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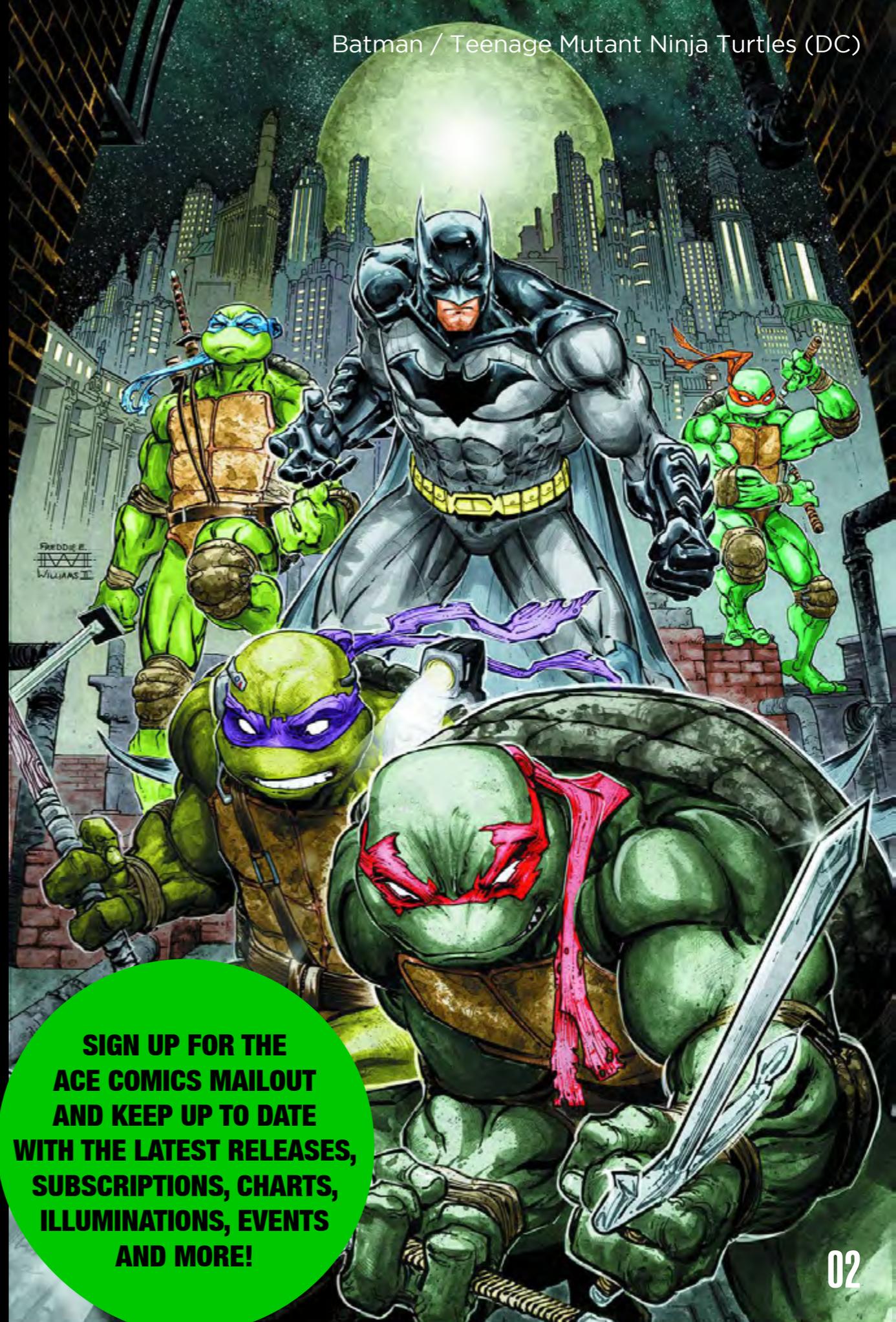
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**ALABASTER:
THE GOOD
THE BAD
AND THE
BIRD #1**

Caitlin R. Kiernan, Daniel Warren, Carlos Badilla, Greg Ruth

A new evil haunts the sun-scorched back roads and ghost towns of the American South—murderous twins who command a legion of ghouls. Once again, Dancy Flammarion must face down demons: both those who walk the world unchallenged and those in her own shattered mind.

In Shops: **09/12/2015**



**DRAGON
AGE:
MAGEKILLER
#1**

Greg Rucka, Carmen Nunez Carnero, Terry Pallot, Sachin Teng

Greg Rucka begins an all-new story set in the immersive dark-fantasy world of Dragon Age!

Tessa and Marius are mercenary partners, eliminating those who use blood magic to hurt others, but when a powerful patron employs them, they realize this next job may be their last...

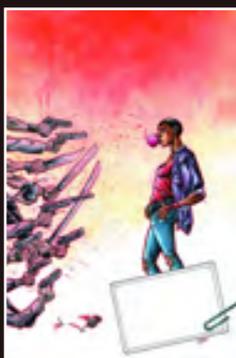
In Shops: **16/12/2015**

**MASSIVE:
NINTH WAVE #1**

Brian Wood, Garry Brown, John Paul Leon

In the pages of The Massive, Ninth Wave was struggling to repair a broken world. But before that, they were the preeminent global environmental-rescue unit, taking on criminals, polluters, politicians, and rogue states. The Massive: Ninth Wave tells these stories in a stylish, high-action, done-in-one format, reuniting the entire creative team from the original series.

In Shops: **09/12/2015**

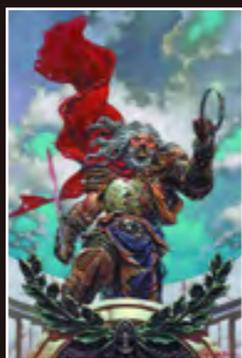


**MYSTERY
GIRL #1**

Paul Tobin, Alberto Alburquerque

Trine Hampstead knows everything. Ask her a question like “Where are my keys?” or “Is he cheating on me?” or “How are there perfectly preserved mammoths in recent ice?” and she just knows. She’s the Mystery Girl. The only thing Trine doesn’t know is how she knows—or anything else from the last ten years of her life.

In Shops: **02/12/2015**



**KING
CONAN:
WOLVES
BEYOND
THE
BORDER #1**

Timothy Truman, Tomás Giorello

King Conan grows weary of the crown. When an old soldier visits him with talk of a cursed relic and rumors of Pictish tribes preparing a full-scale invasion on Aquilonia’s borders, Conan eagerly embarks on what could be his final adventure! A fan-favorite team expands on Robert E. Howard’s unfinished “Wolves beyond the Border” tale!

In Shops: **23/12/2015**



**LOBSTER
JOHNSON:
GLASS
MANTIS**

Mike Mignola, John Arcudi, Toni Fejzula, Tonci Zonjic

Murder interrupts the opening of a new exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum. Lobster Johnson investigates to find out what makes a blown-glass sculpture worth killing for.

In Shops: **30/12/2015**



DARK HORSE
NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR DECEMBER



BATMAN 66 MEETS THE MAN FROM UNCLE #1

Jeff Parker, David Hahn, Michael Allred

Two 1960s television icons cross paths for a groovy, globe-spanning adventure in this one-of-a-kind miniseries. The deadly organization known as T.H.R.U.S.H. has a new twist in their plans for world conquest—they're recruiting some of Gotham City's most infamous villains! Agents Napoleon Solo and Ilya Kuryakin bring this information to the one man who knows everything about these new enemies: Batman. Before you can say "Open channel D," the Dynamic Duo and the Men from U.N.C.L.E. are jetting off to Europe to thwart the schemes of this deadly criminal cartel.

In Shops: **23/12/2015**



BATMAN / TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES #1

James Tynion IV, Freddie Williams

DC Comics and IDW team up for the crossover you never saw coming as two of the greatest entertainment icons meet for the first time! In Gotham City, a series of deadly raids leads Batman to believe he's up against a group of highly trained ninjas known as the Foot Clan! Somehow, they've crossed over to another dimension and are determined to take advantage of the situation while looking to get back home. But they haven't come alone: Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello and Michelangelo are hot on their trail. Get ready for excitement as heroes and villains from both worlds clash and team up in an epic battle that threatens the very fabric of reality!

In Shops: **09/12/2015**



DC PRESENTS: DARKSEID WAR - 100 PAGE SPECTACULAR #1

Jack Kirby, Various

Darkseid has been making trouble for a long time now—and here are some of his earliest epics, from the pages of *Mister Miracle* #1, *New Gods* #1 and 7, and *The Forever People* #1!

In Shops: **16/12/2015**



DC PRESENTS: ROBIN WAR - 100 PAGE SPECTACULAR #1

Geoff Johns, Andy Kubert, Various

It's Robin vs. Robin vs. Robin in these stories from *Teen Titans* #29, *Batman* #657, *Nightwing* #139 and *Batman: Battle For The Cowl* #3.

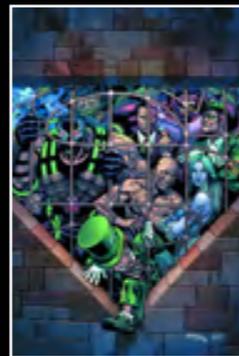
In Shops: **02/12/2015**

HARLEY'S LITTLE BLACK BOOK #1

Amanda Conner, Jimmy Palmiotti

It's the sensational debut of a bimonthly, over-stuffed, oversized team-up series in which Harley meets (and almost certainly annoys) the greatest heroes and villains of the DC Universe! First up? The incredible Wonder Woman! There's a plot to assassinate Wondy, and Harley is convinced that only she could possibly stop it! (Hey, you want to tell her about all the other options? We tried)

In Shops: **02/12/2015**



INJUSTICE - GODS AMONG US: YEAR FOUR ANNUAL #1

Tom Taylor, Bruno Redondo

Tom Taylor (*Earth 2*, *Superior Iron Man*) returns to the series he launched for this one time special event that kicks off the story you'll see in the upcoming *Injustice - Gods Among Us: Year 5*. In his efforts to maintain world peace and wipe out crime, Superman has locked up all of Earth's villains, as well as his enemies (including the Green Lantern Corps), in an undisclosed, impenetrable facility. Now, a surprising new prisoner may have discovered how to free himself and everyone else from this previously inescapable location.

In Shops: **30/12/2015**





LUCIFER #1

Holly Black,
Lee Garbett,
Dave Johnson

The anti-hero who made his debut in *The Sandman* and starred in his own hit series is back in a new series by best-selling writer Holly Black (*The Spiderwick Chronicles*) and artist Lee Garbett (*Loki*)!

As this series begins, God is dead-

and Gabriel has accused Lucifer of His murder. Lucifer had motive and opportunity, but claims he can prove his innocence. If Gabriel finds the killer and takes the culprit into custody, his sins will be forgotten, and he'll be welcomed back to Silver City. So, despite the fact that Lucifer just opened a nightclub on Earth and is hiding a mysterious wound, the two brothers set off to solve their Father's murder. Their investigation will span Heaven, Hell, Earth and beyond in this antagonistic buddy-cop noir with an angelic flair.

In Shops: **16/12/2015**

DC

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR DECEMBER



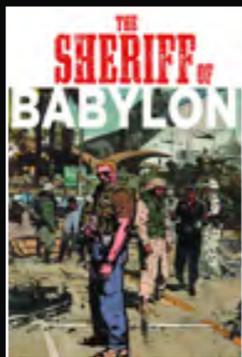
ROBIN WAR #1

Tom King,
Khary
Randolph

In part one of this new epic, it's Robins vs. cops! Robins vs. Robins! Robins vs. Batman! And Robins vs. the Court of Owls?!

Damian Wayne returns to Gotham City, and he is not happy. There are kids all over the city calling themselves Robin, Bruce Wayne is no longer Batman and the GCPD, led by the new, armored-up Batman, is cracking down on anybody wearing the "R." And things only get worse when Red Hood, Red Robin and Grayson all come back to Gotham City...

In Shops: **02/12/2015**



SHERIFF OF BABYLON #1

Tom King,
Mitch Gerads,
John Paul Leon

On the rain-soaked streets of Glasgow, a girl whose drawings somehow come to life has just stumbled across her one true love. And thousands of miles below those streets, an ancient demi-god plots his escape from the prison where he's been held for nearly two thousand years. Evil forces are at play and no one is safe as the legends of Scottish mythology collide with the modern world. Fans of *Fables* and *The Sandman* won't want to miss this riveting dark fantasy epic!

In Shops: **18/12/2015**

LAST GANG IN TOWN #1

Simon Oliver, Rufus Dayglo, Rob Davis

Forget what you know of England, of the "Land of Hope and Glory." Instead, try damp and depressing, and embrace this miserable island for what it is. Our story kicks off in 1976: the country coming apart at its flared corduroy seams, a decade after the Great Train Robbery, when British crime has gone decidedly soft in the middle.

Time for a new generation of criminals to rise: a band of snotty-nosed heroes driven by destiny and cheap cider, who will strike fear back into the establishment, put art back into crime and crime back into art, and pull off what will become known as the heist of the century.

This new series from Simon Oliver (*FBP: Federal Bureau Of Physics*) and Rufus Dayglo (*Tank Girl*), spans three decades, from the punk rock '70s to the decadent '80s and beyond, charting the rise, fall and redemption of a group of bandits that changed the face of the criminal underworld and closed the door on a legacy.

In Shops: **23/12/2015**



NEW ROMANCER #1

Peter Milligan,
Brett Parson

Fired from a cushy job in Silicon Valley, Lexy becomes a coder for New Romancer, an Internet-dating app that's seen better days. To create fake profiles, she plunders characteristics from history's most notorious lovers. Using little-known writings by Ada Lovelace, the world's first computer programmer, Lexy pushes the boundaries of coding and accidentally unleashes history's greatest lover: Lord Byron. Online dating meets courtly love in this paranormal rom-com by Vertigo veteran writer Peter Milligan and rising art-star Brett Parson (*Tank Girl*).

In Shops: **09/12/2015**



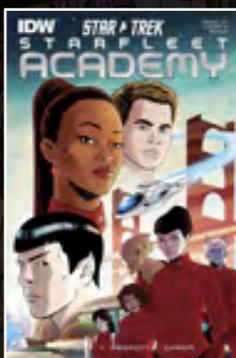


BROOKLYN ANIMAL CONTROL

JT Petty, Stephen Thompson

Brooklyn Animal Control is not your run-of-the-mill social services agency, and the officers assigned to it are not your average case-workers... they are a breed apart. These street-hardened veterans negotiate a dangerous secret world in the heart of New York City, one inhabited by werewolves that roam the streets by night, and infest the hidden back rooms of the criminal elite in their human alter-egos by day. Which of their forms is more viscous is open to debate... but both are equally deadly!

In Shops: **16/12/2015**



STAR TREK: STARFLEET ACADEMY #1

Mike Johnson, Ryan Parrott, Derek Charm

A bold new chapter for *Star Trek* begins here, in an all-new series that shows you what life is like for cadets at the galaxy's greatest school!

Witness the student days of the iconic cast before they joined the Enterprise, immediately before the blockbuster 2009 film! Plus, meet an all-new group of students as they embark on bold new adventures of their own!

In Shops: **23/12/2015**



PINOCCHIO, VAMPIRE SLAYER VERSUS THE VAMPIRE ZOO

Van Jensen, Dusty Higgins

Venture back into the world of the acclaimed Pinocchio, Vampire Slayer in this brand-new adventure from creators Dusty Higgins (*Knights Of The Living Dead, Miles Taylor And The Golden Cape*) and Van Jensen (*The Flash, Green Lantern Corps*). Pinocchio and his band of slayers are battling the undead across Italy when they come across a zoo and decide to take a break from the hunt. But the animals of this zoo have been infected by the vampiric curse. Now, the gang has to fight its way through hyenas, bats and one damn mean vampire gorilla to survive!

In Shops: **23/12/2015**



ROCKETEER AT WAR #1

Marc Guggenheim, Dave Bullock

Europe, 1942-the world is at war! As the Allies battle against the Axis, able bodied men everywhere enlist in the war effort, including Cliff Secord. Secord, also known as The Rocketeer, has been thrust full throttle into the heat of battle, and with or without his jet pack-he will depend on his wits and daring if he is to survive!

In Shops: **23/12/2015**

IDW

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR DECEMBER

JUDGE DREDD #1

Ulises Farinas, Erick Freitas, Dan McDaid

“Mega-City Zero,” part one!

Ushering in a brave new era, Judge Dredd awakens to find that Mega-City One has been sent back to the Stone Age, with city blocks overgrown and nary a citizen to be found. Witness as Dredd struggles to unravel the mystery as he copes with being just an ordinary Joe...

In Shops: **16/12/2015**



EIGHTH SEAL #1

James Tynion IV, Jeremy Rock

One woman's visceral nightmares bleed into reality as she struggles to live in the political spotlight. Is she losing her mind, or do these visions hold some darker truth?

In Shops: **30/12/2015**





JEM & THE HOLOGRAMS: HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Kelly Thompson, Amy Mebberson

Secret Santas! When Jem and The Holograms and The Misfits draw each other in their shared record label's gift exchange, heads will roll... or is the holiday spirit getting to even the bitterest of enemies?
In Shops: 09/12/2015

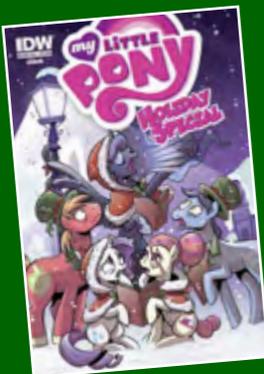


★ COVER STAR ★

TRANSFORMERS: HOLIDAY SPECIAL

John Barber, Josh Burcham, Casey W. Coller, Various

Holidays in the stars! Three stories about three casts and three unique holiday adventures! You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll never look at Cybertron - or the holidays - the same way again!
In Shops: 02/12/2015



MY LITTLE PONY: HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Katie Cook

It's holiday time in Equestria and the ponies are ready to celebrate! Join the celebration in this special one shot that shows how different ponies enjoy the festivities!
In Shops: 16/12/2015



X-FILES: X-MAS SPECIAL

Joe Harris, Matthew Dow Smith, Menton3

Special Season 11 tie-in! Just in time for the holiday season, the Lone Gunmen learn of the impending arrival of some unwelcome visitors. But before they can raise the alarm, they receive some other unexpected guests...
In Shops: 23/12/2015



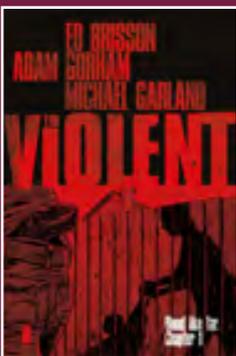


**SYMMETRY
#1**

**Matt Hawkins,
Raffaele Ienco**

Utopia is here. Hunger, sickness, work...all relics of a long forgotten past. For the greater good of the human species, all individuality, creativity, and negative emotions have been genetically bred out and medically suppressed. The population is limited to segregated areas where people lead long lives of leisure, games, and socializing. Only one man and one woman seem to notice, care, or think differently. Once they find each other, their relationship sparks a revolution...but will their love cause the salvation or destruction of mankind?

In Shops: **09/12/2015**



VIOLENT #1

**Ed Brisson,
Adam Gorham**

Meet Mason, an ex-con and former drug addict who's trying hard to give up his old life. He's got more important things to live for now: a wife struggling to contain her own addiction and a young daughter who needs them both. When threatened with losing his daughter, Mason falls into old habits, stumbling through a string of desperate criminal acts whose repercussions quickly become deadly serious.

In Shops: **09/12/2015**

IMAGE

**NEW SERIES AND
ONE-SHOTS FOR DECEMBER**



BLACK JACK KETCHUM #1

Brian Schirmer, Claudia Balboni, Jeremy Saliba

In a dreamlike version of the Old West, Tom Ketchum struggles to clear his name-and stay alive-when he's mistaken for wanton outlaw "Black Jack" Ketchum. With the aid of his talking sidearm, a secretive gambler, and a mute girl with a Winchester, Tom evades the mysterious Union and its supernatural enforcers, the faceless Dusters, as he's forced to question his identity, his sanity, and his very existence.

In Shops: **02/12/2015**



A-FORCE #1

G. Willow Wilson, Jorge Molina

A-Force, assemble! From the ashes of Battleworld, Marvel's newest hero Singularity has risen and entered the Marvel Universe. But she didn't make the journey alone. To combat the most fearsome threats from across the multiverse, Singularity will summon the world's mightiest team of Avengers to her side: She-Hulk. Captain Marvel. Dazzler. Medusa. Nico Minoru. Together, they are 'a force' to be reckoned with!

In Shops: 16/12/2015



ALL NEW INHUMANS #1

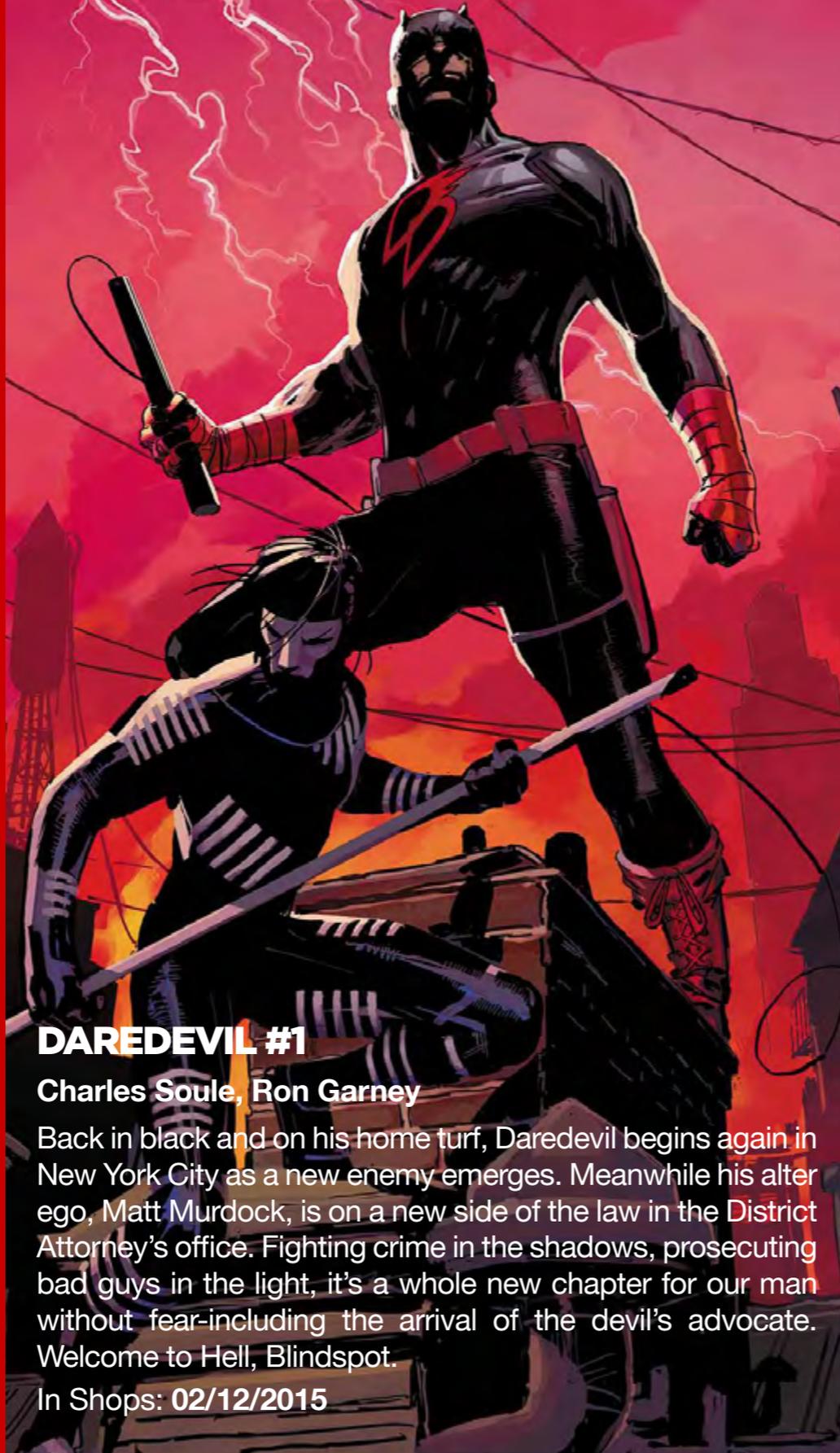
Charles Soule, James Asmus, Stefano Caselli

As the Terrigen Clouds move around the world they leave in their wake the wrecked lives of the Inhumanized. Crystal and her team are tasked to help as many of these NuHumans as possible, but it's not going to be easy. Not only are views of these new super-powered people varied (from fear to anger to amazement) but even those who get the powers aren't always glad to get them. Add to that the nineteen mysterious Skyspears that recently crashed into the Earth, and the Inhuman world just got a lot more complicated.

In Shops: 02/12/2015

MARVEL

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR DECEMBER



DAREDEVIL #1

Charles Soule, Ron Garney

Back in black and on his home turf, Daredevil begins again in New York City as a new enemy emerges. Meanwhile his alter ego, Matt Murdock, is on a new side of the law in the District Attorney's office. Fighting crime in the shadows, prosecuting bad guys in the light, it's a whole new chapter for our man without fear-including the arrival of the devil's advocate. Welcome to Hell, Blindspot.

In Shops: 02/12/2015



DARTH VADER ANNUAL #1

Kieron Gillen, Leinil Francis Yu

The planet Shu-Torin has gone against the will of the Empire. It's time for Vader to bring them in line. A great, evil jumping-on point for fans of the Dark Lord!

In Shops: 16/12/2015



GUARDIANS OF INFINITY #1

Dan Abnett, Jason Latour, Carlo Barberi, Jim Cheung

Who are the Guardians 1000?!

Defending the galaxy is a good gig, but Drax isn't thrilled with the combat hours (not enough of them) and Rocket isn't thrilled with the compensation (not enough of it). They're off on an adventure to supplement both, and Groot is happy to come along. But instead of the perks they want, they're about to get more trouble than they can handle. Good thing the Guardians 3000 are on hand to help! But what about... the Guardians 1000??!!

Also in this issue, Latour and Cheung tell a one-off story of Ben Grimm and Rocket Raccoon, stuck on a planet where culture is based on Earth-style professional wrestling...but the stakes are life and death! This ain't kayfabe, brother!

In Shops: 02/12/2015



DEADPOOL AND CABLE: SPLIT SECOND #1

Fabian Nicieza, Reilly Brown

Call them a duo with a special kind of dynamics...call them the odd couple but with guns...call them 90s comics distilled down into two characters - Deadpool and Cable are back, baby! That's right-The Merc with the Mouth and the Soldier with the Scowl are together again in this all-new series! When Cable gets a vision of a terrible future set off by the death of one man, he knows he must protect him no matter what! I'll get you three guesses who's been hired to kill that guy. Go on, guess!

In Shops: 09/12/2015



GWENPOOL SPECIAL #1

Kris Anka, Various

An all-new, all-different Marvel holiday special! She-Hulk throws a holiday party and invites the entire Marvel U! Deadpool teams up with both Hawkeyes - Kate and Clint - to...stop a pickpocket?! Ms. Marvel takes on her most dangerous threat yet: the holiday blues! And then there's the reason for the season(al special): Gwenpool! Yup, you read that right - Gwen. Pool. C'mon, you know you're curious.

In Shops: 09/12/2015

MARVEL

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR DECEMBER



PATSY WALKER AKA HELLCAT #1

Kate Leth,
Brittney
Williams

Patsy Walker has managed to escape her past, her enemies and Hell itself (literally), but nothing com-

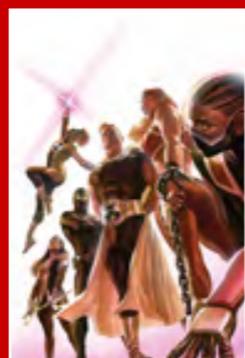
pires to job hunting in New York City! Between trying to make rent and dodging (literal) bullets, Patsy barely has time to deal with her mother's exploitative romance comics about her childhood resurfacing, much less how they start to interfere with her work and dating life. As she goes from living a double life to a triple, what the Hell is Patsy Walker supposed to do? Raise your (literal) claws for Patsy Walker, aka Hellcat!
In Shops: **23/12/2015**



SCARLET WITCH #1

James
Robinson,
Vanessa Del
Rey, David Aja

Witchcraft is broken - and the Scarlet Witch is on a journey across the globe to fix it. From the back alleys of Manhattan, to the serene Greek Isles, to the bustling streets of Hong Kong, Wanda will have to face down her foes and find out who her true friends are. But as Wanda solves magical crimes and pieces witchcraft back together, the most important question remains: Who is the mastermind that broke it in the first place? Written by Eisner Award winner James Robinson, with covers by Eisner Award winner David Aja with the first issue drawn by fan-favorite Vanessa Del Rey!
In Shops: **09/12/2015**



SQUADRON SUPREME #1

James
Robinson,
Leonard Kirk,
Alex Ross

They're each the sole survivor of a lost Earth and they'll do anything to protect this one, whether you like it or not. The Squadron Supreme -- comprising Hyperion (Avengers), Nighthawk (Supreme Power), Dr. Spectrum (the Great Society), Blur (DP7) and Power Princess -- are a team that doesn't ask permission or what the rules are. To them all that matters is the safety of Earth and if you stand in the way...that's your problem! Tell that to the Squadron's first target -- Namor, destroyer of Dr. Spectrum's homeland, who will have to pay for his crimes...but at what cost to the people of Atlantis.
In Shops: **16/12/2015**

SPIDEY #1

Robert P. Thompson, Nick Bradshaw

Think you know everything about Peter Parker's early days? Think again. It's action, adventure and a rip-roaring romp in classic Marvel style as Spidey swings onto shelves this winter! Featuring adventures from throughout the web-slinging wonder's younger years, it's a return to the days of overdue homework, not knowing how to talk to girls (or anybody, really) and just a plenty of danger. Witness some of Spidey's earliest tangles with the likes of Doc Ock, Sandman and a host of other unexpected guests!
In Shops: **02/12/2015**



MARVEL'S CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR - PRELUDE #1

Will Pilgrim,
Szymon
Kudranski

When The Mandarin strikes at the United States with a series of deadly terror attacks, Iron Man must take action! But can Tony Stark handle the pressure when he has his own demons to face?
In Shops: **16/12/2015**



RED WOLF #1

Nathan
Edmondson,
Dalibor Talajic,
Jeffrey Veregge

Frontier boomtown Timely has more than its share of scoundrels: it takes a hero to keep them in line. Red Wolf-the Cheyenne who crossed the desert and stood up to Mayor Wilson Fisk in Secret Wars' 1872-is the only man who can fill fallen Sheriff Steve Rogers' boots. As an outsider and an honest man, Red is going to need all his wits, and both his fists, to serve and protect. The tale of how Red Wolf wins the West starts in 1872, and will take him farther than he could ever imagine!
In Shops: **02/12/2015**



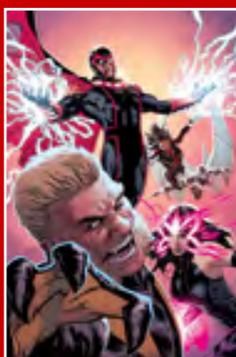
STAR WARS SPECIAL: C-3PO

James Robinson, Tony Harris

Follow everyone's favorite protocol droid as he Journeys to Star Wars: The Force Awakens, in this special one-shot leading up to his appearance in the film! Just how did Threepio get a red arm, anyway? Find out here as the blockbuster creative team of James Robinson and Tony Harris of DC's *Starman* reunite for the first time in nearly two decades!

You may be fluent in over six million forms of communication...but this book is a must have in any language!

In Shops: **02/12/2015**



UNCANNY X-MEN #1

Cullen Bunn, Greg Land

In a world that's never hated or feared mutants more, there is only one constant: bigger threats require more threatening X-Men. Refusing to accept one more mutant death, the most ruthless mutants on Earth have banded together to proactively mow down their enemies. But with a team populated by relentless killers, one question applies above all others: Can they stay away from each other's throats long enough to sever their targets'?

In Shops: **06/01/2016**



MARVEL

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR DECEMBER

STAR WARS ANNUAL #1

Kieron Gillen, Angel Unzueta, John Cassaday

Galactic espionage hits the Empire-hard!

Haarkon Dak has been undercover in the Imperial bureaucracy for years... but now, he's the only chance to save Rebel sympathetic senators!

In Shops: **09/12/2015**



STARBRAND AND NIGHTMASK #1

Greg Weisman, Dominike "Domo" Stanton, Yasmine Putri

Two former Avengers with tremendous power and almost zero life experience are on their own, trying to find their place as heroes, cosmic entities and... college students? What meal plan will cover a cosmic metabolism? Can two all-powerful entities share a dorm room the size of roach motel? Can you safely teleport to Mars after partying all night long at your first kegger? Find out in *Starbrand And Nightmask!*

In Shops: **16/12/2015**



TOTALLY AWESOME HULK #1

Greg Pak, Frank Cho

There's a brand new Hulk in town, and his name is Amadeus Cho!

Get ready for the craziest Hulk story of the millennium as a kid genius decides he's gonna be the best Hulk ever -- and just possibly brings the entire Marvel Universe crashing down into chaos! Totally awesome beach day! Massive monster mayhem! She-Hulk and Lady Hellbender! Massive heart and ridiculous action brought to you by Planet Hulk writer Greg Pak and superstar artist Frank Cho! Is it possible for us to fit in one more exclamation point? Yes!

In Shops: **02/12/2015**



WEIRD WORLD #1

Sam Humphries, Mike Del Mundo

Imagine, being trapped in a world of sword and sorcery. With no sword and sorcery experience to speak of. This is the story of Becca, a girl stuck in Weirdworld, with only one mission: get home alive! Marvel's own twisted fantasy realm comes alive before your eyes! Barbarians! Wizards! And tricked out sports cars!

In Shops: **16/12/2015**

INDIES

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR DECEMBER



DOCTOR MIRAGE: SECOND LIVES #1

VALIANT

Jen Van Meter, Roberto De La Torre, Jelena Kevic-Djurdjevic

Occult investigators Shan and Hwen Mirage lived their lives in the thrall of an epic love that few will ever have... until Hwen died tragically before his time. Now, after a perilous trip through the underworld, Shan and Hwen have been reunited, but Hwen is still an intangible spirit of the dead, incapable of opening a spellbook or even touching his wife. Their options exhausted, the death-defying Doctors Mirage are about to enact a dangerous spell to restore Hwen's solid form. But, in the wrong hands, their ancient rite will become a tool of terror - and unleash a force of pure, homicidal evil that lusts for the murder of the living and the dead alike...

In Shops: 23/12/2015



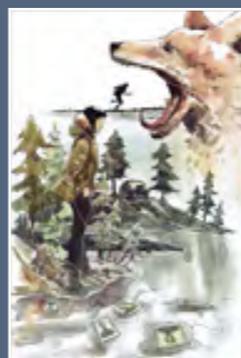
DOCTOR WHO: 12TH - YEAR TWO #1

TITAN

Robbie Morrison, Rachael Stott, Alice X Zhang

The Golden Years of the Doctor and Clara begin, as the twelfth Doctor comics leap into Series 9! Writer Robbie Morrison is back with a year-long extravaganza that kicks off with an excellent jumping-on point for new readers, while Rachael Stott (*Star Trek*) joins us as the new regular series artist!

In Shops: 23/12/2015



SNOW BLIND #1

BOOM!

Ollie Masters, Tyler Jenkins

What happens when you discover your dad isn't the man you thought he was? For high school teen Teddy, life in a sleepy suburb in Alaska turns upside-down when he innocently posts a photo of his dad on Facebook, only to learn he and his family are in the Witness Protection Program. A man seeking revenge invades their town, and soon FBI agents arrive, too. But what if his dad's reasons for going into the program aren't as innocent as he says? A tense noir story set in the bleak, snow-covered landscape of Alaska.

In Shops: 09/12/2015



DOC SAVAGE: SPIDERS WEB #1

DYNAMITE

Chris Roberson, Cezar Razeq, Wilfredo Torres

While responding to a devastating earthquake in South America, Doc Savage and company discover that not only was the disaster far from natural, but that it seems to be linked to a menace that Doc faced many years before. As he begins to investigate, Doc discovers that a number of closed cases that he had considered to be isolated threats were in fact part of a larger web that he never suspected before now.

In Shops: 02/12/2015



WITCH FINDER GENERAL #1

DEVIL'S DUE

Chris Grine, Chris "Doc" Wyatt

Recent graduate Drew Jackson's dream internship at the Pentagon turns bizarre when he's assigned to "The United States Department of the Witchfinder General." Drew is soon swept into a world of haunted Amish farm houses, British Revolutionary War vampires, and the pissed off ghost of Benjamin Franklin!

In Shops: 23/12/2015



GFT: INFERNO RESURRECTION #1

ZENESCOPE

Ralph Tedesco

Mercy Dante returns in a brand new epic and action-packed five part mini-series. Ex-Assassin turned demon bounty-hunter, Mercy Dante, is back and better than ever. After being given a second chance at life by the ruler of the Inferno, Lucifer, Mercy's been tasked with hunting demons who've escaped from hell and returning them to where they belong. Meanwhile, she's teamed up with a couple of new companions whose job it is to keep Los Angeles demon-free. But as Mercy acclimates to her new life, she must begin to answer for the sins from her past while tracking a serial killer who may be more powerful than any she's ever confronted.

In Shops: 30/12/2015

INDIES

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR DECEMBER



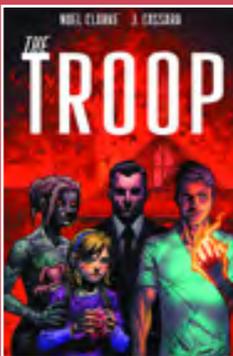
**X-O
MANOWAR
COMM-
ANDER
TRILL #0**
VALIANT

Robert Venditti,
Francis Portela,
Phil Jimenez

All-new jumping-on point! The origin of X-O Manowar's unrelenting arch enemy... told for the very first time!

From Aric of Dacia's escape with the X-O Manowar armor to the destruction of his own home world, pain and consequence have haunted the life of the alien general called Commander Trill. Now, on the eve of the most devastating assault yet, find out why with an essential, standalone zero issue detailing the battle-scarred life and origin of the Vine's mightiest military leader... and an all-new prelude to X-O Manowar's most terrifying clash of the year!

In Shops: **02/12/2015**



**THE TROOP
#1**
TITAN
Noel Clarke,
Joshua
Cassara

Across the planet and unknown to each other, a group of troubled teenagers lead lives of quiet desperation. But hell is about to befall them and they find their lives destroyed when they are targeted by dark forces. On the run, they discover they have unbelievable powers and must come together as The Troop!

In Shops: **09/12/2015**



**STREET
FIGHTER
UNLIMITED
#1**
UDON

Ken Siu-
Chong, Jim
Zub, Joe Ng,
Edwin Huang

Street Fighter monthly comics are back! Gearing up for the release of *Street Fighter V* in 2016, Udon launches an all-new monthly comic book series that will pack in more adrenaline, more battles, and more characters than ever before! A new era for the undisputed king of fighting games begins here!

In Shops: **09/12/2015**



**PRECINCT #1
DYNAMITE**
Frank J.
Barbiere,
Crizam
Zamora, Joe
Benitez

In the sprawling, steampunk metropolis of the big city, it's up to one group to keep the peace and uphold the law-the officers of The Precinct! Mortimer Hill is a veteran officer who has busted his fair share of criminals, but when mechanical monsters start causing trouble he'll need to use all his wits (and brawn!) to get to the heart of the mystery. Along with his new partner-a representative from the enigmatic Alchemy Academy-Mort will face the biggest case of his career-and the most dangerous! Join writer Frank J. Barbiere and Crizam Zamora on an action-packed, steampunk adventure full of mystery and magic!

In Shops: **09/12/2015**



**MUNCHKIN:
DECK THE
DUNGEONS
#1**
BOOM!

Katie Cook,
Mike Luckas,
Ian McGinty

There's nothing better than getting a ton of loot during the holidays, and we can always count on Spyke and Flower to make the Yuletide a little more interesting!

Charles Dickens is turning in his grave as Katie Cook (*My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic*) and Mike Luckas (*Skull Kickers*) put a Munchkin-sized spin on *A Christmas Carol*.

Tour the Dungeons of Past, Present, and Future! No one learns anything, obviously, except to pilage, steal and stab others in the back in the spirit of Christmas.

In Shops: **02/12/2015**



**GARFIELD'S
CHEESY
HOLIDAY #1**
BOOM!

Mark Evanier,
Scott Nickel,
Andy Hirsch,
David DeGrand

The Fat Cat makes the perfect lasagna-stuffed stocking stuffer in this oversized holiday one-shot from some of our favorite Garfield pals!

It's time for the not-so-classic story of "The Lasagna Monster That Stole Christmas," where the Lasagna Monster steals all the lasagna in the world on Christmas Day!

In Shops: **09/12/2015**



NOVEL IDEAS

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



GRAYSON VOL.1: AGENTS OF SPYRAL DC

Seeley, King, Janin, Mooney, Robinson

As Dick Grayson digs into Spyril and learns about his new partner, Helena Bertinelli, how can he keep track of all the lies?

Plus: Dick Grayson goes toe-to-toe with the Midnighter!

Collects *Grayson* #1-4, a story from *Secret Origins* #7 and *Grayson: Futures End* #1.

In Shops: **20/01/2016**



CIVIL WAR (HC) NEW PRINT MARVEL

Millar, McNiven, Vines, Hollowell

Whose side are you on? In the wake of a superhuman tragedy, Capitol Hill proposes the Superhuman Registration Act, requiring all costumed heroes to unmask themselves before the United States government. Divided, the nation's greatest champions must each decide how to react - a decision that will alter the course of their lives forever! Captain America rejects the Act and goes underground, Iron Man steps up to spearhead the registration effort - and Marvel's heroes split right down the middle!

Collecting *Civil War* (2006) #1-7 and *Marvel Spotlight: Mark Millar/Steve McNiven*.

In Shops: **06/04/2016**



WHERE IS JAKE ELLIS? IMAGE

Edmondson, Zonjic

Jon Moore and Jake Ellis are back. The sequel to the Eisner-nominated *Who Is Jake Ellis?* finds the American spy now without his invisible guide, but their enemies are still after them. Where is Jake, and will Jon find him in time to stop The Facility from furthering their designs?

Collects *Where Is Jake Ellis* #1-5.

In Shops: **03/02/2016**



GHOST BUSTERS: GET REAL IDW

Burnham, Schoening

When a confrontation with the elder God Proteus goes awry, Peter, Ray, Winston, and Egon will meet... the Real Ghostbusters!

In Shops: **09/12/2015**



BUFFY SEASON 10 VOL.4: OLD DEMONS DARK HORSE

Gage, Isaacs, Morris

Buffy needs serious backup.

With an ultimate Big Bad, Archaus, connected to so many from the Slayer's past, she's calling in reinforcements-and saying to hell with the awkward consequences. As the gang get closer to Archaus, the extent of his plans and their connection to the new rules of magic are revealed.

Collects *Buffy The Vampire Slayer, Season 10* #16-#20.

In Shops: **10/02/2016**



WALKING DEAD OMNIBUS VOL.6 (HC) IMAGE

Kirkman, Adlard, Stewart, Various

This deluxe hardcover features issues #121-144 of the hit series, *The Walking Dead*, along with the covers for the issues all in one massive, oversized slipcased volume.

In Shops: **02/12/2015**



BATMAN: ARKHAM KNIGHT VOL.1 DC

Tomasi, Bogdanovic, Thibert, Rauch

Collecting the first four issues of the new series!

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 can even death keep The Joker from tormenting the Dark Knight?

In Shops: **06/01/2016**



THOR VOL.1: GODDESS OF THUNDER MARVEL

Aaron, Dauterman, Molina

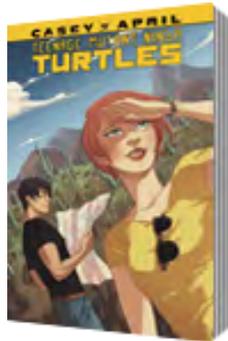
Mjolnir lies on the moon, unable to be lifted! The secrets of Original Sin have left the God of Thunder unworthy for the first time! But when Frost Giants invade Earth, a new hand will grasp the hammer - and a mysterious woman will take up the mantle of the mighty Thor! Who is this new Goddess of Thunder? Not even Odin knows... but she may be Earth's only hope against the Frost Giants! Get ready for a Thor like you've never seen before, as this all-new heroine takes Midgard by storm! Plus: the Odinson doesn't like that someone else is holding his hammer... and now it's Thor vs. Thor!

Collecting *Thor* (2014) #1-5.

In Shops: **20/01/2016**

NOVEL IDEAS

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



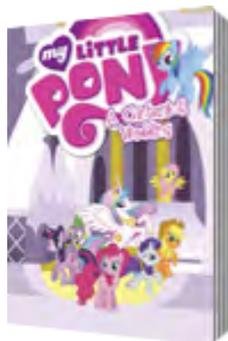
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: CASEY AND APRIL
IDW
Tamaki, Koh

Casey and April take a road trip to the southwest to dig up more clues about the mysterious Pantheon that has seemingly been pulling the strings on the Turtles' lives from the beginning.

They will find even deeper mystery, unexpected danger, and start a new chapter in their relationship.

Collects the 4-issue miniseries *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Casey And April*.

In Shops: **16/12/2015**



MY LITTLE PONY: A CANTERLOT WEDDING
IDW
Various

The celebrated animated series comes to bookshelves!

Revisit the habitants of Equestria and learn about the magic that friendship brings in this adaptation of the television series.

This volume adapts the season two finale-event, "A Canterlot Wedding," parts 1 and 2.

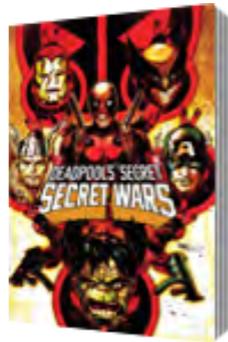
In Shops: **16/12/2015**



SUNSTONE VOL.4
IMAGE
Sejic

Meet a girl online: check! Befriend and flirt for two months online: check! Know her in person for two weeks: check! Move in together! Well...this can only end well! This is the big one, people! In fact, it's so big we had to up the page count!

In Shops: **30/12/2015**

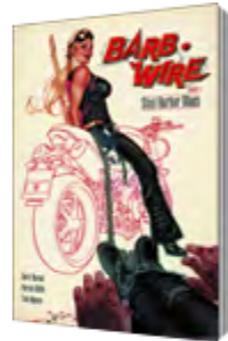


DEADPOOL'S SECRET SECRET WARS
MARVEL
Bunn, Shooter, Lolli, Harris, Various

Official *Secret Wars* tie-in! Well, not that *Secret Wars* - we're talking the original epic from 1984! But wait, Deadpool wasn't in that series, right? Wrong! Prepare to learn the terrifying truth as the team behind *Deadpool Killustrated* reveals the crucial role the Merc with a Mouth played on the Beyonder's Battleworld! A role so secret, the rest of Marvel's super heroes don't even remember it! Prepare to discover how the sassin' assassin saved the universe!

Collecting *Deadpool's Secret Secret Wars* #1-4 and *Marvel Super Heroes Secret Wars* #1.

In Shops: **06/01/2016**



BARB WIRE VOL.1: STEEL HARBOR BLUES
DARK HORSE
Warner, Olliffe, Nguyen, Hughes

Hard as nails and hot as hell, badass bounty hunter Barb Wire rides the meanest streets of America's toughest town: Steel Harbor, USA. Barb tracks gangsters who can punch through walls and crush cars like beer cans, but it's a living. Call her a bitch-just don't call her babe!

Collects *Barb Wire* #1-4.

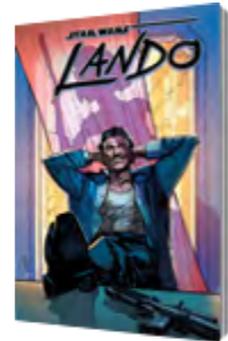
In Shops: **17/02/2016**



SHOWCASE PRESENTS: BATMAN VOL.6
DC
O'Neil, Robbins, Adams, Various

In this new collection of tales from *Batman* #229-244 and *Detective Comics* #408-426, Batman returns to his roots as the Dark Knight Detective, operating on his own in the shadows of Gotham City. With Robin away in college, Batman faces new foes and old, including Two-Face, Man-Bat and Ra's al Ghul, making his debut appearance.

In Shops: **20/01/2016**



STAR WARS: LANDO
MARVEL
Soule, Maleev

You know him, you love him - now, join him for his biggest caper ever as master of charm Lando Calrissian steps into his very own high-stakes adventure!

Before he joined the rebellion, before he ran Cloud City, Lando made his way in the galaxy getting by on some swindles, some swagger and a smile. With the loyal Lobot at his side, Lando has a plan to steal a very valuable ship. But has he bitten off more than he can chew? It's the tale of a scoundrel in his natural element: trouble!

Collecting *Lando* #1-5.

In Shops: **20/01/2016**



SHERLOCK HOLMES: CRIME ALLEYS (HC)
DARK HORSE
Cordurie, Nespolino

When members of England's literati begin disappearing without ransom or a trace, Sherlock Holmes springs into action! But the mastermind behind the abductions may prove too cunning even for the great detective!

In Shops: **03/02/2016**





BIFF'S BIT

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THOUGHTS ON FIRST WAVE OF MARVEL RELAUNCH 2015

I am thoroughly enjoying *Secret Wars*. It is beautifully drawn, expertly paced and full of characterisation and intrigue. It seemed like a perfect way to line up the launch of the All-New All-Different Marvel Universe. Then it became delayed! As issue #6 hit the shelves (another excellent read), so did half a dozen of the new series. Doubly strange/annoying is that Marvel have now extended the series to 9 issues! Like everyone else I cannot hold off reading the new releases as I wait for the full 9 issues of *Secret Wars* to finally come in.

So, what did I think?

Invincible Iron Man, superb. The art has clear, defined black lines and the characters are uniquely drawn so there is no difficulty knowing who is who. Every panel is a delight and needs to be savoured for a moment or two before reading. The opening story is full of intrigue and clearly defines the new character of Iron Man, much improved from *Superior Iron Man*. Madame Masque returns and is brought to life as a cold, calculating main villain you

actually want to know more about. This is my favourite and gets '10' from Biff.

Doctor Strange has a lovely recap of his origin using original Ditko art from *Strange Tales*, albeit obscured slightly by the modern. The new Stephen Strange is more flip-pant with a slightly cockier attitude than I am used to from the Sorcerer Supreme. The story is a full, com-



PELLING read even if the art doesn't quite fit my visions of 'mystical'. This gets a '9' from Biff.

Amazing Spider-Man is its usual excellent self. Dan Slott is still at the top of his game. Peter Parker is not the old, down on his luck character I am more familiar with, but despite my reservations, the story pulled me in and was thoroughly enjoyable. Then it has a back-up section showcasing the other Spider family titles which gives you

a chance to assess whether you want to expand your reads. Another '9' from Biff.

Avengers #0 runs through the various Avenger teams in a unique and compelling manner as a story told from the perspective of Night-Hawk and the Squadron Supreme. The Squadron are going to be on my 'must read' list as they are the good guys, but will cross the line if

necessary to protect Earth and the universe. We see the Squadron appraise all the Avenger teams and decide on how, if necessary, they would deal with them or work with them as the situation dictates. As an introduction the Avengers' world, it is first class and can help you decide on which titles to buy or not to buy. This gets an '8' from Biff.

The weakest of the bunch is *Contest Of Champions*. The art is lack lustre computer art with minimal

background detail. The Cosmic 'Collector' is summoning an eclectic mix of heroes and villains for his 'death matches'. Putting heroes into a situation where they have to kill is not my idea of a fun comic. I want - nay need - my heroes to be better than that and it is decidedly not for all ages. I give it a '4'.

A creditable start and it bodes well for the titles that are to follow.

So a quick push for a Biff '10' book - *Paper Girls #1*. This is the new series from Brian K. Vaughan and is a unique story. It opens with a group of paper girls meeting up on their paper round, nothing unusual here. They get harangued by some belligerent young males, nothing unusual here. They get hassled by a bigoted cop, par for the course. Along the way you get to know the cast and care within a few pages. Then they find a spooky alien machine in a basement and the fun begins. The art is clear and defined and while the background is a bit lacking, the colouring is excellent. Yes, the comic is fun and has a nice hook at the end to make you want to buy issue #2. So, get out there and buy it for a nice change of pace and a refreshing art style.

Mission for the month: Casually drop into conversation ideas derived from comics and mention their source. I was heartened to hear on the *Graham Norton Show*, during one of his interviews, comics and graphic novels just mentioned in passing. No big push, just nice to see that graphic novels and comics are slowly becoming part of the general media scene!

HOWEVER COMICS ARE NOT ALL SUPERHEROES

I know that once again I have focussed on a mainstream company, however while Marvel and DC do sell the most comics, they do not sell the most graphic novels (well, as far as ACE is concerned they do not). The winner for this is Image.

TOP 20 GRAPHIC NOVELS

ACE COMICS' BESTSELLING GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015



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SAGA VOL.5
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While Gwendolyn and Lying Cat risk everything to find a cure for The Will, Marko makes an uneasy alliance with Prince Robot IV. Collects Saga #25-30.



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