? Or are the end times of the Invincible Universe ahead?

Collects Invincible Universe #1-6.



SUPERMAN VOL.3: FURY AT THE WORLDS END (HC)

LOBDELL | ROCAFORT
| VARIOUS
DC, xx pages

H'El has come to Earth in these stories from Superman #0 and 13-17!

When a mysterious ghost from Krypton's past comes to Metropolis in hopes of finding the lost planet's last son, his arrival comes with disastrous consequences for not just Superman, but also for Superboy and Supergirl. H'El has decided that Earth is the place to resurrect Krypton, but the price the lives of everyone on the planet! Guest-starring the Justice League, Wonder Woman, Orion and more!



FABLES VOL.19: SNOW WHITE (MR)

WILLINGHAM |
BUCKINGHAM |
VARIOUS
DC Vertigo, xx pages

In these stories from Fables #124-129, Castle Dark is back in the hands of the Fables as Bigby sets off from Fabletown in Brian Rose's blood-fueled sports car to track down two abducted cubs. Unfortunately for Snow White, besides suffering the trauma of her missing cubs, a long-forgotten secret threatens to sabotage her marriage to Bigby.

This volume also collects the backup stories starring Bufkin and Lily from issues #122-134 and the full-length tale from #124.



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: MAD LOVE AND OTHER STORIES

PAUL DINI | BRUCE TIMM | VARIOUS

*"Tales by two of the creators behind the acclaimed Batman Animated TV series are collected for the first time in hardcover! The centerpiece of this fantastic collection is the Eisner Award-winning **Batman: Mad Love**, the surprisingly dark origin of Harley Quinn, co-starring The Joker and Poison Ivy as well as Batman. Also included are tales by Dini, Timm and others that feature the Scarecrow, Ra's al Ghul, Mr. Freeze, Batgirl and more, from Batman Adventures Annual #1-2 and stories*

from the Batman Adventures Holiday Special, Adventures In The DC Universe #3 and Batman Black And White #1!" - DC

Originally published as a one-shot in February 1994, Mad Love originates from Warner Bros.' Batman Adventures' the comic book series based on the highly successful 'Batman: The Animated Series' TV show. Paul Dini was a writer, producer and editor on the show and together with series co-creator and producer Bruce Timm, created Harley Quinn, the Joker's now infamous accomplice.

She swiftly became a hugely popular character and Dini chose to tell her origin story from her beginnings as Arkham Asylum psychiatrist Dr. Harleen Quinzel, M.D., to the besotted and somewhat mentally disturbed Quinn.

Illustrated in the style of the animated series, Dini's Mad Love is both funny and endearing. The likeable Quinn is desperate to impress 'Mistah J.' while the Joker remains as unpredictable as ever and Batman takes on a smaller role in this Eisner Award winning tale.

The title story is worth the purchase alone, but included in this essential collection are a handful of fine stories from the Batman Adventures comics featuring rogues such as Catwoman, Clayface, Ra's Al Ghul, Poison Ivy and The Scarecrow!

£13.50 inc p&p



ONES TO WATCH

November sees Marvel's latest cross-title event get into full swing with four limited series debuting - **Cataclysm: Ultimate Spider-Man**, **Cataclysm: Ultimate X-Men**, **Cataclysm: Ultimates** and **Cataclysm: Ultimates Last Stand**.

Following on from the events of **Age Of Ultron**, we will see **Galactus** turn his attention to the **Ultimate Universe** in his quest to sate his never-ending hunger. He's a villain the likes of which the Ultimate heroes have never faced before, and major changes to the entire Ultimate Universe are in store, with rumours abound that it could mean the end for a number of characters! Writer **Joshua Hale Fialkov** has promised it will be "huge" and "...like nothing you've ever seen in the Ultimate line before. It runs the whole gamut from the small and intimate to the epic, blockbuster style storytelling the Ultimate Universe is known for. We're going to be tying up a lot of loose ends, and building on the stories that these books have been telling for over a decade now." - We file this under DO NOT MISS.

Also piquing our interest in November is **IDW's** debut of **Wraith: Welcome To Christmasland** by New York Times best-selling author **Joe Hill**. Christmasland originally appeared in Hill's prose novel **NOS4A2** and now, along with **Charles Paul Wilson III**, Hill is taking readers back to this

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

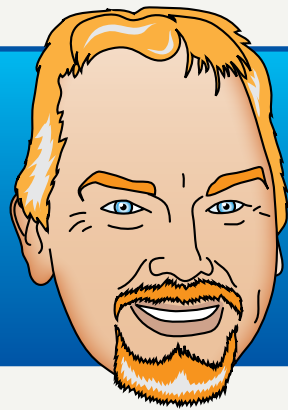
terrifying land for a stand-alone miniseries: "...We learn about **Charles Talent Manx III**, who has kept himself alive for over a century by draining an essential life force out of children, warping them into giddy monsters... In **Wraith**, we're going back to Christmasland at an earlier time, to find out what happens when some unlucky grown-ups find themselves on Gumdrop Lane, and Charlie's children decide to have some fun with them." - Joe Hill.

Responsible for **Locke & Key**, **The Cape** and **Thumbprint**, we think **Wraith** will be well worth a look.

Also worth a look is **DC's** newest **New 52** series, **Harley Quinn**, beginning this November with a special #0 issue.

Written by **Amanda Conner** and **Jimmy Palmiotti**, they have some fabulous talent lined up on artistic duties, including **Darwyn Cooke**, **Sam Kieth**, **Tony S. Daniel**, **Paul Pope**, **Walter Simonson** and **Art Baltazar**.

It will be interesting to see if the recent controversy over DC's 'Break Into Comics' competition (in which they are accepting submissions to be published in the comic, including one requested panel which sees a naked Harley about to commit suicide in a bathtub), has any effect on the book. She's a popular character and would be able to sell copies in her own right, without the need for such cause célèbre.



BIFF'S BIT

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ACE GUIDE TO COLLECTING COMICS: PART TWO

Whatever your collection is made up of you should still take care to maintain their condition. Perish the thought that you might want to sell them, but, if you do, then the condition can be crucial.

A comic that is absolutely as new, known by the Overstreet Price Guide (the American price guide and the only regularly printed guide) as Mint, can be £100, but if well read, dog-eared and with browning pages this could fall to just £5-10. There are many grades inbetween, one hundred to be precise, but I still go by the old Fashioned poor, Fair, good, very good, Fine, very Fine, near mint, mint. Mint being £100 and poor £1. However, the real guide to price is what another collector is prepared to pay.

Should I bag my comics?.

Yes, as it protects them From accidental creasing, scuffing, dust, moisture and grease From your hands when Filing away.

Should I bag each comic?

Not necessarily. With recent comics printed on high quality paper, my preference is 4 comics to a Collectorline polypropylene bag. This gives rigidity and reduces the need For backing boards. Issue #1's I individually bag and board as these beauties always hold their value and will generally increase in value more quickly. Someone coming into a series at say issue 98 will not always buy 1 to 97, but they will always want, if possible, to get #1.

What type of bag should I use?

Collectorline bags are low density polyethylene which do contain impurities



and will after three years start to decay. Depending on the temperature and humidity of your place of storage, will dictate whether they last 3 years or 6 years. IF they decay then the impurities can interact with the paper of the comic and cause browning to begin and maybe in worse cases mildew to Form.

These bags are ideal For comics produced in the last 10-15 years as the paper used is such high quality that any problems

of decay are almost none existent. The bag and boards are needed to prevent damage. Please note that over time you will need to rebag if using Collectorline polypropylene bags.

The Gerber bags which we list are Mylites which are total inert, made From Mylar D, a chemically inert material, and will not react with the paper of comics new or old, they also have a higher clarity. These bags are available in various comic

sizes, modern, regular, silver age, and golden age. Depending on the era they were printed comics have a particular size and if a snug fit with as little air as possible is required then choose the size to match the comic. Gerber are the market leader in high quality comic protection and are more expensive, but, when guaranteeing the preservation of your comics that is a small price to pay.

Mylites are thin bags but For those really old and valuable comics you might want to go For Mylar bags which are the same as Mylites but thicker and thus more rigid.

Collectorline do offer Mylars as part of their range.

The third type of bag is polypropylene which has a crisp clear quality and is 99% inert. Collectorline offer a range of self sealing comic bags in this material. This type of bag along with Gerber Mylites are better suited to long term storage as these bags do not decay and will not become tacky and stick together.

My general advice is to use Mylites or Polypropylene on all comics pre 2000. Anything after that date then use Collectorline or Comicare bags.

That is just a brief outline which the needs to be complimented by a trip down the backing board lane. So I do not overload the brain I will expand on that next time.

Happy collecting!

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

...READ MORE COMICS!!