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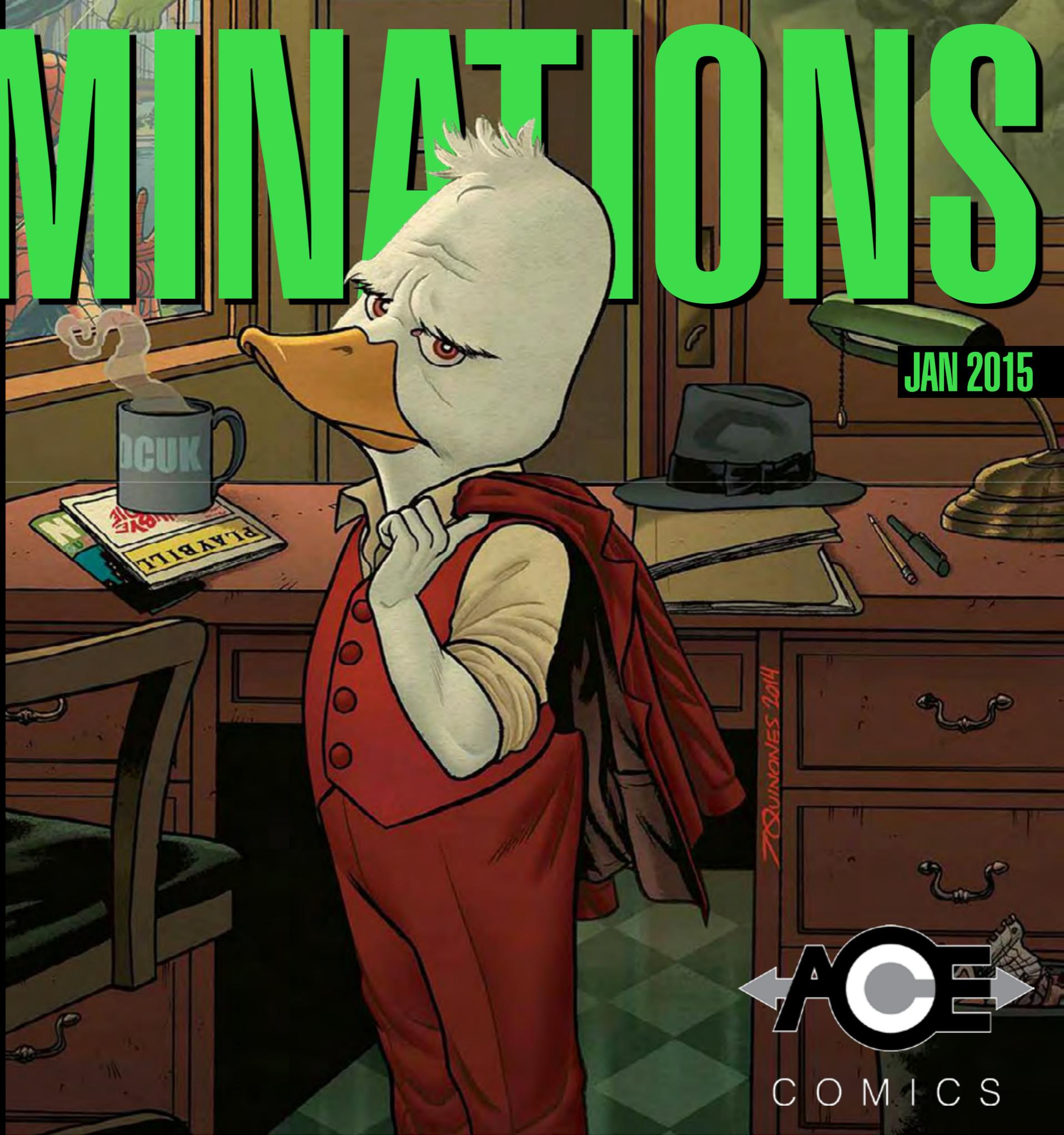
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DARK HORSE

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR MARCH



FRANK-ENSTEIN UNDERGROUND #1

Mike Mignola, Ben Stenbeck

The Frankenstein creature is alone, abandoned, and wandering underground, where he will discover other strange creatures—and dark secrets to the universe.

In Shops: 25/03/2015



NEVERBOY #1

Shaun Simon, Tyler Jenkins, Conor Nolan

Most people take drugs to escape reality. Neverboy, a former imaginary friend, does the opposite. He's found a loophole that allows him to stay in the real world. As long as he stays medicated, everything's perfect. But when the drugs wear off and reality fades, the forces that guard the borders between the real and the imaginary will be ready to drag him back to where he belongs.

In Shops: 04/03/2015

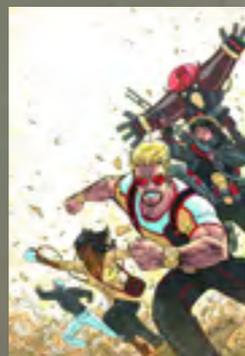


ITTY BITTY COMICS: GRIMMISS ISLAND #1

Art Baltazar, Franco

The Volcano Goddess threatens the Mama Woogees' tiny island! What can their creation Grimmiss do to stop this terror? Between an eye exam, a tough lesson in love, and stopping the Tiki Monoliths, there are lots of things for a little guy with a skull head to do! Tropical drinks not included.

In Shops: 11/03/2015



PASTAWAYS #1

Matt Kindt, Scott Kolins

2015: the distant past. A crash landing strands five deep-time explorers in a primitive world of internal-combustion engines and Internet 1.0 and tears a rift in space-time that spouts dinosaurs, giant robots, and other strange phenomena! Only the marooned "PastAways" can defend the twenty-first century, unless the tensions of their unexpectedly prolonged mission tear them apart!

In Shops: 25/03/2015

SHAPER #1

Eric Heisserer, Felipe Massafera

A galactic empire hunts a race of shape shifters prophesied to overthrow its rule. When orphaned teenager Spry discovers that he is one of the hunted - a Shaper - he must learn to use his newfound abilities to escape the empire's prime enforcer, Tor Ajax, and save his entire race!

In Shops: 18/03/2015





BATMAN: ARKHAM KNIGHT #1

Peter J. Tomasi, Viktor Bogdanovic, Art Thibert, Dan Panosian

The Joker is dead. Arkham City is closed. As a new day begins, Bruce Wayne finds himself in devastating pain, recovering from his injuries and questioning whether his role as Batman is still necessary to the city's survival. But as the sun rises in Gotham City, dangerous new threats emerge from the shadows...and the Arkham Knight is just beginning. Don't miss this in-continuity prequel comic set prior to the events of the brand-new video game Batman: Arkham Knight!

In Shops: 11/03/2015

DC

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR MARCH



CONVERGENCE

Dan Jurgens, Jeff King, Ethan Van Scriver

Where do worlds go when they die? The Earthquakes felt round the Multiverse, Superman's lost days after "Doomed," the World's End - all these points will converge as the history of the DCU is spun from a new perspective, the perspective of a mad god and his arrogant child. The biggest story in DC history ties into literally every DC story ever told - and it all begins here.

Kingdom Come, Red Son, Wild West Justice League, Captain Carrot and the Zoo Crew - all the worlds you remember can still be found on Telos. Everything matters. Every story matters.

Don't miss the start of DC's April/May 2015 event with this special issue!

In Shops: 01/04/2015



ARKHAM MANOR: ENDGAME #1

Frank Tieri, Felix Ruiz, Rafael Albuquerque

What do Batman's villains do on the craziest night in Gotham City? And who will survive when the madness of Arkham Manor spills into the streets?

In Shops: 04/03/2015

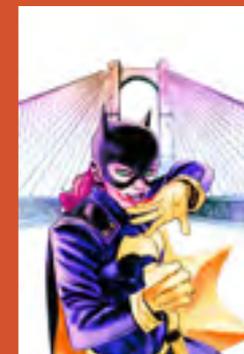


GOTHAM ACADEMY: ENDGAME #1

Becky Cloonan, Brendan Fletcher, Karl Kersch, Rafael Albuquerque

Gotham City has been overrun by craziness, and the power is out at Gotham Academy! But don't worry. The kids are safely locked up, huddled around candles and flashlights and telling the Gotham City version of ghost stories: Joker stories! Meanwhile, a mysterious figure connected to the Academy's past is patrolling the grounds with a cross-bow, but who is it?

In Shops: 25/03/2015



BATGIRL: ENDGAME #1

Cameron Stewart, Brendan Fletcher, Bengal, Rafael Albuquerque

There's a mob of Jokerized madmen in Gotham City, and they're determined to spread the virus into the world beyond... but they're gonna have to get past Batgirl first! There are no words that can describe "The Battle For The Burnside Bridge"- you've got to see it to believe it!

In Shops: 18/03/2015

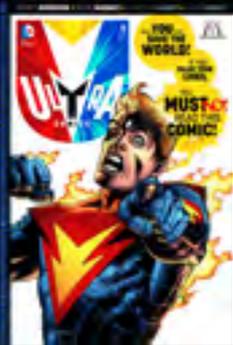


DETECTIVE COMICS: ENDGAME #1

Brian Buccellato, Roge Antonia, Rafael Albuquerque

The city is overrun by Jokerized victims, but a small band of teenagers unites to take a stand. Their secret knowledge of Gotham City's streets helps them survive, but will Batman take help from this young group of upstarts? And what could it mean for the future of the young heroes in Gotham City?

In Shops: 11/03/2015



MULTIVER-SITY: ULTRA COMICS #1

Grant Morrison, Doug Mahnke, Christian Alamy

The penultimate chapter of the greatest adventure in DC's history is here!

The acclaimed Final Crisis team of Grant Morrison and Doug Mahnke reunite for a story so big it could only take place in the real world - that's right, Earth-33 is back!

With the Multiverse under attack, a team of scientists create one final savior to take on the otherworldly threat...and its name is Ultra Comics! Literally held in your hands, one being will attempt to halt the annihilation of creation - and you, the reader, will have a front-row seat as you become an integral part of the resistance!

It's another exciting, experimental story told by two of today's top creators! You won't want to miss this exciting issue which acts as chapter eight of The Multiversity storyline.

In Shops: 18/03/2015



TEEN TITANS ANNUAL #1

Will Pfeifer, Tom King, Alisson Borges, Guillem March

The Titans deal with Superboy's return to the team - and the trail of destruction that he's left in his wake.

In Shops: 01/04/2015

DC

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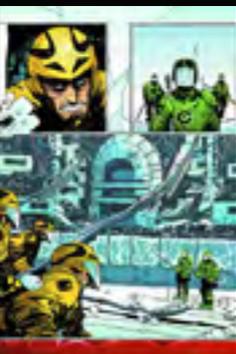


SINESTRO ANNUAL #1

Cullen Bunn, Martin Coccolo, Dale Eaglesham

A traitor lurks among the Sinestro Corps, and only by delving into the never-before-revealed origins of the team can Sinestro learn the truth - before his head ends up on a platter!

In Shops: 01/04/2015



STRANGE SPORTS STORIES #1

Various

Comics' top talents, including some making their Vertigo debut, take on the classic DC Comics anthology title for four issues of strange, scary, sexy and sensational sports stories. Featuring stories and art by Brian Azzarello, CM Punk, Paul Pope, Gilbert Hernandez, Lauren Beukes, Ben McCool, Ivan Brandon, Monica Gallagher, Lee Loughridge, Nick Dragotta, Christopher Mitten, Darick Robertson, Mark Finn, John Lucas, Gabe Soria, Ronald Wimberly, Michael DiMotta, Tim Fish, Rael Lyra and many more!

In Shops: 18/03/2015

WONDER WOMAN ANNUAL #1

Meredith Finch, David Finch, Various

A story so big we couldn't contain it in the monthly title! Wonder Woman faces off with the foe destined to become her ultimate nemesis in a battle that will determine the fate of Paradise Island! And in a backup tale that will alter the course of the Amazon Queen, an old face returns, and we mean very old! You couldn't ask for more from Wonder Woman's very first annual!

In Shops: 01/04/2015



IDW

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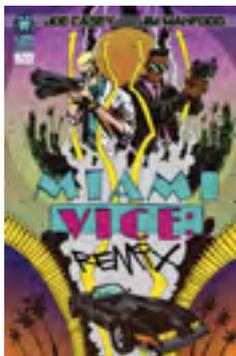


THE FLY: OUTBREAK #1

Brandon
Seifert,
Menton3

Years ago, a scientist had a horrific accident when he tried to use his newly invented teleportation device and became a human/fly hybrid. Now his almost-human son continues to search for a cure for the mutated genes. But a breakthrough turns into a breakout, and anyone exposed risks turning into a monster as well...

In Shops: 18/03/2015



MIAMI VICE: REMIX #1

Joe Casey, Jim
Mahfood

Iconoclastic creators Joe Casey and Jim Mahfood turn the world of Miami Vice on its head in a way that's got to be seen to be believed! Detectives Sonny Crockett and Ricardo Tubbs are taking on crime in a city rampant with danger at every turn! An '80s classic is now a Lion Forge reimagining for a bold, new audience!

In Shops: 25/03/2015



TRANS FORMERS - WINDBLADE: COMBINER WARS #1

Scott
Mairghread,
Sarah Stone,
Casey W. Coller

The war begins! The first strike in Combiner Wars is against Windblade's homeworld-and she's not happy about it! Her long-lost Cybertronian colony is found... and the only thing that can protect it is Superion.

In Shops: 18/03/2015



WINTER WORLD #0

Chuck Dixon,
Tommy Lee
Edwards

Tommy Lee Edwards comes to chill in Winterworld! This grand comics auteur joins with Chuck Dixon to create a single issue story that tells us of Wynn's life before she met Scully. This is the tale of one childhood that's brutal and short. We learn how Wynn survived alone in the frozen world of the future at an age when most kids are entering pre-school. Find out how Wynn became one tough teenager in this special event issue!

In Shops: 25/03/2015



JEM AND THE HOLOGRAMS #1

Kelly Thompson, Ross Campbell, Amy Mebberson

Showtime, synergy! Meet Jerrica Benton - a girl with a secret. She and her sister Kimber team with two friends to become... Jem And The Holograms! But what does it mean to be Jem today?

Fashion, art, action, and style collide in the most outrageous comic of 2015!

In Shops: 18/03/2015



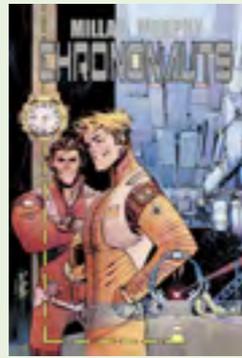
'68 JUNGLE JIM: GUTS 'N' GLORY

Mark Kidwell, Jeff Zornow, Jay Fotos, Nat Jones

Jungle Jim is dead. Long live Jungle Jim!

Private Brian Curliss returns to Vietnam, armored in bamboo, burlap, and a haunted gas mask to avenge a group of slaughtered US Peace Corps volunteers murdered by the sadistic guerillas of the Khmer Rouge. In hellish jungles swarming with the living dead, a hero's sanity can pass the breaking point... and his soul be lost in the eyes of a ghost from home.

In Shops: **04/03/2015**



CHRONONAUTS #1

Mark Millar, Sean Gordon Murphy, Matt Hollingsworth

From Mark Millar (Kick-Ass) and Sean Gordon Murphy (Punk Rock Jesus) comes a bromance for the ages! Corbin Quinn and Danny Reilly are two buddies who love to have fun. They're also scientific geniuses. When their research leads them to a time-traveling adventure, will they use their knowledge for the good of all mankind? Or use the space-time continuum for their own ends? This is the story of man's first, televised steps through the time-stream and everything going wrong in the process.

In Shops: **18/03/2015**



FIVE GHOSTS SPECIAL #1

Shane-Michael Vidaurri, Frank J. Barbiere, Shane-Michael Vidaurri

Explore the mythology of Five Ghosts with a beautiful painted story from S.M. Vidaurri (Jim Henson Storyteller: Witches, Iron: Or, The War After) featuring knights, demons, wizards, and the Dreamstone!

And in a special backup story, Frank J. Barbiere presents Fabian in one of the most exciting literary heists ever!

In Shops: **25/03/2015**



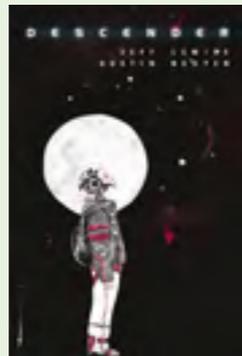
BEYOND BELIEF #1

Ben Acker, Ben Blacker, Phil Hester

Based on the hit Nerdist podcast!

It's time to send the little ones to dream land, and set your radio's dial to "spooky." Steel yourself for mysterious suspense in... Beyond Belief! Meet Frank and Sadie Doyle, toast of the upper crust! Headliners on the society pages. And oh yes... *they see ghosts!* Who cares what evil lurks in the hearts of men...unless evil's carrying the martini tray!

In Shops: **18/03/2015**



DESCENDER #1

Jeff Lemire, Dustin Nguyen

One young robot's struggle to stay alive in a universe where all androids have been outlawed and bounty hunters lurk on every planet.

A rip-roaring and heart-felt cosmic odyssey that pits humanity against machine, and world against world, to create a sprawling space opera from the creators of Trillium, Sweet Tooth, and Little Gotham.

In Shops: **04/03/2015**

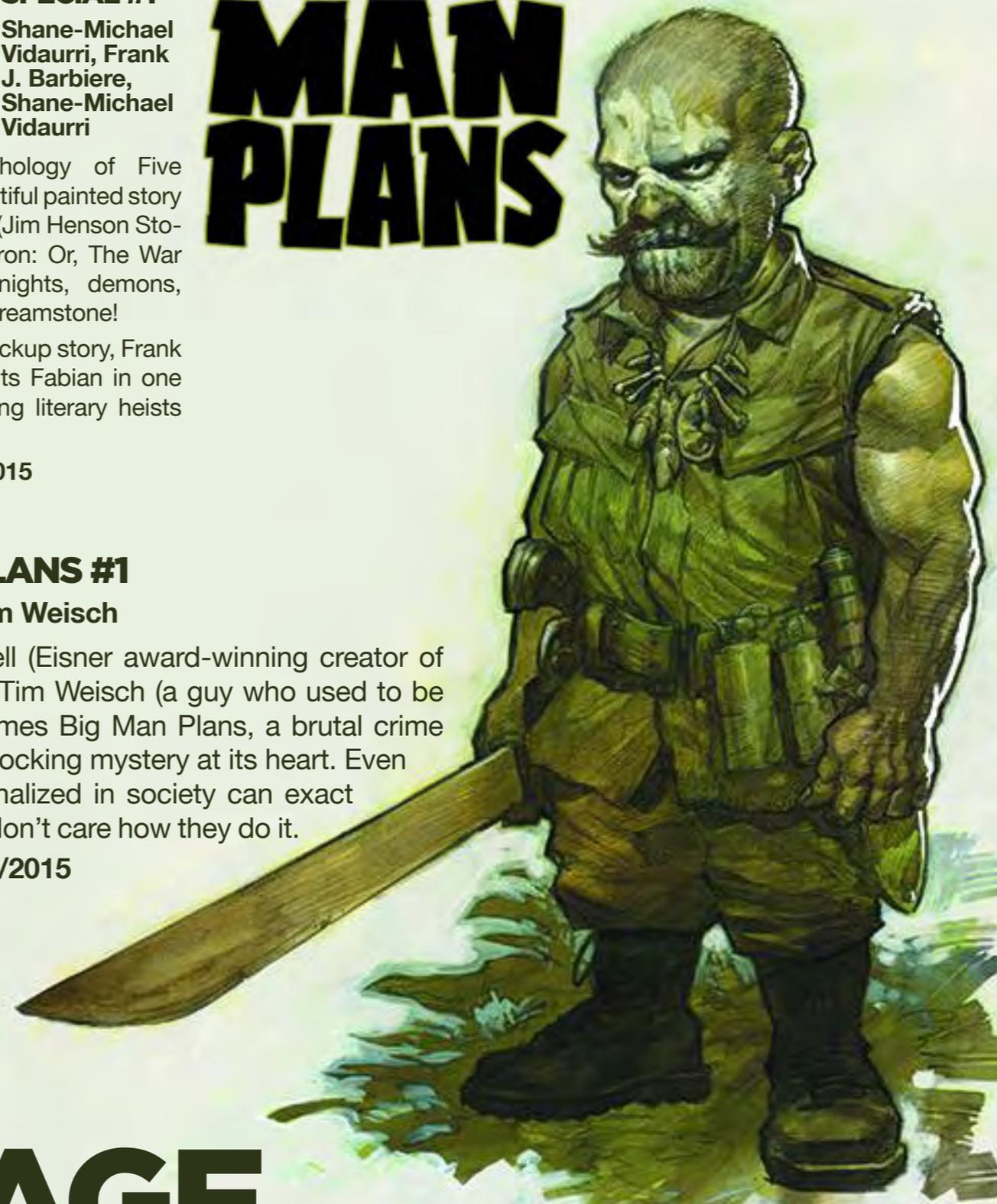
BIG MAN PLANS

BIG MAN PLANS #1

Eric Powell, Tim Weisch

From Eric Powell (Eisner award-winning creator of The Goon) and Tim Weisch (a guy who used to be a bricklayer) comes Big Man Plans, a brutal crime drama with a shocking mystery at its heart. Even the most marginalized in society can exact revenge if they don't care how they do it.

In Shops: **04/03/2015**



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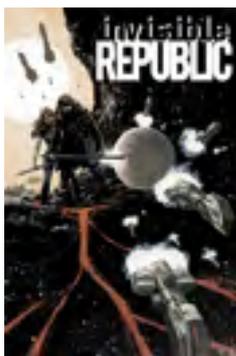


**IMAGE
FIRSTS:
INVINCIBLE
#1**

**Robert
Kirkman, Cory
Walker**

Image Comics is re-presenting ten first issues as an introduction to of the publisher's most acclaimed titles, with each acting as the perfect primer to their ongoing series and collected editions!

In Shops: **11/03/2015**



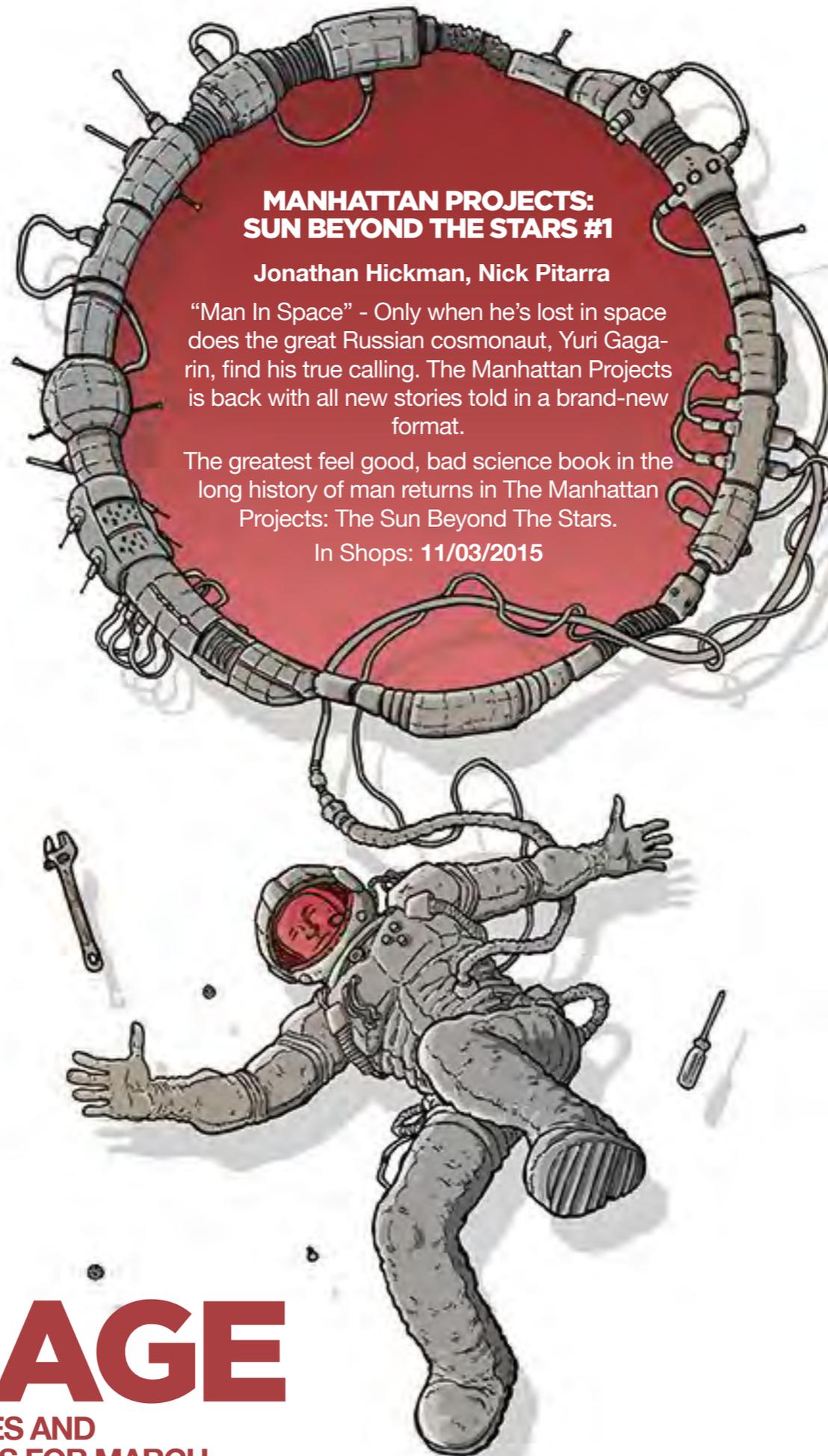
**INVISIBLE
REPUBLIC #1**

**Gabriel
Hardman,
Corinna
Bechko**

Breaking Bad meets Blade Runner. Arthur McBride's planetary regime has fallen. His story is over. That is until reporter Croger Babb discovers the journal of Arthur's cousin, Maia. Inside is the violent, audacious hidden history of the legendary freedom fighter. Erased from the official record, Maia alone knows how dangerous her cousin really is...

Creative team Gabriel Hardman (Kinski, "Intense" - A.V. Club) and Corinna Bechko (Heathentown, "Nunanced" - Broken Frontier) brought you sci-fi adventure before (Planet of the Apes, Star Wars: Legacy, Hulk) but never this gritty or this epic.

In Shops: **18/03/2015**



**MANHATTAN PROJECTS:
SUN BEYOND THE STARS #1**

Jonathan Hickman, Nick Pitarra

"Man In Space" - Only when he's lost in space does the great Russian cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, find his true calling. The Manhattan Projects is back with all new stories told in a brand-new format.

The greatest feel good, bad science book in the long history of man returns in The Manhattan Projects: The Sun Beyond The Stars.

In Shops: **11/03/2015**

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**MICE
TEMPLAR
VOL.1:
NIGHTS END
#1**

**Bryan J. L.
Glass, Michael
Avon Oeming,
Victor Santos,
Serena Guerra**

The restored Templar bring their final battle to the very gates of King Icarus's stronghold-the fortress city of Dealrach Ard-Vale, where the doomed insurrection of its desperate inhabitants await rescue. But as the armies of salvation go to war without the guidance and leadership of Karic, the heroic young mouse who overcame their generations of prejudice and division, under which banner will they fight?

The grand finale of an eight-year creator-owned vision!

In Shops: **25/03/2015**



RED ONE #1

**Xavier Dorison,
Terry Dodson,
Rachel Dodson**

What happens when America's greatest hero... is a Russian Spy?

Soviet Agent Vera Yelnikov is sent to 1977 Los Angeles by the Kremlin to become an American Superhero and spread communist values in the land of Uncle Sam in a funky superhero romp straight out of a Tarantino film by Terry and Rachel Dodson (Uncanny X-Men, Wonder Woman, Spider-Man, Harley Quinn) and Xavier Dorison (Long John Silver, The Third Testament).

In Shops: **18/03/2015**



ALL NEW HAWKEYE #1

Jeff Lemire, Ramon K. Perez

Hawkeye returns in an all-new series featuring superstar writer Jeff Lemire in his Marvel debut and Eisner Award-winning artist Ramon Perez, as they bring you a fresh new look into the life of everyone's favorite Avenger. With Kate Bishop, his trusted ward and protégé back at his side (not titles she would use), Team Hawkeye is thrown into an all new adventure spanning two generations of avenging archers. Past and present lives collide as Kate and Clint face a threat that will challenge everything they know about what it means to be Hawkeye.

But no one puts Hawkeye in a corner. Hawkeye and Hawkeye take aim March 2015!

In Shops: **04/03/2015**



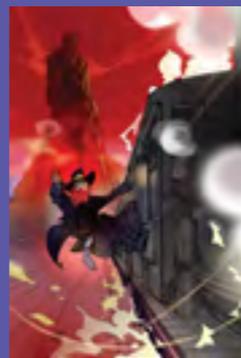
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL #1

Jeff Loveness, Luca Pizzari, Jamal Campbell

Attack on New Attilan! A blockbuster three-part story spanning Amazing Spider-Man, Inhuman and All-New Captain America starts here!

Something *big* wants to destroy New Attilan. The fact that New Attilan is in the Hudson River puts Manhattan and Spider-Man right in its crosshairs!

In Shops: **11/03/2015**



BIG THUNDER MOUNTAIN RAILROAD #1

Dennis Hopeless, Tigh Walker, Pasqual Ferry

The world famous, thrill-packed Disney attraction roars to life as an all-new Marvel epic bursting with action, romance, mystery, and adventure!

Marvel reveal the never-before-told saga of how the dangerous gold mine of Big Thunder Mountain became the haunted legend it is today! Malevolent mine owner Barnabas T. Bullion is determined to shelter his teen daughter Abigail from the dangers of the Wild West, but this brave young hero has other ideas...which include robbing her own father's mine as a masked bandit!

Earthquakes! Floods! Dynamite-chewing goats! Surprises await you in the latest Disney Kingdoms saga!

In Shops: **18/03/2015**



DARK TOWER - DRAWING OF THREE: HOUSE OF CARDS #1

Robert Furth, Peter David, Various

Stephen King's dark fantasy epic returns-as Eddie Dean comes face to face with The Gunslinger.

Eddie Dean, the troubled young man gifted with the ability to open doors to other worlds, has smuggled narcotics from Nassau to New York City, but now has to escape a packed airplane guarded by armed Custom Agents! How will Eddie avoid prison and yet also fulfill his contract with the dangerous mobster Balazar?

In Shops: **25/03/2015**



HOWARD THE DUCK #1

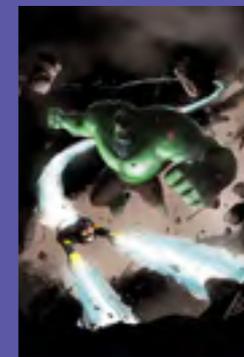
Chip Zdarsky, Joe Quinones

Hot off the pages of the ... the post-credits scene at the ... the end of a ... popular movie ... Howard The Duck is back! Join him as he takes on the weird cases that only a talking duck can crack as the Marvel Universe's resident private investigator!

Let Sex Criminals' Chip Zdarsky (a writer known mostly as an artist) and Joe Quinones (an artist known mostly as a lover) guide you through his new world as he takes on The Black Cat and mysterious forces from outer space!

Waugh!

In Shops: **04/03/2015**



NOVA ANNUAL #1

Gerry Duggan, David Baldeon, Orphans Cheeps

Nova turns to Doc Green, The Incredible Hulk for help with his busted helmet!

Their quest takes them halfway across the universe and puts them in danger that even the Hulk can't punch out of!

In Shops: **11/03/2015**



PRINCESS LEIA #1

Mark Waid, Terry Dodson

When Princess Leia Organa was captured by the Empire as a Rebel spy, she never betrayed her convictions, even in the face of the complete destruction of her home world, Alderaan. When her rescue came, she grabbed a blaster and joined the fight, escaping back to the Rebel Alliance and helping strike the biggest blow against the Empire-the destruction of the Death Star. But in the aftermath of that victory, the question remains...what is a princess without a world?

Writer Mark Waid (Daredevil, S.H.I.E.L.D.) and artist Terry Dodson (Avengers And X-Men: Axis, Uncanny X-Men) bring us a story of Leia's quest to help her people and find her place in the galaxy.

In Shops: **04/03/2015**

MARVEL

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BILL AND TED'S MOST TRIUMPHANT RETURN #1

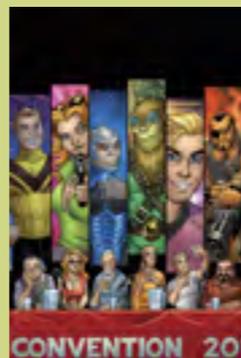
BOOM!
Brian Lynch, Ryan North, Various

Following the time-traveling historic epic of Excellent Adventure and the turbulent life and death of Bogus Journey, Bill and Ted must now fulfill their destiny as the inspiration for galactic harmony!

How can someone hate the Wyld Stallyns as much as the evil Chuck De Nomolos?

With the power of time travel, Bill and Ted set their sights on turning a young 27th-century Nomolos' non-nonheinous attitude into something most outstanding and metal!

In Shops: 11/03/2015

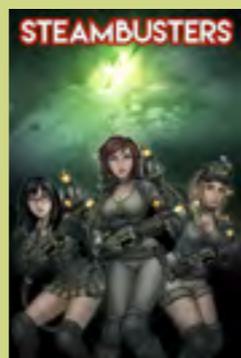


CON JOB #1

BOOM!
Jimmy Palmiotti, Matt Brady, Domo Stanton, Amanda Conner, Jay Shaw

After working the same convention circuit for many years, a group of flabby action heroes, aging sex symbols, and sci-fi bit players have become close friends as they watch their lines get shorter and their autographs get cheaper. That is, until they hire a cocky new booking agent who offers them their only chance at a comfortable retirement by robbing one of the largest cons in the country!

In Shops: 18/03/2015



STEAMBUSTERS #1
ANTARCTIC

JOE WIGHT

Something strange haunts the neighborhoods of 19th-century London. Weird creatures are wreaking havoc, and it doesn't look good. Who will people call? The police, of course, but also on the case are... the Steambusters! Celebrated creator Joe Wight delivers the thrilling adventures of a tantalizing and tenacious trio of London lovelies determined to best the worst that the supernatural has to offer!

In Shops: 25/03/2015



BLACK CROSS #1
DYNAMITE

WARREN ELLIS, COLTON WORLEY, JAE LEE

All small towns have secrets. All small towns have ghosts. Blackcross, in the Pacific North West of America, has more secrets than most. And it is being haunted by something impossible. Blackcross, a supernatural extension of the project superpowers mythos, is a ghost story about something reaching out from the other side of the night, through the forest and mist of this remote town, to grasp at the hearts of a handful of people who may not find out that they're the targets of a strange killer until it's much, much too late.

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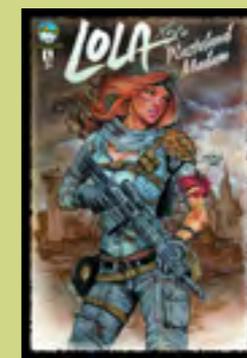


SIXTH GUN: DUST TO DUST #1
ONI

CULLEN BUNN, TYLER CROOK

We all know that the bounty hunter Billjohn O'Henry died at the battle of the Maw. But that death was not the end for him. Nor was it the beginning of his story. This yarn takes a look at a story from Billjohn's past as he embarks on a quest to save the life of his beloved Sally.

In Shops: 04/03/2015



LOLA XOXO: WASTELAND MADAM #1
ASPEN

VINCE HERNANDEZ, SIYA OUM

Siya Oum's apocalyptic Wasteland expands in this all new spinoff mini-series!

She was once a woman with a promising future and the love of her life by her side. But, following the nuclear holocaust that eviscerated the city of Chicago, the "Wasteland Madam" has evolved into a ruthless leader, responsible for protecting a band of survivors from the threat of annihilation. However, that's easier said than done in the Wasteland where the law of the land is enforced by blood!

Hot on the heels of one of 2014's most exciting debuts, Lola XOXO, be a part of the next exciting chapter of this incredible new series!

In Shops: 25/03/2015



**MOUSE
GUARD:
LEGENDS
OF GUARD
VOL.3 #1**

BOOM!

**David
Peterson,
Various**

Following two award-nominated volumes, once again, mice of all furs and trades have gathered at the June Alley Inn to swap tales of courage, adventure, and craftsmanship. The storytellers can't help but try to outdo one another, as the mouse who tells the best tale gets their bar tab cleared.

In Shops: **11/03/2015**



**NINJAK #1
VALIANT**

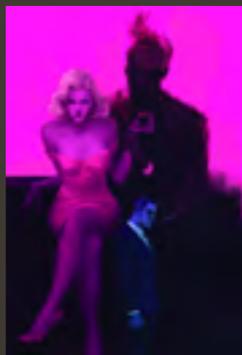
**Matt Kindt,
Clay Mann,
Butch Guice,
Lewis LaRosa**

For the first time, Ninjak's past and future collide in the pages of an all-new ongoing series from best-selling writer Matt Kindt and superstar artists Clay Mann and Butch Guice!

Then: Meet inexperienced MI-6 recruit Colin King on his first mission in the field as he learns the basics of spycraft and counterintelligence, and develops a volatile relationship with his first handler.

Now: Colin King is Ninjak, the world's foremost intelligence operative, weapons expert, and master assassin. And he's hunting the Shadow Seven - a secret cabal of shinobi masters with mysterious ties to his training and tragic past.

In Shops: **11/03/2015**



**HIT 1957 #1
TITAN**

**Bryce Carlson,
Vanessa Del**

Crime is down in Los Angeles-at least, on the surface. Mickey Cohen has been quiet since his release from prison and the LAPD has seemingly regained control of the city. But the underground is a different story. Det. Harvey Slater and company have spent the last two years focused on Domino and his Syndicate's unrelenting infiltration, but no matter how many people the hit squad kills, the real fight for Los Angeles rages on. Meanwhile, Slater's being hounded by Internal Affairs, Bonnie Brae is missing, and everything is falling apart at the seams.

In Shops: **04/03/2015**



**AQUILA #1
REBELLION**

**Gordon Rennie,
Leigh Gallagher**

He was one of the rebellious gladiator-slaves crucified by the Romans for being part of Spartacus' uprising, and in his final moments he cried out to the gods for vengeance. Something heard him, and brought him back from the dead in exchange for his soul. He is Aquila, and he is now the unstoppable instrument of Ammit the Devourer who hungers for the souls of men - and Aquila will keep feeding her until the debt is paid!

In Shops: **25/03/2015**



**DOCTOR
WHO: NINTH
DOCTOR #1**

TITAN

**Cavan Scott,
Blair Shedd,
Alice X Zhang**

The ninth Doctor is back with a brand-new miniseries: Weapons of Past Destruction! Leaving World War II behind, the Doctor, Rose, and Captain Jack discover that Time Lord technology, lost in the wake of the Time War, is being sold on the intergalactic black market! Now the threat of a new temporal war brews on the horizon. Can the Doctor stop history repeating itself?

In Shops: **11/03/2015**



**WE CAN
NEVER GO
HOME #1**

BLACK MASK

**Matthew
Rosenberg,
Patrick
Kindlon, Josh
Hood**

A well worn mixtape, a stolen convertible, a duffel bag full of cash, a fully loaded .45, and super-powers. Seventeen and on the run is the only way to see America right. Teenage outcast Duncan and popular girl Madison share a secret - they can do things other people can't. But their abilities take them down a dangerous path. After a deadly accident they are left with no choice: leave home and never come back. We Can Never Go Home is a new chance to fall in love with the doomed misfits who need to run away to find themselves.

In Shops: **25/03/2015**

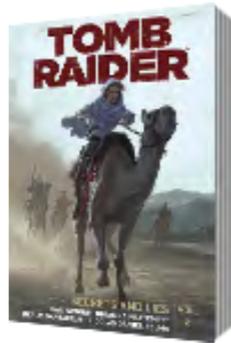
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NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR MARCH



NOVEL IDEAS

NEW GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COLLECTED EDITIONS ARRIVING FROM MARCH ONWARDS...



TOMB RAIDER VOL.2: SECRETS AND LIES
DARK HORSE
Simone, Various

After the return to Yamatai Island, Lara and her friends try to put the horror of what happened there behind them and return to "normal" life. However, when a dearly departed friend pleads for help, Lara goes on a globetrotting adventure fraught with new perils and a horrible truth that must be brought to light at all costs!

Collects issues #7-12 of the ongoing series.

In Shops: **13/05/2015**



WONDER WOMAN VOL.5: FLESH
DC
Azzarello, Chiang, Various

Wonder Woman's life is changed when she is called on to take the place of War!

In these stories from issues #24-29 and Wonder Woman #23.2: First Born, Diana must decide if this path is one she wants to take. But there's no time to consider the fallout as her family prepares for an assault on Olympus!

In Shops: **01/04/2015**



STAR WARS: EPISODE IV NEW HOPE (HC)
MARVEL
Thomas, Chaykin, Granov

The original comic adaptation of the greatest space-fantasy film of all is remastered for the modern age with all-new coloring by Chris Sotomayor! Weeks before George Lucas' first Star Wars film hit theatres, Marvel gave fans their first look at Luke Skywalker, boldly asking: "Will he save the galaxy, or destroy it?" You may know the answer, but that doesn't spoil the fun of seeing Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope like never before...including scenes that never made the silver screen!

Collecting Star Wars (1977) #1-6.

In Shops: **13/05/2015**



TRANSFORMERS: SPOTLIGHT OMNIBUS VOL.1
IDW
Furman, Various

Individual Transformers stories focusing on a vast array of characters such as Shockwave, Nightbeat, Kup, Arcee, Grimlock, Optimus Prime, and more!

Collects the first 13 issues of the Spotlight series.

In Shops: **04/03/2015**



HARLEY QUINN VOL.1: HOT IN THE CITY
DC
Palmiotti, Conner, Various

The sensational series that gave Harley Quinn her own New 52 spotlight is collected from the star-studded #0 issue to issue #8!

Don't miss Harley's big move to Coney Island as she becomes a roller derby queen - all while she carries on in her criminal career!

In Shops: **08/04/2015**



NOVA VOL.5: AXIS
MARVEL
Duggan, Baldeon, Moreira, Cheeps

AXIS tie-in! It's a perfect jumping-on point when Sam Alexander, the newest Nova, faces... wait, is that the Hulk? What happened to him? Find out why they're fighting - and more important, just how Sam thinks he has a chance! Then, Carnage ensues when the psychotic Cletus Kasady comes to Carefree! Carnage knows Nova's secret identity - and he can't wait to share it with Sam's whole school! What's worse, Nova's helmet is still on the fritz! When's this kid gonna catch a break?

Collecting Nova (2013) #23-27.

In Shops: **15/04/2015**



VELVET VOL.2: THE SECRET LIVES OF DEAD MEN
IMAGE
Brubaker, Epting, Breitweiser

The white-hot spy series from the creators of Captain America: The Winter Soldier is back! Everything Velvet Templeton ever believed about the worst night of her life has turned out to be a lie, and now she's coming back to London, taking the hunt back to the hunters, to find the truth or die trying. Don't miss the second volume in the adventures of comics' favorite new super-spy.

Collects Velvet #6-10.

In Shops: **25/03/2015**



USAGI YOJIMBO: SENSO (HC)
DARK HORSE
Saki

Twenty years in his future, Miyamoto Usagi faces a menace from Mars! It will take all the considerable fortitude, ingenuity, and heroism that Usagi and his loved ones can muster to combat the fearsome extraterrestrial war machines and halt the alien invasion. In the end, not everyone will survive to tell the tale.

Collects issues #1-6 of the miniseries.

In Shops: **06/05/2015**



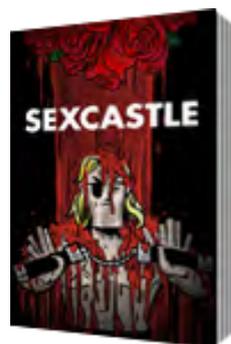
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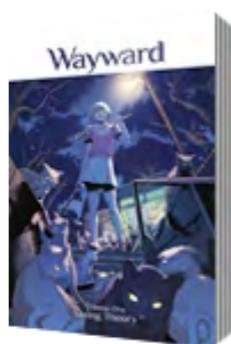
MOON KNIGHT VOL.2: DEAD WILL RISE
MARVEL
Wood, Smallwood, Shalvey

When the city is thrust into darkness by a strange new threat, Moon Knight must use all of his weapons (and personalities) to defeat a very different foe! Then, it's a hostage situation in a high-rise, and Moon Knight comes to the rescue. But in this cellphone camera society, he's doing it on the world stage! And as Moon Knight's psychiatrist digs deeper into the hero's complicated psyche, Mr. Knight learns that the doctor isn't what she seems! Plus: Moon Knight must break into the United Nations building - but why? Brian Wood (X-Men, DMZ) takes the writing reins, so buckle up!
Collecting Moon Knight (2014) #7-12.
In Shops: **15/04/2015**



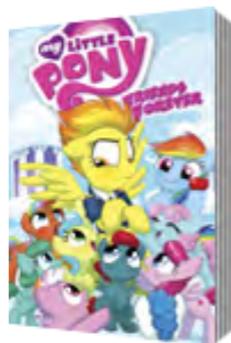
SEXCASTLE
IMAGE
Starks

The Former World's Greatest Assassin leaves the world of killing to a small town only to be pulled back in. An exciting action romp in the style of classic '80s Action Film.
In Shops: **18/03/2015**



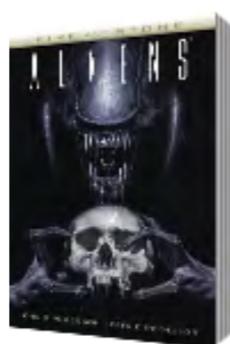
WAYWARD VOL.1: STRING THEORY
IMAGE
Zub, Cummings, Various

Rori Lane is trying to start a new life when she reunites with her mother in Japan, but ancient creatures lurking in the shadows of Tokyo sense something hidden deep within her, threatening everything she holds dear. Can Rori unlock the secrets of her power before it's too late?
Jim Zub (Samurai Jack, Skullkickers) and Steve Cummings (Legends of the Dark Knight, Deadshot) team-up to create an all-new Image supernatural spectacle that combines the camaraderie and emotion of Buffy with the action and mystery of Hellboy.
Collects Wayward #1-5.
In Shops: **25/03/2015**



MY LITTLE PONY: FRIENDS FOREVER VOL.3
IDW
Rice, Fleecs, Mebberson

Four tales of friendship and fun! Contains stories involving Granny and the Flim Flam brothers, Fluttershy and Iron Will, Rainbow Dash and Wonderbolt Spitfire, and Pinkie Pie!
Collects issues #9-12.
In Shops: **04/03/2015**



ALIENS: FIRE AND STONE
DARK HORSE
Roberson, Reynolds, Palumbo

During a vicious xenomorph outbreak, engineer Derrick Russell leads a desperate group of survivors onto a mining vessel. They hope to escape the creatures overrunning their colony-but they'll face horrors both in space and on the strange planet where they crash. Ties in with the Prometheus and Aliens films!
Collects the four-issue miniseries.
In Shops: **13/05/2015**



SUPERIOR IRON MAN VOL.1: INFAMOUS (PREM HC)
MARVEL
Taylor, Cinar

How much would you pay for perfection? Beauty? Immortality? Tony Stark knows, and he's ready to give it to you - but at a terrible price! The AXIS effect has changed Tony: He's more stylish, more confident and more cunning than ever before. And he's ready to lead San Francisco into the future - but the first step is to release Extremis upon the entire city! A bold new direction for the Armored Avenger begins!
Collecting Superior Iron Man #1-5.
In Shops: **22/04/2015**



BATGIRL VOL.1: THE BATGIRL OF BURNSIDE (HC)
DC
Stewart, Fletcher Tarr

Barbara Gordon is no stranger to dusting herself off when disaster strikes, so when a fire destroys everything she owns, she spots the opportunity for a new lease on life - and seizes it! Following the rest of Gotham City's young adults to the hip border district of Burnside, Barbara sets about building an all-new Batgirl...and discovers new threats preying on her peers! As the new hero of Burnside, Batgirl gets started by facing twin sister assassins on motorcycles!
Collects Batgirl #35-40.
In Shops: **27/05/2015**



GREEN ARROW VOL.6: BROKEN
DC
Lemire, Sorrentino, Various

In this final Green Arrow volume written by acclaimed writer Jeff Lemire, Seattle is under siege and Diggle's in the grip of crimelord Richard Dragon and his Longbow Hunters!
Collects Green Arrow #32-34, Green Arrow: Futures End #1 and a story from Secret Origins #4.
In Shops: **29/04/2015**





BIFF'S BIT

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Last year, in 2014, our shop sales were up on the previous year (2013). This is the first time in over five years this has happened! We have, over this time, continued to grow via our various online platforms such as Amazon, eBay, Economic Comics and our very own website.

This reappearance of the high street shopper has been most heartening. It has been great fun catching up with lapsed customers returning after they have weathered the financial storm of the last five to six years. Even more gratifying has been helping 'all-new' - to coin a phrase used a lot by Marvel - customers. Dazzling these people, young and old, men and women, boys and girls, has been ego boosting and, once again, fun.

Adraine, our front-of-store troll, and Kerrie, our operations and store manager in Colchester, have been having the best of times. It really

does make the day seem worthwhile when we can help so many people find great comics and graphic novels. Over in Southend, Lea and Russ have also been experiencing the same growth. Red Hot, our Glasgow warehouse, has stayed on a stable course, but being in an industrial area of Glasgow, passing trade is not the norm as it is in Colchester and Southend.

To create further interest we have made the first month of the year our Number One Giveaway Month. Visit any of the above places and spend over £10 and you'll get a *FREE CURRENT #1*, up to a maximum of 5 per customer. This is only limited by stock so first come first served.

For February we will have another promotion starting on Valentines Day, so look out for details on that.

Lastly in March and April we will be having our third event to nudge yet more of you back into our brick and mortar stores. I can assure you it is really worth a visit. Even if it is only to enjoy the exuberance of Adraine, the laid back charm of Lea and Russ, and the sheer charisma of Kerrie, plus in Glasgow the laconic Daren, Chris and two Scotts. Plus, you might even spot the lesser haired Biff as he wanders around checking stock and finding back issues! I could be at any of the three locations as I visit all the stores most months.



NEW STAR WARS

Notwithstanding the above, Marvel have helped all comic stores kick off this year with a winner that will bring in sales both online and in store. Already we have had many new faces and some old, turn up to get *Star Wars #1*. Incredibly the sales on this have been over a million with a second printing now scheduled. Dark Horse, who kept the franchise alive for decades, must be gobsmacked. Our sales figures for issue one were ten times that of any Dark Horse Star Wars #1. Once again the power of the Marvel brand has shown itself.

I can confirm that the art and story are both excellent and it seems that Marvel (Disney) are not using second stringers on this re-launch. This is on my recommended list this month.

Happy New Year to you all and, as always, read what you enjoy, not what you think you should.

TOP 20 GRAPHIC NOVELS

ACE COMICS' BESTSELLING GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR DECEMBER 2014



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SAGA VOL.4
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VAUGHAN | STAPLES
Visit new planets, meet new adversaries and explore a very new direction, as Hazel becomes a toddler while her family struggles to stay on their feet. Collects Saga #19-24.



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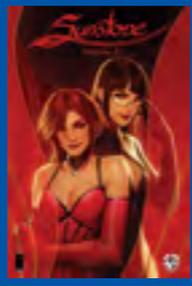
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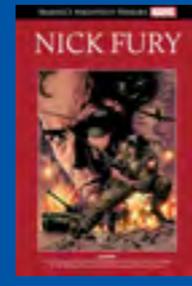
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