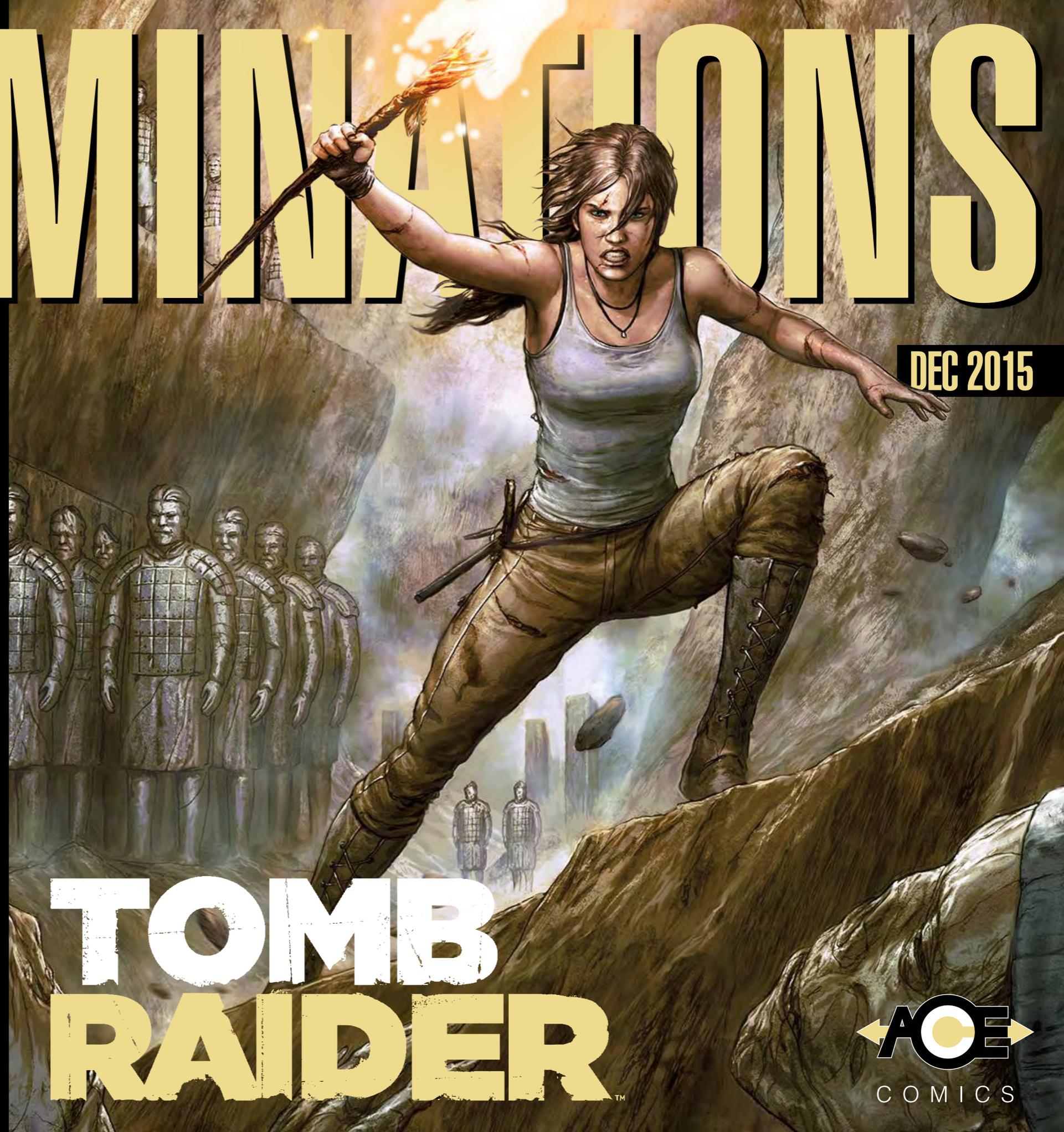


ILLUMINATIONS

A dynamic illustration of Lara Croft, the Tomb Raider character, in a cave setting. She is shown in a leaping or running pose, wearing her signature grey tank top and brown cargo pants. She holds a flaming torch aloft in her right hand. The background features ancient stone carvings of soldiers in armor and a bright light source, possibly a fire or opening, at the top. The overall tone is adventurous and action-oriented.

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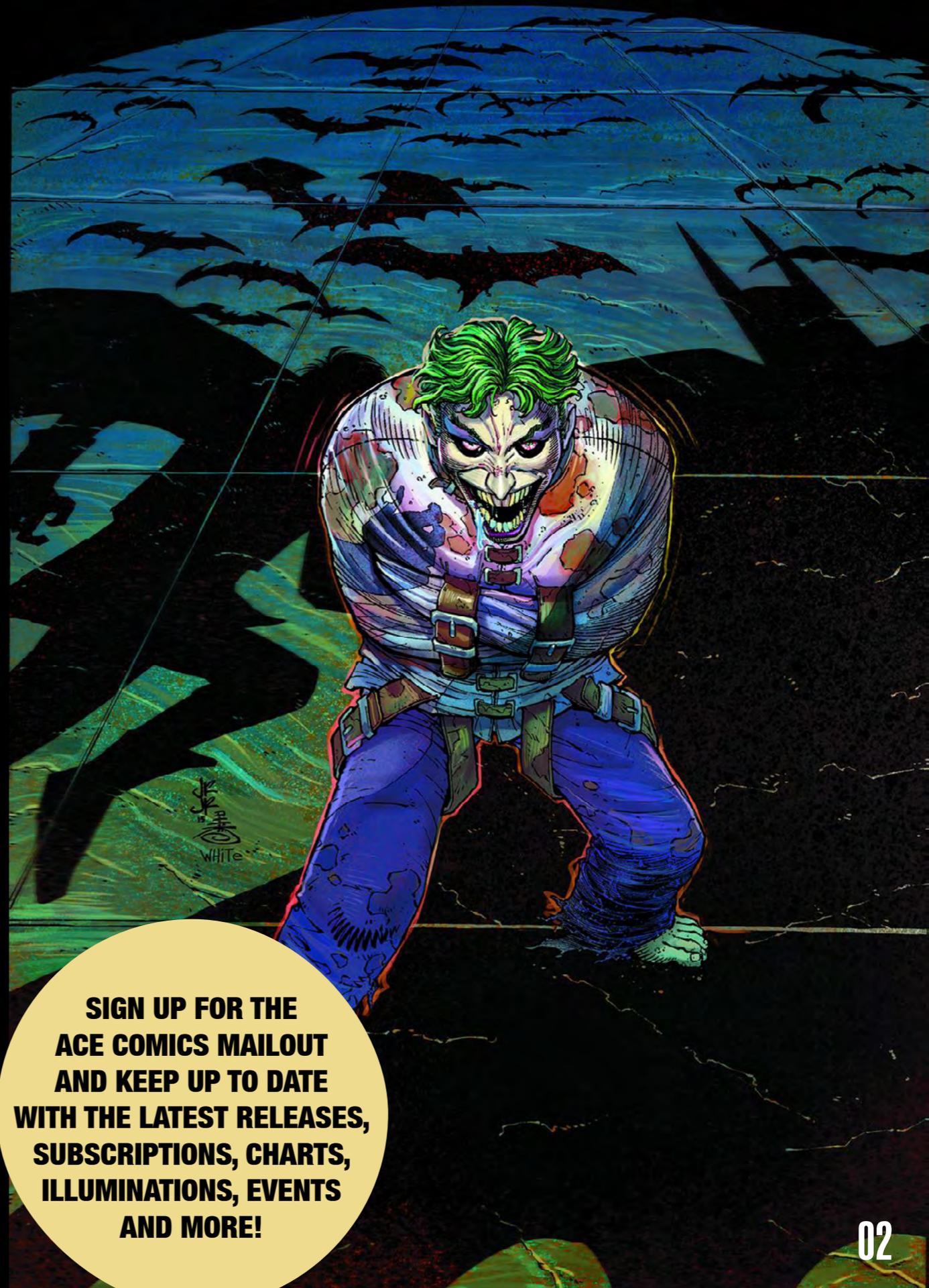
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DARK HORSE

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR FEBRUARY

HELLBOY AND THE BPRD - 1953: BEYOND THE FENCES #1

Mike Mignola,
Chris Roberson,
Paolo Rivera, Joe Rivera

A mysterious creature hunts the children of an idyllic suburban town, and the BPRD get more than they bargained for when their investigation begins to seem strangely familiar.

iZombie co-creator Chris Roberson joins *Hellboy* creator Mike Mignola and Eisner and Harvey Award-winning artist Paolo Rivera for *Hellboy: Year Two*.

In Shops: 24/02/2016



KINGS ROAD #1

Peter Hogan,
Phil Winslade,
Staz Johnson

This 48-page special includes all *King's Road* chapters from *Dark Horse Presents* by Peter Hogan and Phil Winslade - and an additional issue's worth of story drawn by the new *King's Road* art team!

Artist Staz Johnson (*Judge Dredd*) and colorist Douglas A. Sirosis (*The 7th Sword*) join Hogan to continue this tale of a family on the run from magical, other-dimensional monsters.

In Shops: 10/02/2016



★ COVER STAR ★

TOMB RAIDER #1

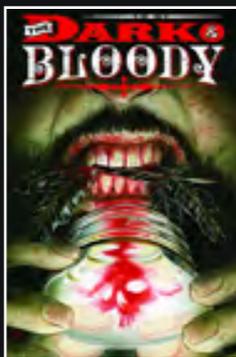
Mariko Tamaki,
Phillip Sevy,
Agustin Alessio

After *Rise of the Tomb Raider*, Lara Croft's adventure continues in a new comic series by Eisner Award winning writer Mariko Tamaki (*This One Summer*)!

Lara Croft is pursuing a lost truth about the world that just might unlock the secret to defeating death! She becomes entangled in a search for a rare mushroom said to grant immortality and a lethal new enemy that just won't die!

Continuing where the *Rise of the Tomb Raider* game left off!

In Shops: 17/02/2016



DARK AND BLOODY #1

Shawn Aldridge, Scott Godlewski, Tyler Crook

Guns, moonshine, monsters-there's a lot going on in the backwoods of Kentucky. Iris Gentry is a war veteran who returned from Iraq to find his options for supporting his family limited. Since they live in a "dry" county, Iris has turned to running moonshine for his former ranking officer-meaning the men now share crimes at home and abroad. You see, back in their combat days, Iris's regiment got involved in something they shouldn't have, and now a deadly, otherworldly consequence has come looking for vengeance.

The Dark And Bloody is a haunting new horror series by writer Shawn Aldridge (*Vic Boone*) and artist Scott Godlewski (*Copperhead*), with covers by Tyler Crook (*Harrow County*).

In Shops: 10/02/2016

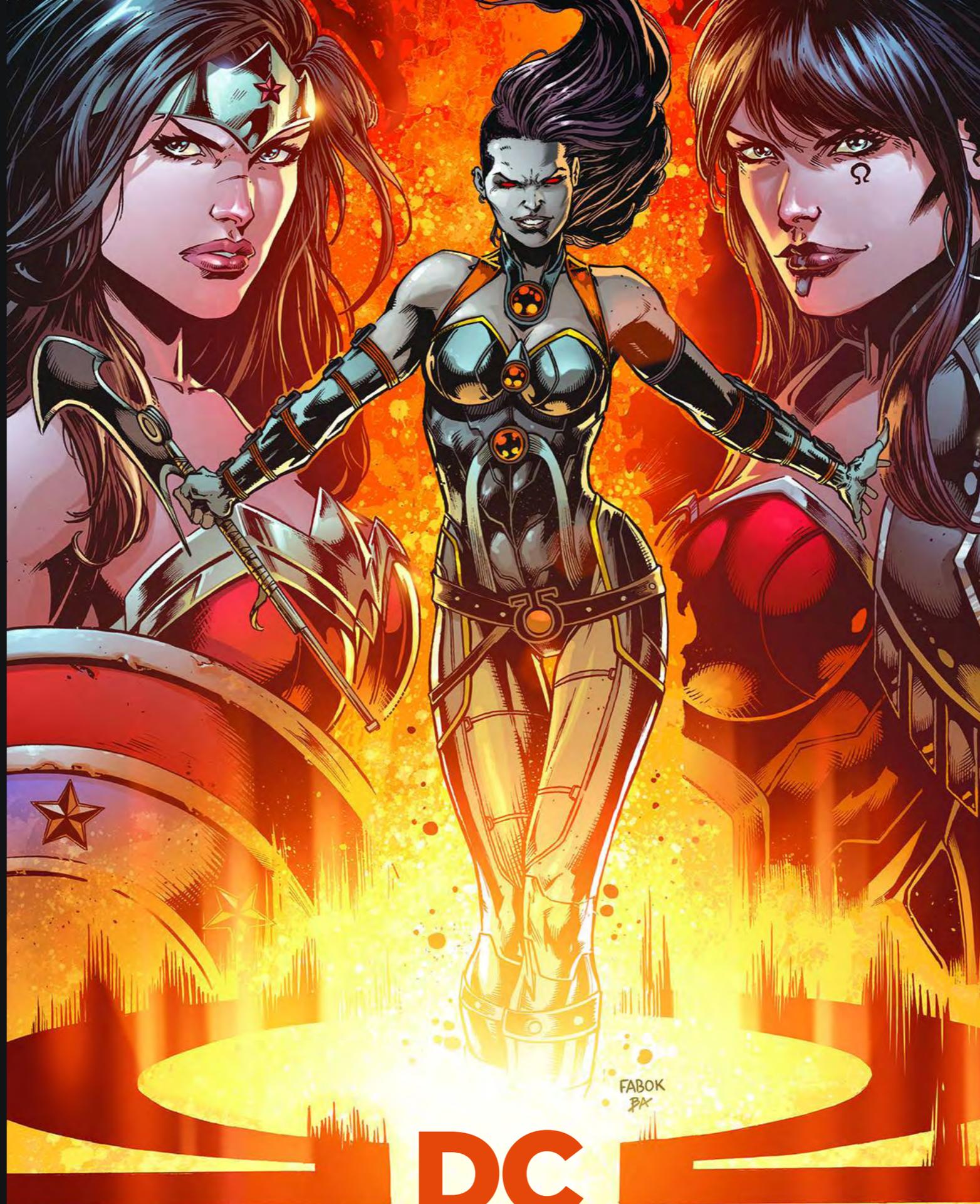


DARK KNIGHT RETURNS: THE LAST CRUSADE #1

Frank Miller, Brian Azzarello, John Romita, Bill Sienkiewicz

Before the Dark Knight returned... The Joker. Poison Ivy. Selina Kyle. And the last Robin.

In Shops: 17/02/2016



JUSTICE LEAGUE: DARKSEID WAR - SPECIAL #1

Geoff Johns

The massive "Darkseid War" epic continues to set the stages for the future of the DC Universe as we reveal the secrets behind its newest major player: Darkseid's daughter, Grail! And if the Justice League is not careful, the spoils of war will all end up with her! See the truth behind Grail's role in this war and the future of the DC Universe as she tears her way across it!

In Shops: 17/02/2016



SUPERMAN: THE COMING OF THE SUPERMEN #1

Neal Adams

From legendary writer/artist Neal Adams comes a threat so epic it will take more than one Man of Steel to handle it! As Darkseid and the hordes of Apokolips lay waste to the world, even Superman is overwhelmed-but not for long, as three heroes from the miniaturized city of Kandor emerge at full size, armed with all the vast powers of Kal-El, ready to become the new Supermen!

This battle of titans also features the machinations of Lex Luthor, plus fan favorites Jimmy Olsen and Lois Lane aiding in the fight for Truth, Justice and the American Way.

In Shops: 03/02/2016

DC

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR FEBRUARY



DIRK GENTLY'S A SPOON TOO SHORT #1

Arvind Ethan, David, Ilias Kyriazis

A *Spoon Too Short* is Dirk Gently's most baffling and incomprehensible case. Inspired by the tantalizing alternative title for the Dirk adventure Douglas Adams was working on prior to his death, written by Arvind Ethan David and executive produced by Max Landis, *A Spoon Too Short* follows the continuing adventures of the world's weirdest detective.

In Shops: 17/02/2016



HAUNTED LOVE #1

Bernard Bailey, Various

From the titanic terror team that brings you *Haunted Horror* and *Weird Love* comes a macabre mash-up of both hit series! *Haunted Love* features rotting tales of supernatural Pre-code romance from putrid horror comics from the vile horror comics of the 1950s.

In Shops: 10/02/2016



INSUFFERABLE: ON THE ROAD #1

Mark Waid, Peter Krause

On the trail of the murderer who bankrupted them, Galahad and Nocturnus are forced to travel overseas-where their connections and resources are of no use to them!

In Shops: 24/02/2016



STREET FIGHTER X / GI JOE #1

Aubrey Sitterson, Emilio Laiso, Mike Choi

On a hidden island in international waters, 16 combatants enter a secret tournament that pits Street Fighter vs. G.I. Joe! M. Bison and Destro have joined forces, and taking them down will require the world's finest warriors: Ryu, Snake Eyes, Guile, Scarlett, Chun-Li and Duke.

Aubrey Sitterson and Emilio Laiso bring the visceral combat of the world's most popular fighting game series and the real world military action of America's fighting elite together for the first time!

In Shops: 24/02/2016

JEM AND THE HOLOGRAMS: VALENTINE DAY SPECIAL

Kelly Thompson, Corin Howell, Sara Richard

One night only! Tensions run high between Jem And The Holograms and The Misfits as their tour kicks into high gear! And now, the sound buried in Synergy programming - the one that's been profoundly affecting all those who hear it - has just changed its tune! For one night only - Valentine's Day - it's making friends of enemies with sometimes dangerous consequences!

In Shops: 10/02/2016



WYNONNA EARP #1

Beau Smith, Lora Innes

The US Marshals Black Badge division has been fighting back against supernatural threats for decades. But even the toughest werewolf, most blood-thirsty vampire, or grisliest zombie knows

there's one agent to avoid at all cost: Wynonna Earp. Descended from the legendary Wyatt Earp, Wynonna is dead set on bringing the unnatural to justice! Beau Smith returns with artist Lora Innes (*The Dreamer*) to bring readers a chilling, new *Wynonna Earp* adventure!

In Shops: 10/02/2016



IDW
NEW SERIES
AND ONE-SHOTS
FOR FEBRUARY



IMAGE

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR FEBRUARY

SNOWFALL #1 Joe Harris, Martin Morazzo

Writer Joe Harris (*The X-Files*) and artist Martín Morazzo (*Vertigo Quarterly*), creators of *Great Pacific*, reunite for a brand new ongoing science-fiction series and an oversized debut issue featuring thirty-two pages of story! In the

year 2045 it no longer snows. A catastrophic crash has left the climate ravaged, society splintered, and the newly-christened “Cooperative States of America” propped up and administered by the powerful Hazelyne Corporation. Only

one man wages an all-out weather war against the system, wielding the forces of nature themselves as weapons. He is the White Wizard. The ghost in the night. Genius. Terrorist. Outlaw. Hero?

In Shops: **17/02/2015**



MIRROR #1

Emma Rios, Hwei Lim

Emma Ríos (*Pretty Deadly*, *Island*) and Hwei Lim (*Lalage*, *Hero*) team up for a new ongoing series, following a terrorist talking dog, an idealist mage, and a heroic lab rat on their quest for acceptance.

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

MARVEL

NEW SERIES AND
ONE-SHOTS FOR
FEBRUARY



SPIDER-MAN #1

Brian Michael Bendis, Sara Pichelli

Miles Morales has been doing the super hero thing for a while, now, but after *Secret Wars*, he'll be a full-fledged member of the Marvel Universe. Swinging next to *The Invincible Iron Man*, *The Mighty Thor* and the *All-New Captain America* as a card-carrying member of the Avengers is an adventure, but it's not all fun and games for New York City's main Spider-Man! What happened in the eight month gap? It all starts in *Spider-Man #1!*

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



AVENGERS STANDOFF: WELCOME TO PLEASANT HILL #1

Nick Spencer,
Mark Bagley,
Daniel Acuña

The prelude to the Spring's blockbuster Avengers event! Hello there and welcome, new resident. You've sure made the right choice in moving to Pleasant Hill-- a friendly small town where burdens are lifted and the sun is always bright... so hide your eyes. Don't let it see you looking its way. Hide if you must. Otherwise it will burn right through you. Pleasant Hill is the kind of place where folks look out for one another. Everyone knows who their neighbors are. But who are you, neighbor?

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



POWER MAN AND IRON FIST #1

David Walker,
Sanford Greene

The original Heroes For Hire, back on the clock! We know you've been waiting to see Luke Cage and Danny Rand back together and back to street-stomping basics! Power Man and Iron Fist are tracking a mystery with all the ingredients of a classic Heroes-for-Hire tale. Expect old friends, hired goons, crime lords, weird magic, plenty of power, a flurry of fists and as much bromance as you can handle! It's Power Man and Iron Fist reunited, and writer David Walker and artist Sanford Greene are making it feel so good!

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



X-MEN: WORST X-MAN EVER #1

Max Bemis,
Michael Walsh

Bailey Hoskins has just discovered he's a mutant. For someone who's never been special, never stood out, discovering he's "gifted" is truly a gift-entry into the halls of Xavier's School for Gifted Children and into the ranks of the world-famous X-Men! Unfortunately... Bailey might just be the worst X-Man ever. Max Bemis, frontman of the band Say Anything, kicks off his first Marvel miniseries by teaming with stellar artist Michael Walsh to bring us the story of a misfit among misfits.

In Shops: **24/02/2016**



DEADPOOL: MERC'S FOR MONEY #1

Cullen Bunn,
Salva Espin,
Declan Shalvey

Deadpool might be an Avenger now, but he's also got his own private team of mercenaries... the legally-cleared-to-be-called Mercs For Money! Got a problem you can't solve on your own and a pile of money you'd like to be rid of? Just call Deadpool, Stingray, Massacre, Solo, Foolkiller, Terror and Slapstick and watch as that problem is shot, stabbed, eviscerated, pulverized and generally made bloody!

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



BILL AND TED GO TO HELL #1
BOOM!

Brian Joines, Bachan, Jamal Campbell

It's time again to be excellent to each other! Since 2016 is the 25th anniversary of *Bill And Ted's Bogus Journey*, why not celebrate with a new mini-series that sends the lovable duo to Hell, this time with the *Imagine Agents* team of Brian Joines and Bachan at the helm.

It's time to get the band back together! Bill, Ted and the Princesses will have to reunite with some historic friends to knock down the Devil's door and get their friend Death back. With the help of Rufus, Billy the Kid, Joan of Arc, and more, this is the showdown that will rock the supernatural world. History vs. Hell. Too bad Hell has some surprises up its sleeve...

In Shops: 24/02/2016



DOCTOR WHO: THE FOURTH DOCTOR #1

TITAN

Gordon Rennie, Emma Beeby, Brian Williamson

Victorian England. A mysterious woman commands a hidden army in a house of the blind. Scryclops stalk the streets - and something alien and terrible screams from pre-history with a hunger that cannot be sated! The Fourth Doctor and Sarah Jane Smith return for an all-new adventure: "*Gaze of the Medusa*"!

In Shops: 02/03/2016



DISNEY PRINCESS #1

JOE BOOKS
Amy Mebberson

Disney's beloved heroines have returned in this hilarious collection of Disney Princess comic strips! Featuring laugh-out-loud stories from the worlds of Ariel, Belle, Rapunzel, Tiana, Cinderella, Aurora, and more, this charming new ongoing series will make all your royal dreams come true!

In Shops: 24/02/2016



DEUS EX #1

TITAN
Alex Irvine, Marco Turini

With society still reeling from the Aug Incident - the Illuminati orchestrated event which caused augmented individuals to mindlessly attack their "natural" counterparts - anti-aug sentiment is at an all-time global high. Task Force 29 stands as the world's main defence against total anarchy. In the city of Prague, the team's latest recruit, Adam Jensen, readies for his first mission with the unit. But being augmented himself, how will the former SWAT officer handle himself when faced with the grim reality of the mechanical apartheid? Welcome to the darker side of *Deus Ex* in this thrilling prelude to the upcoming new instalment, *Deus Ex: Mankind Divided*!

In Shops: 03/02/2016

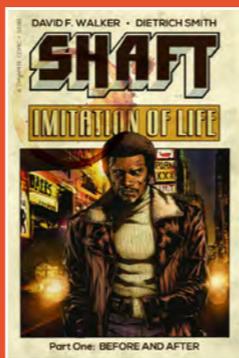


DEJAH THORIS #1

DYNAMITE
Frank J. Barbieri, Francesco Manna, Nen

A shocking conspiracy unravels in Helium as Dejah's father has gone missing. In the wake of assuming the throne, Dejah learns secret information from her past that will have resounding effects on the kingdom - and her life! Join Frank J. Barbieri (*The Howling Commandos of SHIELD*, *The Precinct*) and Francesco Manna (*Vampirella #100*) as Dejah discovers a secret past that will have her leaving Helium for an all-new adventure on her own!

In Shops: 03/02/2016



SHAFT: IMITATION OF LIFE #1

DYNAMITE
David Walker, Dietrich Smith, Matthew Clarke

After a high profile case that put him in the headlines, private detective John Shaft is looking for something low profile and easy that will keep him out of the spotlight and out of danger. Shaft takes a missing person case that proves to be more difficult than he initially thought. At the same time, he is hired to be a consultant on a low budget film that may or may not be based on his life, and proves to be as dangerous as any job he's ever had. But when there's danger all about, John Shaft is the cat that won't cop out!

In Shops: 03/02/2016

INDIES

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR FEBRUARY

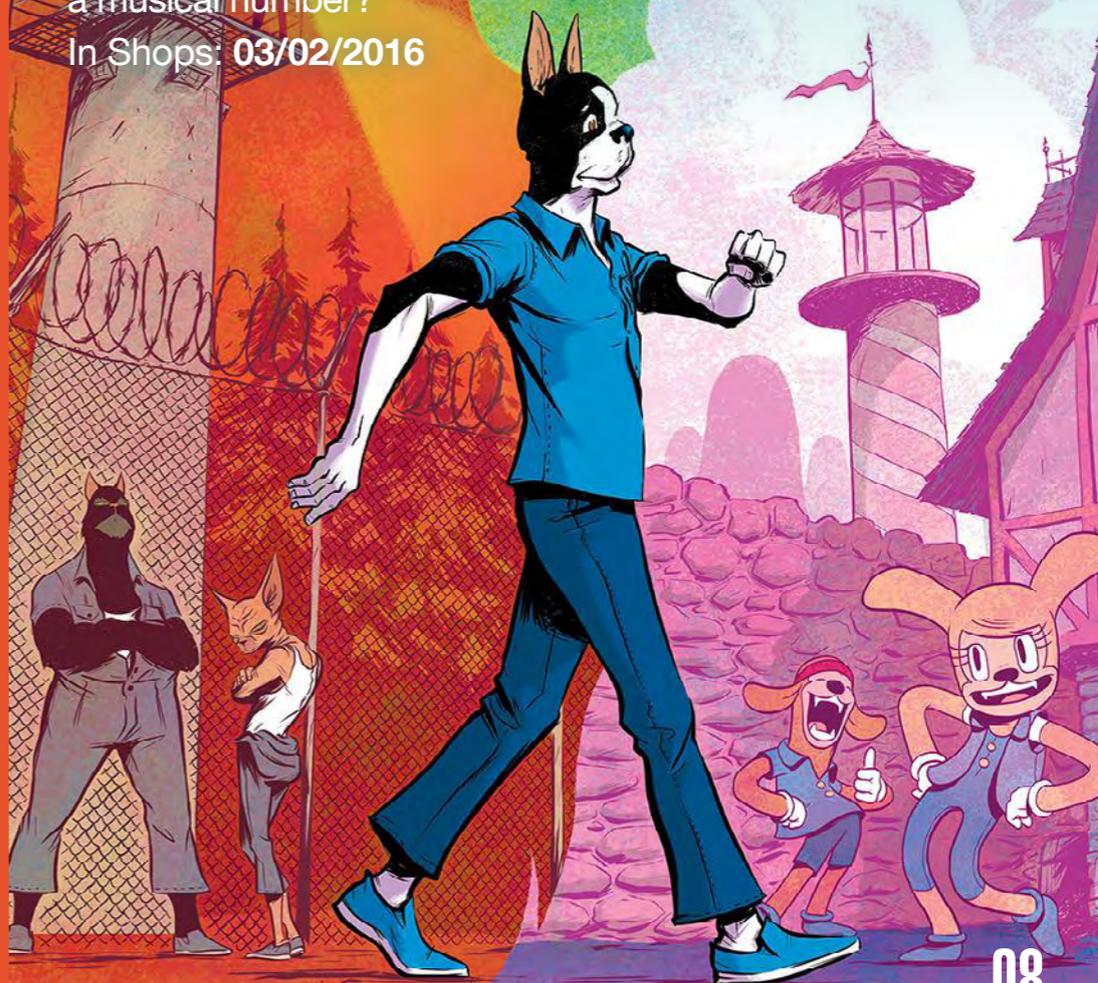
KENNEL BLOCK BLUES #1
BOOM!

Ryan Ferrier, Daniel Bayliss

Ryan Ferrier (*Curb Stomp*) and Daniel Bayliss (*Translucid*) combine the tradition of great anthropomorphic stories like *Wild's End* and *Blacksad* with the madcap twists of *Six-Gun Gorilla* and *The Spire* in their new series *Kennel Block Blues*.

Oliver is a good dog. A family dog. But without warning, he's sentenced to Jackson Kennel, where he's instantly placed on Death Row with the rest of his fellow inmates, awaiting a lethal appointment on The Table if salvation doesn't come. He'll need help escaping the Kennel, but when the stress of prison life builds, he starts escaping reality instead, imagining a fantasy world of cartoon friends. It's time to break out...into a musical number?

In Shops: 03/02/2016



NOVEL IDEAS

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

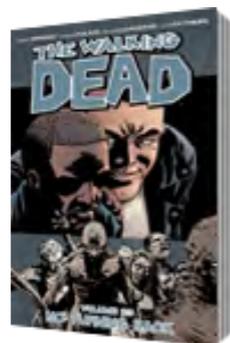


SPIDER-VERSE
MARVEL
Various

When the evil Inheritors begin exterminating Spider-characters throughout the multiverse, every single Spider-Man ever is needed to save the day! An interdimensional Spider-army gathers to fight Morlun and his deadly family, but as the Prophecy comes to fruition, none of them are safe! What will this brutal war for survival mean for Peter Parker... and the rest of the Spiders?

Collecting *Amazing Spider-Man* (2014) #7-15, *Superior Spider-Man* #32-33, *Spider-Verse* (2015) #1-2, *Spider-Verse Team-Up* #1-3, *Scarlet Spiders* #1-3, *Spider-Woman* (2014) #1-4, *Spider-Man 2099* (2014) #5-8 and material from *Free Comic Book Day 2014* (*Guardians Of The Galaxy*) #1.

In Shops: **24/02/2016**

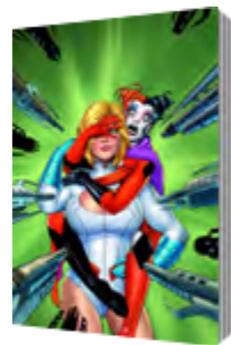


WALKING DEAD VOL.25: NO TURNING BACK
IMAGE
Kirkman, Adlard, Stewart, Various

After a devastating act of war by the Whisperers, Rick must chart a path for his community.

Collects *Walking Dead* #145-150.

In Shops: **30/03/2016**

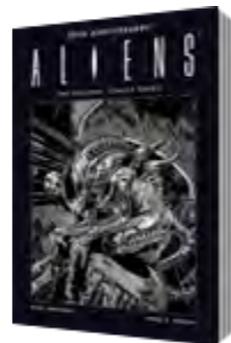


HARLEY QUINN AND POWER GIRL
DC
Conner, Palmiotti, Roux

It's a cosmic adventure beyond your wildest imaginings: Power Girl and Harley Quinn, stranded in a forgotten dimension, on the homeland of the amorous warlord Vartox! They'll sacrifice anything they have to in order to get home... except their dignity! Kidnapping! That'll be the first thing to go.

Collecting the 6-issue miniseries!

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



ALIENS: 30TH ANNIVERSARY - ORIGINAL SERIES (HC)
DARK HORSE
Verheiden, Nelson

In 1988, Dark Horse's *Aliens*, with stunning art by Mark A. Nelson and a script by Mark Verheiden, took the comics market by storm... until the release of *Alien 3* forced the story to change.

For the thirtieth anniversary of *Aliens*, Dark Horse is releasing an oversized hardcover edition of the unabridged and unadulterated series featuring the first major comics work by Mark Verheiden, who went on to write *The Mask*, *Timecop*, *Battlestar Galactica*, *Daredevil* and many other films and television shows.

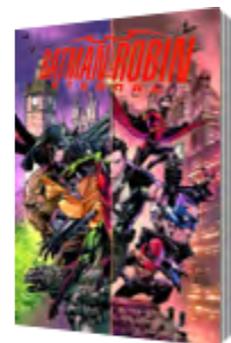
In Shops: **27/04/2016**



DRIVE
IDW
Benedetto, Fuso

In L.A., there's one man you want behind the wheel. Just tell him where and when. He doesn't take part, doesn't know anyone, doesn't carry a weapon. He drives, and he's the best. Ride along as James Sallis' lean neo-noir masterpiece unfolds onto the sun-bleached streets of Los Angeles in this exciting comic book adaptation.

In Shops: **24/02/2016**

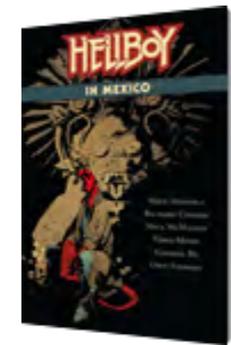


BATMAN AND ROBIN: ETERNAL VOL.1
DC
Tynion IV, Snyder, Various

Not many years ago, Batman and Robin brought down the organization of the human trafficker known only as Mother. At the time, Dick Grayson did not understand the scope of that case, but now its darkest secrets are coming back to haunt him and everyone else who ever worked with Batman!

Collects *Batman And Robin: Eternal* #1-12, plus the eight-page story from *Batman: Endgame Special Edition* #1.

In Shops: **09/03/2016**



HELLBOY IN MEXICO
DARK HORSE
Mignola, Various

In 1956, Hellboy caravans across Mexico-vampire hunting with luchadores, finding the Aztec gods, fighting evil turkeys and Frankenstein's monster, and drinking way too much tequila, in the strangest collection of his adventures yet.

Collects stories from *Dark Horse Presents* and *Hellboy 20th Anniversary Sampler*, plus *Hellboy In Mexico* and *Hellboy: House Of The Living Dead*.

In Shops: **13/04/2016**



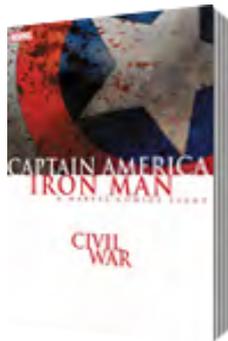
THANOS: INFINITY FINALE (HC)
MARVEL
Starlin, Lim

The Finale to Jim Starlin's new Infinity trilogy! Thanos is back, but the galaxy has been ravaged in his absence. Annihilus is waging genocide across the universe. Will those few that remain ally themselves with Thanos? Even that might not be enough to avert the total annihilation of everything there is. And this time, the obliteration of all time and space may truly be the end...

In Shops: **13/04/2016**

NOVEL IDEAS

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



**CIVIL WAR:
CAPTAIN
AMERICA /
IRON MAN**
MARVEL
Maleev, Various

Captain America has fallen into a conflict with his government. Tony Stark feels that only he can lead the charge for superhuman registration. In the midst of the war, they meet secretly. Is there any hope of working out their issues before further tragedy occurs? And in the war's aftermath, the two heroes meet again in a heart-wrenching epilogue that cannot be missed.

Collecting *Captain America* (2005) #22-24, *Winter Soldier: Winter Kills* #1, *Iron Man* (2005) #13-14, *Iron Man/Captain America: Casualties Of War* #1 and *Civil War: The Confession* #1.
In Shops: **09/03/2016**

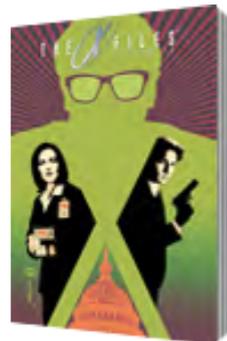


**GREEN
LANTERN
VOL.7:
RENEGADE
(HC)**
DC
Venditti, Various

A new chapter in Hal Jordan's life begins as he becomes the universe's most wanted outlaw!

Collects stories from *Green Lantern* #41-46, *Annual* #1 plus the sneak peek story from *Convergence: The Atom* #2.

In Shops: **20/04/2016**



**X-FILES:
SEASON 11
VOL.1 (HC)**
IDW
Tomasi, Borges,
Soy

Since returning to the X-Files, Fox Mulder has seen his work with the FBI discredited and has found himself a fugitive from the U.S. government—all thanks to the mechanizations of a former ally, Gibson Praise. Meanwhile, Dana Scully remains at the FBI under the watchful eye of Gibson, as she works to prevent the government from falling further into his clutches and to clear her partner's name.

Collects issues #1-5.
In Shops: **10/02/2016**



**THE LAST
FALL**
IDW
Waltz, Maloney

After multiple combat tours, battle-hardened soldier Marcus Fall is finally able to leave the military and return to his beloved wife and son. But a tragic event causes a devastated Fall to return to the war with one bloody mission in mind: revenge against the enemy... every last one of them.

In Shops: **24/02/2016**



**FACTS IN THE
CASE OF THE
DEPARTURE
OF MISS
FINCH (HC)**
DARK HORSE
Gaiman, Zulli

Come and hear of the terrible tale of Miss Finch, befallen by mystery and abduction deep under the streets of London! Join a group of friends, with the stern Miss Finch in tow, as they enter this strange world of vampires, ringmasters, illusions, and the Cabinet of Wishes Fulfill'd!

In Shops: **20/04/2016**



**GUARDIANS OF
THE GALAXY /
X-MEN: BLACK
VORTEX**
MARVEL
McGuinness,
Various

Star-Lord and Kitty Pryde have stolen the ancient Black Vortex, which offers cosmic power to anyone who peers within. Peter's father, the deposed emperor Mister Knife, wants it - and so does the son of Thanos. To keep their prize safe from mounting threats, Peter and Kitty will need all their allies. But with the fate of the universe at stake, will the heroes succumb to temptation, embrace the Vortex's gifts - and be corrupted by absolute power?

Collects the entire *Black Vortex* story.
In Shops: **24/02/2016**

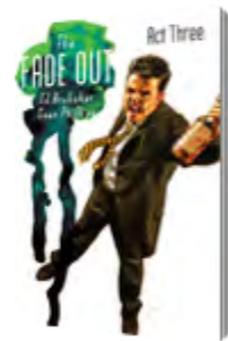


**WONDER
WOMAN:
EARTH ONE
VOL.1 (HC)**
DC
Morrison,
Paquette

In this new installment of the *Earth One* original graphic novel line, Grant Morrison (*The Multiversity*) joins with Yanick Paquette (*Swamp Thing*, *Batman Inc*) to reimagine Wonder Woman for a new era. Encompassing the vision of her original creator, William Moulton Marston, Morrison presents a Diana who yearns to break free from her mother and the utopian society on Paradise Island to learn about the forbidden outside world. Her dreams may come true when Air Force pilot Steve Trevor crashes on their shores, and she must defy the laws of the Amazons to return him to Man's World.

Is she ready for the culture shock that awaits her in America? And is the world ready for this Wonder Woman?

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



**FADE OUT:
ACT 3**
IMAGE
Brubaker,
Phillips,
Breitweiser

The final act of the best-selling Hollywood noir comic from the award-winning team of Brubaker and Phillips!

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





BIFF'S BIT

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CHRISTMAS IS UPON US

Can it really be a year, really? So much has happened in 2015 that it has flown past as I contended with a major wedding anniversary, my 60th birthday, a big family holiday, moving house, helping with the organising of Invasion Colchester, Free Comic Book Day, Halloween Comicfest, visiting the far flung corners of the ACE Empire, plus managing the constant changes thrown at us this year by Marvel and DC.

As I write this column it is just two weeks before ground zero and as usual I have yet to decide on what to buy! I find myself like a rabbit stuck in the headlights of a car unable to move (buy) with my brain turned to mush.

I expect my wife is buying me a dog house for Christmas as that will be where I will be spending Boxing Day if I don't get shopping soon!

Still, that's for later, for now let us get back to basics and talk comics.

The new Marvel launches have taken me by surprise as the quality has been very high. I have enjoyed all the titles I am reading and found that the *Daredevil* relaunch to be the best *Daredevil* story in literally

years. The new art style was truly refreshing and Matt Murdock's character was more like the days of yore. Upbeat and swashbuckling is how I like it and that is what has been delivered.

Nova has lost none of its' youthful freshness, still a great all ages

comic, the *Guardians Of The Galaxy* is still madcap adventure and *Invincible Iron Man* is absolutely fabulous - art to die for and a strong storyline with a Tony Stark that I can relate to.

The one comic that I felt was below par was *Amazing Spider-Man*. The

story was fast paced and well told, the art was great, but this was not a 'Peter Parker having problems', this was an almost Batman-like Peter, forward planning and ultra-confident. For my tastes this doesn't work, but I have been reading this for 50 years and I suppose I have

an old fashioned view of how Peter should act and behave.

So Marvel's Christmas present to the comic buying world is good comics.

One last observation for 2015 - Disney own Marvel Comics, the largest USA publisher of comics. They also own the rights to Mickey Mouse and all. So who is publishing Disney comics? Of course, IDW(!) And a bang up job they are doing too! What a crazy world we live in when presumably Disney feel the comics will not make them enough money to spend time publishing these titles themselves. They must feel a fee from IDW is simpler and better. The guys at IDW really care about comics and comic history so they are in actuality, the best place for Mickey and friends anyway.



Happy Christmas and a sober New Year from us all at ACE Comics, Red Hot Comics, Economic Comics and our store staff!!

Mission for the month: *Be bold and buy graphic novels as presents this festive season...*

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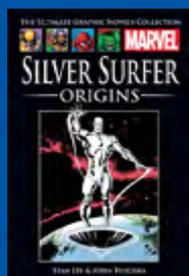


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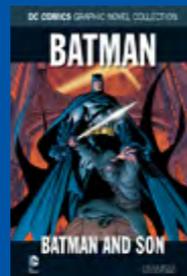
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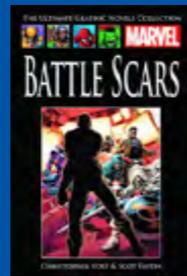
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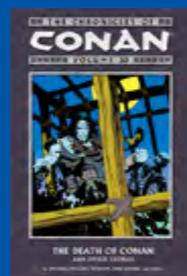
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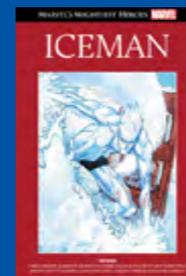
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