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ALL OF JUNE'S
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DARK HORSE

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JUNE



1 FOR \$1: STRAIN #1

David Lapham,
Mike Huddleston

Based on the Strain Trilogy by Guillermo del Toro and Chuck Hogan, this horrifying first chapter confronts a mysterious outbreak of diabolical proportions and puts an original twist on the vampire genre!

Read the comics! Watch the series! Written by Stray Bullets creator David Lapham!

In Shops: **18/06/2014**



DREAM THIEF: ESCAPE #1

Jai Nitz, Greg
Smallwood

Like his father before him, John Lincoln is a Dream Thief, possessed by vengeful spirits while he sleeps—a deadly instrument of revenge! Now he must defend the felon possessed by his father's ghost . . . and get revenge against his killer! Continuing the supernatural drama of last summer's acclaimed miniseries.

Jai Nitz's Dream Thief is back!

In Shops: **25/06/2014**



EDGAR ALLEN POE'S MORELLA AND THE MURDERS IN RUE MORGUE (ONE-SHOT)

Richard Corben

Killer apes and the return of the dead are presented in these two gothic horror Poe adaptations by Eisner Hall of Fame inductee Richard Corben.

The greatest horror artist of all time adapts horror's greatest author!

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



EYE OF NEWT #1

Michael Hague

As a young apprentice wizard embarks on a perilous quest, he encounters marvelous creatures of all shapes and sizes, and learns a dark secret that could shape his entire destiny!

Gorgeously illustrated!

For fans of The Hobbit!

In Shops: **18/06/2014**



GOON: ONE FOR THE ROAD (ONE-SHOT)

Eric Powell, Jack
Davis

Goon and Franky meet a sailor on the hunt for his buddy... but trouble ensues when the trio go bar to bar in genre-hopping pursuit.

Cover by one of the greatest humor cartoonists of all time, Jack Davis!

Created by Eisner-award winner Eric Powell!

In Shops: **25/06/2014**



WITCH- FINDER: MYSTERIES OF UNLAND #1

Kim Newman,
Maura McHugh,
Tyler Crook,
Julian Totino
Tedesco

Edward Grey is sent to Hallam to investigate a mysterious death. Once there, he hears rumors about the mysterious Unland, the wetlands around the town, and the creatures that inhabit it. Grey's skepticism vanishes when he encounters the monsters of Unland, and he realizes that Hallam is a place of secrets.

Mike Mignola's Witchfinder from the pages of Hellboy!

Featuring art by Eisner winner Tyler Crook (Bad Blood, B.P.R.D.)

In Shops: **18/06/2014**



EMILY & THE STRANGERS: BREAKING RECORD

Rob Reger, Mariah Huehner, Cat Farris,
Buzz Parker

Emily and her new band, the Strangers, won the battle of the bands and received a record contract with Awesomely Awesome Records, but can the girl who just figured out how to get along with her friends manage dealing with a major corporation?

An Emily the Strange feature film is in development.

In Shops: **25/06/2014**





DC

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JUNE



BATMAN '66 MEETS GREEN HORNET #1

Kevin Smith, Ralph Garman, Ty Templeton, Alex Ross

In 1967, television history was made when two masked crime fighters met in a historic crossover. Now, superstar filmmaker Kevin Smith and actor/comedian Ralph Garman join forces with artist Ty Templeton (Batman '66) to bring these two iconic characters and their famous partners together again. Set in the continuity of that earlier team-up, Batman, The Green Hornet, Robin and Kato must go up against a very different General (formerly Colonel) Gumm. What crime could be so deadly as to force these rivals to put aside their differences and join forces again? And what surprise does Gumm have up his sticky sleeve? Co-published with Dynamite Entertainment.

In Shops: **04/06/2014**



TINY TITANS: RETURN TO THE TREEHOUSE #1

Art Baltazar, Franco

The Eisner Award-winning series is back for an all-new six-issue miniseries! Superboy and Supergirl return to the treehouse to discover... it's missing! Or is it just...really small? Who could have done such a thing?! Find out as all your favorite Tiny Titans search for answers!

In Shops: **04/06/2014**



INFINITY MAN AND THE FOREVER PEOPLE #1

Dan DiDio, Keith Giffen, Scott Koblish

Four of the best students from New Genesis arrive on Earth to study and aid in the advancement of humanity - but they soon discover a darker purpose to their mission: a threat so great that it may bring the multiverse itself to its knees! The only thing that stands between them and total destruction is the mysterious entity known as the Infinity Man!

Don't miss the start of this new series by Dan DiDio and Keith Giffen, the team that brought you the over-the-top adventures of O.M.A.C.!

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



HARLEY QUINN #0 DIRECTOR'S CUT

Amanda Conner, Jimmy Palmiotti, Various

The sold-out, four-wall breaking issue that jump-started Harley's best-selling new series is back! This special issue features a new cover by Amanda Conner, commentary by the writers and many of the superstar artists, plus unpublished material, top entries from the talent search, sketch material and more!

In Shops: **04/06/2014**

IDW

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JUNE



ANGRY BIRDS COMICS #1

Jeff Parker, David Baldeon, Paco Rodriguez

Angry Birds, the world's most popular mobile game franchise, makes its comic book debut! Featuring a fun-filled, action packed story from Eisner-nominated creator Jeff Parker, these comics are ready to sling-shot their way off the page and into your hearts!

In Shops: **18/06/2014**



CARTOON NETWORK: SUPER SECRET CRISIS WAR #1

Louise Simonson

The devious demon Aku has called together a League of Extraordinary Villains-composed of malevolent miscreants from different cartoon universes. When their evil robots show up in the world's of The Powerpuff Girls, Ben 10, Samurai Jack, Dexter's Laboratory and (even) Ed, Edd and Eddy, it's up to all these fearless heroes to band together and put an end to the League's nefarious plot of interdimensional conquest!

In Shops: **25/06/2014**



JUDGE DREDD: MEGA CITY TWO #1 DIR. CUT

Douglas Wolk, Ulises Farinas

Mega-City Two has been drawing praise from comic critics and long-time fans alike. Now, in celebration of this acclaimed miniseries, we are proud to release a special Director's Cut of the first issue, which includes all of the covers along with the comic's script, plus annotations and sketches, giving a rare insight into the inner workings of a comic book from initial thought to publication. Join series writer Douglas Wolk and artist Ulises Farinas as we reprise their story of Dredd's first visit to the West Coast!

In Shops: **04/06/2014**



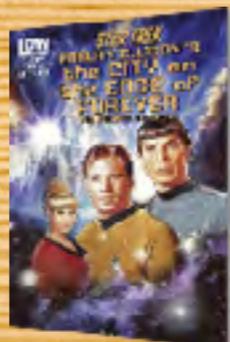
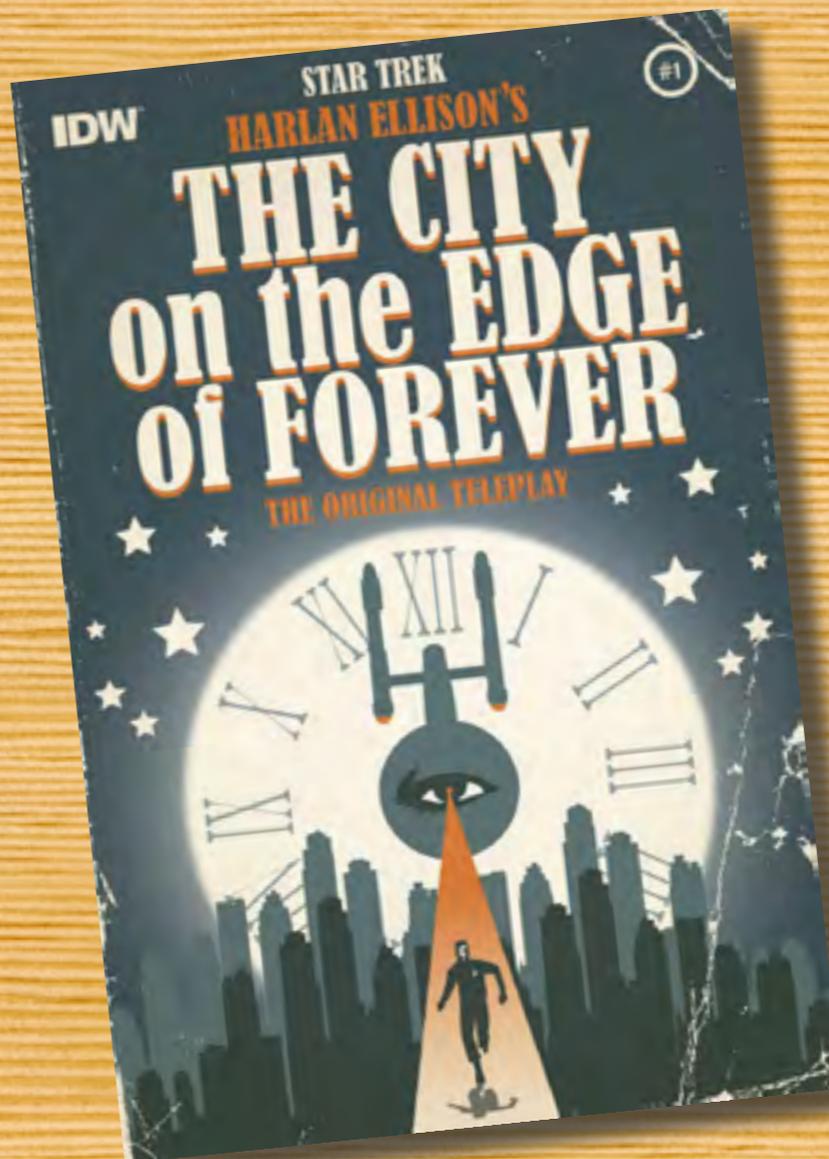
KILL SHAKESPEARE: MASK OF NIGHT #1

Conor McCreery, Anthony Del, Andy Belanger

The award-winning series returns with a high seas tale of pirate battles, vengeance and lost love. Hamlet, Juliet, Othello and Shakespeare become pawns in a deadly game of survival between the legendary masked pirate Captain Cessario, his first mate Viola, and the new terror on the water, Titus Andronicus' forbidding war ship The Lavinia.

An excellent companion piece to the new Kill Shakespeare board game released by IDW Games!

In Shops: **18/06/2014**



STAR TREK: CITY ON THE EDGE OF FOREVER #1

Harlan Ellison, J. K. Woodward, Juan Ortiz, Paul Shipper, Various

For the first time ever, a visual presentation of the much-discussed, unrevised, unadulterated version of Harlan Ellison's award-winning Star Trek teleplay script, "The City on the Edge of Forever!" See the story in this much discussed Hugo and Writer's Guild of America Award-winning teleplay as Mr. Ellison originally intended!

In Shops: **25/06/2014**



TMNT: TURTLES IN TIME #1

Paul Allor, Ross Campbell, David Peterson

A brand new mini-series from Paul Allor, Erik Burnham and some of the best IDW TMNT artists ever! The Turtles become unstuck in time and go spinning into the past! First stop: the prehistoric age, where they are far from the most dangerous reptiles around! Will the Turtles be able to find their way home without damaging history?

In Shops: **18/06/2014**



TRANSFORMERS: SPOTLIGHT DRIFT DIR. CUT

Shane McCarthy, Casey W. Collier, Livio Ramondelli

All hail Drift! From his debut, the former Decepticon called Drift has been one of the most controversial and popular-Transformers characters! Now relive his first solo adventure with an outstanding array of behind-the-scenes material!

Learn how Drift went from a supporting character in a comic book to a toy-and how he became a part of the Transformers mythology!

In Shops: **04/06/2014**



WINTER-WORLD #1

Chuck Dixon, Butch Guice

Winter is coming early! All new stories based on the Chuck Dixon/Jorge Zaffino classic!

The apocalyptic international comics sensation of an Earth turned to an icy hell is back with Dixon returning to script and Butch Guice doing some of the best work of his illustrious artistic career as they take on the bleak and frozen future. Follow Scully and Wynn from their icy home of Wintersea into a killing wasteland where the coldest place is the human heart.

In Shops: **25/06/2014**



**DARKNESS:
CLOSE
YOUR EYES
(ONE-SHOT)
(MR)**

Ales Kot, Maro Oleksicki

Ales Kot (Zero, Wild Children) joins Maro Oleksicki (Judge Dredd, Predator, Books of Magick) to deliver this special Darkness one-shot!

Los Angeles more than a hundred years ago: a different place, yet the sun still burns down the ground and the oilfields flow. This is a story of another Estacado. This is a story of love. This is a story of death.

In Shops: **04/06/2014**



**OUTCAST
BY KIRKMAN
& AZACETA
#1 (MR)**

Robert Kirkman, Paul Azaceta, Elizabeth Breitweiser

New horror series from the Walking Dead creator Robert Kirkman!

Kyle Barnes has been plagued by demonic possession all his life and now he needs answers. Unfortunately, what he uncovers along the way could bring about the end of life on Earth as we know it.

In Shops: **25/06/2014**

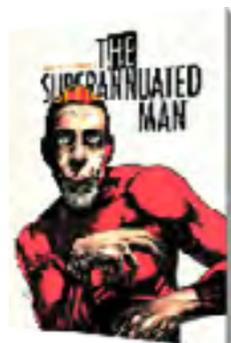


RED CITY #1

Daniel Corey, Mark Dos

In the wake of a system-wide civil war, hard-nosed interplanetary investigator Cal Talmage is given a simple mission to find a missing ambassador's daughter in Mars Central, aka Red City. The routine case quickly complicates as Cal finds himself in the midst of rival alien mobs, street vendettas and political conspiracies. He struggles with personal demons as he discovers that another war is brewing, and the lives of an entire race hang in the balance.

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



**SUPER-
ANNATED
MAN #1 (MR)**

Ted McKeever

From the critically acclaimed creator of Miniature Jesus.

By the time most people realized it, they were no longer in charge of the world we know. In an unspecified future, the small seaside town of Blackwater has now been taken over by advanced and mutated animals. Most of the humans that lived there are now either dead or gone, but one old-man remains, scavenging off the scraps and refuse of humanity's past, and doggedly defying the new tenants.

In Shops: **04/06/2014**

IMAGE

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**THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE
A ROBOT (ONE-SHOT)**

David Quantick, Shaky Kane

Two cops, one's a robot, only they don't know which!

Bafta winner and writer on HBO's award winning Veep, David Quantick teams up with The Bullet-Proof Coffin's Shaky Kane on this migraine inducing Pop Art Cop-Buddy one-shot set in a near future Los Angeles.

WARNING: Contains oversized patrol cars and perilous situations.

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



**WICKED +
DIVINE #1
(MR)**

Kieron Gillen, Jamie McKelvie, Matthew Wilson

Every ninety years, twelve gods incarnate as teenagers. They are loved. They are hated. In two years, they are dead. The team behind critically thermonuclear floor-fillers Young Avengers and Phonogram reunite to start a new ongoing superhero fantasy with a beautiful oversized issue. Welcome to The Wicked + The Divine, where gods are the ultimate pop-stars. But remember: just because you're immortal, doesn't mean you're going to live forever.

In Shops: **18/06/2014**



WILDFIRE #1

Matt Hawkins, Linda Sejic

Is genetically modified food an end to world hunger or a first class ticket to the apocalypse? Dan Miller is a plant biologist working with a small team perfecting an accelerated plant growth process. When things go wrong, Los Angeles pays the price in a disaster story unlike any before.

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



AMAZING X-MEN ANNUAL #1

Monty Nero, Salvador Larroca

Storm and the Amazing X-Men go to Africa!

A death in Storm's family sheds light on a new threat to the X-Men!

In Shops: **04/06/2014**



FIGMENT #1

Jim Zub, Filipe Andrade, John Tyler Christopher

The next Disney adventure is here - starring one of Disney's most popular characters!

Dive into a steampunk fantasy story exploring the never-before-revealed origin of the inventor known as Dreamfinder, and how one little spark of inspiration created a dragon called Figment.

What is the Academia Scientifica-Lucidus? Who is Blarion Mercurial? What is the Integrated Mesmonic Spark Convertor? Find out as we give a Marvel spin to Epcot's mind-bending attraction, Journey Into Imagination!

Brought to you by the acclaimed and uniquely talented team of Jim Zub (Skullkickers) and Filipe Andrade (Captain Marvel)!

In Shops: **04/06/2014**



NEW AVENGERS ANNUAL #1

Frank J. Barbieri, Marco Rudy

The Incursions aren't the only horrors threatening to end the world!

Doctor Strange has faced the impossible time and again as an Avenger and the Sorcerer Supreme, but when he is called upon to fulfill an old debt to an enclave of techno-monks high in the Himalayas, even the good doctor may be beyond his limits!

Written by acclaimed young writer Frank J. Barbieri (Five Ghosts, The White Suits) and illustrated by the illustrious Marco Rudy (Swamp Thing, Marvel Knights: Spider-Man), this oversized annual is one you won't want to miss!

In Shops: **25/06/2014**



SAVAGE HULK #1

Alan Davis

An all-new series!!!

Alan Davis writes and draws a blockbuster story pitting the Hulk against... the X-Men!?!?! Learn the startling secret of Professor Xavier's connection to Bruce Banner! Guest starring the Leader and the Abomination!

In Shops: **25/06/2014**



ORIGINAL SINS #1

TBD

Everybody has one...

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



SPIDER-MAN SPECTACULAR #1

Joe Caramagna, Patrick Scherberger, Various

Four titanic tales set in Spider-Man's past!

Young Peter Parker has mastered his newfound spider-powers, but how will being the Amazing Spider-Man affect his personal life?

Can Peter keep his secret identity from Aunt May, and his high-school crush Liz Allan?

Spider-Man's luck is about to get worse, as an experimental serum transforms millionaire Harry Osborn into the villainous Green Goblin!

Spider-Man soon finds himself locked in a battle high above the streets - with Aunt May caught in the middle! Can Spidey triumph with a little help from his new fan club?

When Kraven the Hunter puts Spider-Man in his sights, can the webbed wonder save himself from becoming the catch of the day?

In Shops: **25/06/2014**

MARVEL

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UNCANNY X-MEN SPECIAL #1

Sean Ryan, Ron Ackins, Gary Choo

Uncanny X-Men, Iron Man and Nova Cross Over!

Cyclops is kidnapped, but by who?!

But what force could bring the Children of the Atom, the Armored Avenger and the Human Rocket together!

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



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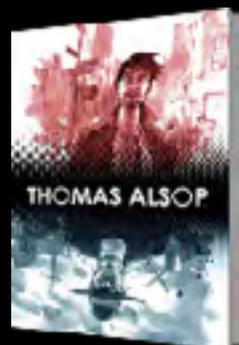


THOMAS ALSOP #1

BOOM!

Chris Miskiewicz, Palle Schmidt

Fans of John Constantine and Dr. Strange will love this new take on the magic-wielding hero who battles demons on the streets... and in his own mind. Thomas has money and fame, but also the burden of a being this generation's occult warrior. Can he survive the



battles both within and without?

Thomas Alsop is the current "Hand of the Island," a title handed down from generation to generation. He guards Manhattan from evil, using his family's prowess for magic. Being a thoroughly modern warlock, he deals with something even more evil than demons... reality television!

In Shops: **25/06/2014**



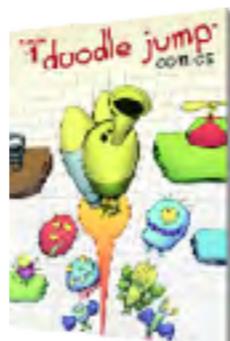
SALLY OF THE WASTE-LAND #1

TITAN

Victor Gischler, Tazio Bettin

Southern Louisiana, 82 years after the Fall. The apocalypse has come and gone, leaving behind a landscape of wreckage and mutant crawfish. Sally leaves her bar job and joins a deranged crew on a mission into the ruins of New Orleans. Saving the remnants of civilization plays second best to keeping her sweetheart Tommy safe as our smart and sexy princess of the wild frontier runs a gauntlet of gigantic genetic freaks and roving gangs of blood-hungry barbarians!

In Shops: **30/07/2014**



DOODLE JUMP #1

DYNAMITE

Meredith Gran, Steve Uy, Meredith Gran

The hugely popular, award-winning game makes its comic debut! Our jump-inclined hero Doodler has landed in a mysterious wintry world -- and an inhospitable one, at that! With the help of an enthusiastic new friend, can he dodge killer penguins and weather the storm?

In Shops: **18/06/2014**



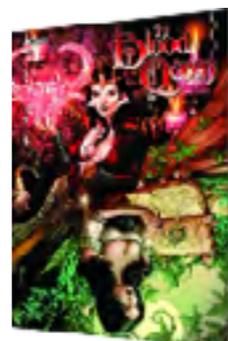
BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE CHINA #1

BOOM!

Eric Powell, Brian Churilla, Joe Quinones

Jack Burton, a macho, truck-driving adventurer, finds a stowaway hiding on his rig, "The Pork Chop Express", but that soon becomes the least of his troubles. He helped his best friend Wang save his fiancée from the clutches of a demon, but now the wedding has been invaded by more evil forces with one thing on their minds-revenge against Jack Burton!

In Shops: **04/06/2014**



BLOOD QUEEN #1 (MR)

DYNAMITE

Troy Brownfield, Fritz Casas, Jay Anacleto

In a fairy tale land of knights and magic, a royal child's life hangs in the balance. Summoned to save the princess, a young woman of untold power begins a journey that will uncover secrets, reveal forbidden desires and stoke the fires of war! The reign in blood is about to be born! Inspired by the nightmares of your youth and the notorious Countess Bathory, Blood Queen comes from writer Troy Brownfield!

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



ARMOR HUNTERS #1

VALIANT
Robert Venditti, Doug Braithwaite, Jorge Molina

This summer, Earth will be the greatest hunt of all when Valiant First unleashes the first issue of 2014's must-read crossover event - Armor Hunters!

A relentless and surgical strike team from the farthest reaches of space - sworn to exterminate the X-O Manowar armor and all like it - have found finally their final target. They will hunt. They will trap. They will kill. And they will rid the universe of the X-O Manowar's incalculable destructive power...even if it means taking the Earth with it.

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



AMAZING WORLD OF GUMBALL #1

BOOM!

Frank Gibson, Tyson Hesse, Missy Pena, Paulina Ganecheau

Popular webcomic creators Frank Gibson (Tiny Kitten Teeth) and artist Tyson Hesse (Boxer Hockey) bring the wacky adventures of Gumball and his friends to comics for the first time!

Gumball, Darwin, and all of their friends take on the world of comics! Gumball thinks he's the coolest kid on the block, but his little sister Anais begs to differ, and Darwin just wants to keep them all out of trouble. There's always another adventure to be had in their mixed-up world!

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



**INTRINSIC
VOL.2 #1
ARCANA**

Sean O'Reilly,
Chris "Doc"
Wyatt, Jay
Busbee, Alex
Ross

The Intrinsic face enemies from both within and without as they simultaneously confront the Demon King's attack on CERN, and the Council of the Philosophers, who intend to dismantle the team. With the odds stacked against them, and the heroes being pulled apart from one another, Philosopher Rex is forced to turn for aid to someone he never expected. With amazing cover artwork by Alex Ross, follow our Arcanaverse Heroes in their new adventure.

In Shops: **25/06/2014**



**NEW
VAMPIRELLA
#1
DYNAMITE**

Nancy A.
Collins, Patrick
Berkenkotter,
Jenny Frison

In the first of the six-part Our Lady Of Shadows story arc, Vampirella is sent by the Vatican to investigate the kidnapping of a little girl by Ethan Shroud and the Chaos cultists, only to become the centerpiece of a ritual invoking Lady Umbra, the sister-bride of Chaos, that leaves her marked as a living sacrifice to the dark goddess who rules the shadows. Vampirella returns to her horror roots with Bram Stoker Award-winning author Nancy A. Collins (Swamp Thing, Sunglasses After Dark) and Patrick Berkenkotter (The Torch, Dark Shadows).

In Shops: **04/06/2014**



★ COVER STAR ★

**DOCTOR
WHO:
11TH #1
TITAN**

Al Ewing, Rob
Williams, Simon
Fraser, Various

The eleventh Doctor returns in an all-new ongoing series, with a time-twisting leap into the unknown! Geronimo! Alice Obiefune has just lost her mother when the Doctor explodes into her life. But what does a grieving young woman have to do with the career of a 70s musician, an amnesiac alien time traveler, and a terrifying cosmic threat? In the wake of the second Big Bang, discover what the Doctor gets up to when Amy and Rory aren't around! Plus, every issue includes a "Titans" strip and a brand-new humor strip.

In Shops: **23/07/2014**



**EMPTY MAN
#1
BOOM!**

Cullen Bunn,
Vanessa Del

It's been one year since the first reported case of the Empty Man disease, and no drug has been able to slow its progress. The cause is unknown, and the symptoms include fits of rage, hideous hallucinations, suicidal dementia, followed by death, or a near lifeless, "empty" state of catatonia. As murder cults rise nationwide, the FBI and CDC enter a joint investigation of the Empty Man, hoping to piece together clues to stop the cult and uncover a cure.

In Shops: **18/06/2014**



★ COVER STAR ★

**DOCTOR
WHO:
10TH #1
TITAN**

Nick Abadzis,
Elena Casagrande,
Various

The tenth Doctor is back, in an all-new ongoing series! New companion, new foes, unforgettable new horizons! Allons-y! Gabriella Gonzalez is stuck in a dead-end job in her family's New York laundrette, dreaming of college and bigger, better, and brighter things. So when a strange man with an even stranger big blue box barges into her life on the eve of the Day of the Dead celebrations, talking about an infestation of psychic aliens, she seizes her chance for adventure with both hands. After Donna's tragic exit, the Doctor thought he was done with companions. But Gabby Gonzalez is going to prove him wrong - if she survives the night!

In Shops: **23/07/2014**



**BRAVEST
WARRIORS
2014:
IMPOSSIBEAR
SPECIAL #1
BOOM!**

Kevin Panetta,
Various

If there is one sassy fur ball in Bravest Warriors that deserves a comic dedicated to how awesome he is, it's Impossibear! Impossibear and Catbug are up to no good with the Bravest Warriors off on a mission! Between music appreciation, karate-chopping space chickens, and trying to eat a baglewich in peace, there are plenty of shenanigans to be had.

In Shops: **18/06/2014**



**FATHOM
ANNUAL #1
ASPEN**

David Wohl,
Dennis Calero,
Michael Turner,
Various

Michael Turner's Fathom returns! Aspen's first ever Fathom Annual arrives, jam-packed with three all new stories featuring some of the most popular characters in the Fathom universe-and more! Join veteran Fathom writer David Wohl as he gives us an inside look at Aspen's former love interest, Chance Calloway, and his thrilling exploits away from her, as

he adapts to a whole new world of Blue and Human cooperation! Fan favorite illustrator Nei Ruffino debuts a new Fathom story all her own, as she handles the writing and art duties in a special tale featuring Aspen Matthews and her new close friend Judith! And Fathom: Kiani writer Vince Hernandez takes Aspen Matthews on a journey to discover a lost city hidden deep under the surface of the water, only what she discovers instead is far more shocking!

Don't miss out on the debut of the first ever Fathom Annual #1 in this thrilling oversized issue featuring a re-mastered Fathom cover by series creator Michael Turner and Peter Steigerwald!

In Shops: **04/06/2014**

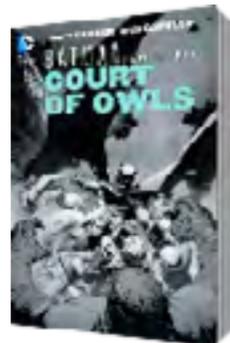


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NOVEL IDEAS

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



BATMAN UNWRAPPED: THE COURT OF OWLS (HC)
DC
Snyder, Capullo

The critically acclaimed first volume of Scott Snyder and Greg Capullo's Batman saga is collected in a special edition presenting the art in pencils-only form!

Collects issues #1-11 of Batman, introducing Gotham City's deadly Court of Owls.

In Shops: **06/08/2014**



WHISPERS (MR)
IMAGE
Luna

A mentally troubled man is suddenly empowered with the ability to leave his physical body in "ghost" form and manipulate people in unusual ways. With this incredible power, will he control his demons...or discover even more?

Joshua Luna of the "Luna Brothers" (Ultra, Girls, The Sword) makes a solo debut with a dark, supernatural thriller that questions free will and explores the obsessions and urges we all have and may not have control of at all.

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



BLACK WIDOW VOL.1: FINELY WOVEN THREAD
MARVEL
Edmondson, Noto

Black Widow goes undercover in Russia - but from it's cold streets, the Hand of God reaches out to crush her... and it is as merciless as its name. Outmatched by the brute force of this powerful new villain, Natasha is in a race against time, with nowhere to turn for answers. Black Widow's strength and cunning will be put to the test as she follows the trail of blood and destruction to the beginning, but can she locate the entity behind the attacks?

Collecting Black Widow (2014) #1-6 and material from All-New Marvel Now! Point One #1.

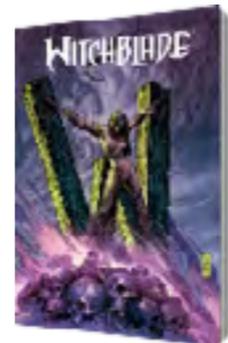
In Shops: **16/07/2014**



DJANGO UNCHAINED (MR)
DC
Huddleston, Guera, Various

The 7-issue comics adaptation of the Oscar-winning movie by Quentin Tarantino! Don't miss this blood-soaked tale of a bounty-hunting dentist and his partner Django, a recently freed slave, as they search the post-Civil War South for Django's wife!

In Shops: **16/07/2014**



WITCHBLADE VOL.1: BORN AGAIN
IMAGE
Marz, Braga, Silvestri

This first volume in a new series of Witchblade collections provides a perfect jumping-on point! Sara Pezzini has given up the Witchblade and taken up the life of a small-town Sheriff, but her past comes back haunt her in deadly fashion.

Acclaimed writer Ron Marz returns to the series, working with gifted artist Laura Braga to tell the next chapter in the life of Sara Pezzini and the Witchblade!

In Shops: **25/06/2014**



SECOND CHANCE AT SARAH (HC)
DARK HORSE
Druckmann, Wong

As his wife Sarah lies dying, John makes a deal with a demon for a desperate chance to save her! Transported to their childhood, John gets a single day to prevent the tragedy that led to Sarah's present-day doom, all while trying to convince her that he really is who he says!

An original graphic novel from the Last of Us creative director!

In Shops: **20/08/2014**



CHICACABRA
IDW
Beland

Tom Beland, creator of the multiple Eisner-nominated series True Story, Swear to God, returns with an all-new graphic novel.

Heads will roll in 2014 when the world gets a taste of Chicacabra! In Puerto Rico, there is a girl, Isabel Sanchez, who could be like any other girl you see in high school... except for the creature who lives inside of her that's a ruthless killing machine. Chupacabras, Vejigantes, fistfights, and weed!

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CONAN VOL.16: SONG OF BELIT (HC)
DARK HORSE
Wood, Azaceta, Carnevale, Various

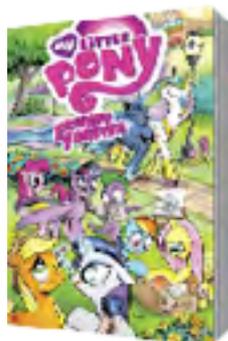
Brian Wood's epic and acclaimed adaptation of Robert E. Howard's "Queen of the Black Coast" reaches its heart-rending conclusion! This thrilling volume collects issues #19-#25 of the Dark Horse Comics series Conan the Barbarian.

Wood's acclaimed run reaches its earth-shattering conclusion!

In Shops: **20/08/2014**

NOVEL IDEAS

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



MY LITTLE PONY: FRIENDS FOREVER VOL.1
IDW

De Campi, Price, McNeil, Various

Four tales dedicated to exploring the magic of friendship.

First Applejack and Pinkie Pie enter a baking contest, then The Cutie Mark Crusaders team up with Discord, Spike enlists Princess Celestia to help him find a birthday present, and finally Twilight Sparkle and Shining Armor chase down a mysterious ghost.

In Shops: **04/06/2014**



JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA VOL.1: DANGEROUS
DC

Johns, Kindt, Finch, Various

Green Lantern! Green Arrow! Catwoman! Katana! Vibe! Hawkman! Stargirl! They aren't the world's greatest Super Heroes—they're the most dangerous! But why does a team like the JLA need to exist? What is their ultimate mission? And who is pulling the strings? Find out in this collection of the first five issues of the new series as the team takes on the Secret Society of Super-Villains!

In Shops: **09/07/2014**



X-MEN: BATTLE OF THE ATOM
MARVEL COMICS

Bendis, Adams, Various

The X-Men's past, present and future collide in an uncanny event 50 years in the making! In a desperate bid to save Xavier's dream, the Beast brought the original X-Men forward to the present. Now, with the timeline - and all of existence - endangered by their presence, they must go back. But faced with the horror of what fate would have in store for them, young Cyclops and Marvel Girl are intent on staying and forging their own destiny! Celebrate the X-Men's 50th anniversary with a time-twisting epic for the ages! Collecting X-Men: Battle Of The Atom #1-2, All-New X-Men #16-17, X-Men (2013) #5-6, Uncanny X-Men (2013) #12-13 and Wolverine And The X-Men #36-37.

In Shops: **09/07/2014**



BATMAN: ARKHAM UNHINGED VOL.4 (HC)
DC

Traviss, Duce, Mitten, Various

The prequel to the best-selling video game Batman: Arkham City concludes with these tales from issues #16-20!

In Shops: **20/08/2014**



DEADWORLD: RESTORATION
IDW

Reed, Makkonen

The zombie classic continues, from the same creative team that brought you the acclaimed War of the Dead. The lepers have been slaughtered, the people who have escaped the breeder pits head for the safety of New Washington, but now the zombies are under the control of Donna, the half-human/half-zombie hybrid.

In Shops: **11/06/2014**



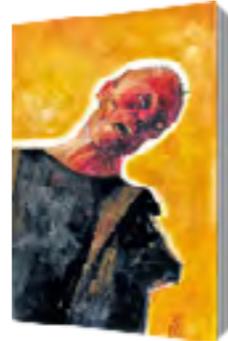
JUICE SQUEEZERS VOL.1: GREAT BUG ELEVATOR
DARK HORSE

Lapham

Tunnels made by a legion of giant bugs crisscross the fields below Weeville, and only one thing can stop them from overrunning this quaint California town: the Juice Squeezers. A covert group of scrawny tweens, the Squeezers are the only ones who can fit into the cramped subterranean battlefield and fight the insects on the frontlines!

Collects stories from Dark Horse Presents #26-28 and issues #1-4 of the miniseries.

In Shops: **06/08/2014**



GEORGE ROMERO'S EMPIRE OF THE DEAD: ACT ONE
MARVEL

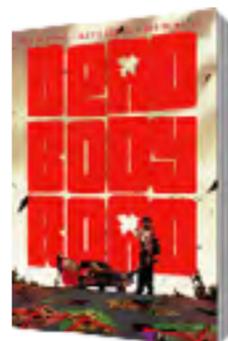
Romero, Maleev

Zombie godfather George Romero unleashes his next undead epic!

Welcome to New York City years after the undead plague has erupted - but just because Manhattan has been quarantined, don't think that everyone inside is safe! Not only do flesh-eaters roam the city, but another ancient predator has taken a bloody bite out of the Big Apple: Vampires rule! Are New York's zombies evolving, and how does an undead former cop fit in? It's zombies vs. vampires - with humans caught in the crossfire!

Collecting George Romero's Empire Of The Dead: Act One #1-5.

In Shops: **23/07/2014**



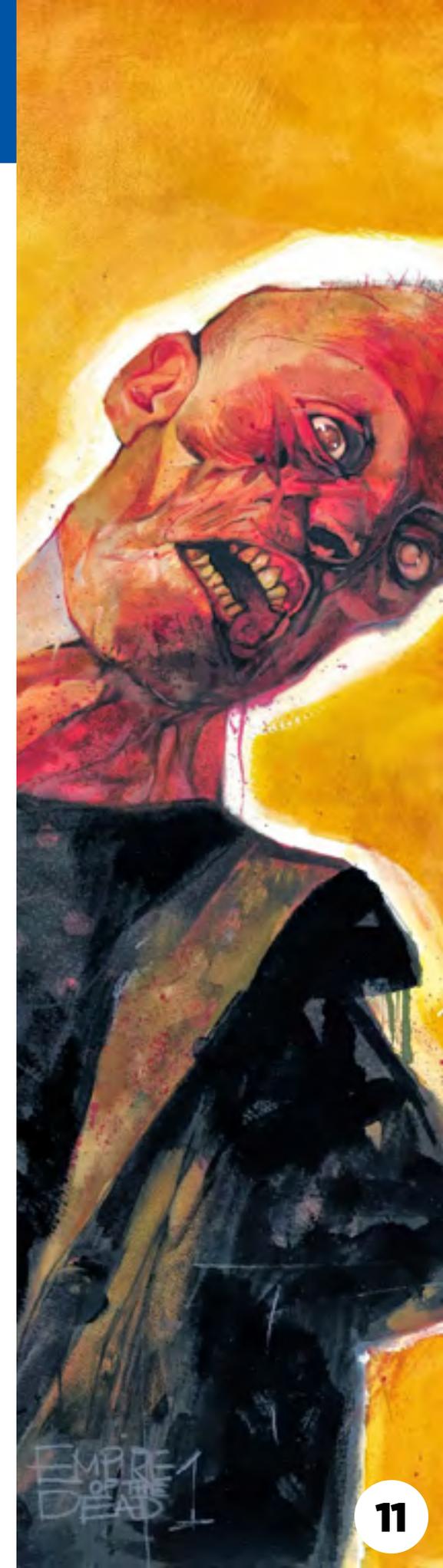
DEAD BODY ROAD (MR)
IMAGE

Jordan, Scalera, DiNisio

The men involved in his wife's death must now die. All of them.

This volume collects the entire Dead Body Road miniseries, a bruising story of one man's revenge and the dark road he travels.

In Shops: **25/06/2014**





BIFF'S BIT

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**Warning: Contains Captain America, The Winter Soldier Spoilers!!!*

Something strange has happened in the 'real world' Marvel Universe. Two totally different companies have the rights to produce Marvel films. The X-Men and Spider-Man produced by Sony who only have a loose grasp of the source material and Marvel, who up until recently, also had a loose grasp of their own source material. As The Scarlet Witch and Quicksilver are owned by Sony via the X-Men franchise, Marvel have decided to use these characters, but , under a different name. Bova, who had been quietly bringing up the twins that Magda gave birth to in Wundagore mountain, will be shocked that these twins have been abducted by Baron Strucker to be used as a weapon against the Avengers in an upcoming Marvel movie. Sorry, I have just seen Captain America Winter Soldier and actually sat through all the credits so I could see the teaser trailers. Once again, Marvel Studios have nailed the character whilst modernising for the current movie audience. My favourite scene was Captain America addressing the S.H.I.E.L.D. staff as he exposed the Hydra agents embedded next to them. A tear came to my eye as his speech exhorting the true S.H.I.E.L.D. agents to act, nailed what Captain America means to me. Whilst ruminating over how accept-



ed the superhero world now is it occurred to me that due to the plethora of movies now spawned by comics a new generation of comic speculator has evolved right under the nose of the High Evolutionary.

These speculators who have realised that it is too late to buy the first appearance of Captain America (Avengers #4, first Modern Age) at a bargain price , currently £4,000 and rising, are diving into the almost forgotten back issue market every time a new villain appears, like Baron Strucker, and buying, in this case, Sgt Fury and His Howling Commandos #5. Formerly maybe £50 in near mint, now £300 and climbing.

Any Thanos appearance has climbed steadily in price ever since his cameo at the end of the last

Avengers movie. Normally I am a very savvy comic collector and retailer and I have to admit to not being aware that there was a solo Thanos story as a back up feature in Logan's Run #6. This apparently was the first solo story featuring Thanos. My retailers antennae was vibrating when two different people had contacted me asking if I stocked Logan's Run #6. This, a series with fundamentally no interest, then people want #6, not issue #1??!

Then there are new TV series being made or optioned that are causing a great deal of activity in the back issue market. Most recently Preacher #1 which would languish in the back issue bins at £9.99 and not move has been moving at £100 and upwards. Now iZombie, which no-one seemed interested in, has started shifting with

the first issue going for over £10. The reason, I discover, is that it is the subject of a pilot program and the centre of new speculator buying.

Combine the above with the current trend to buy into nearly every Image number one in case they strike lucky with another Peter Panzerfaust, and there is a large community that are once again buying, but not reading.

Do book buyers buy the latest Ian Rankin with expectation that it will rise in value?

Do you buy SFX only to see it multiply in value?

Heck no. You buy them to read them! Gosh what an incredible idea. In fact if everyone read the comics that they bought, then a lot of really poor comics might not last more than one or two issues.

Over the decades my advice to everyone that has ever asked about what should they buy to make money on has been "Buy what you enjoy reading and if it makes you money further down the line, then that is a bonus".

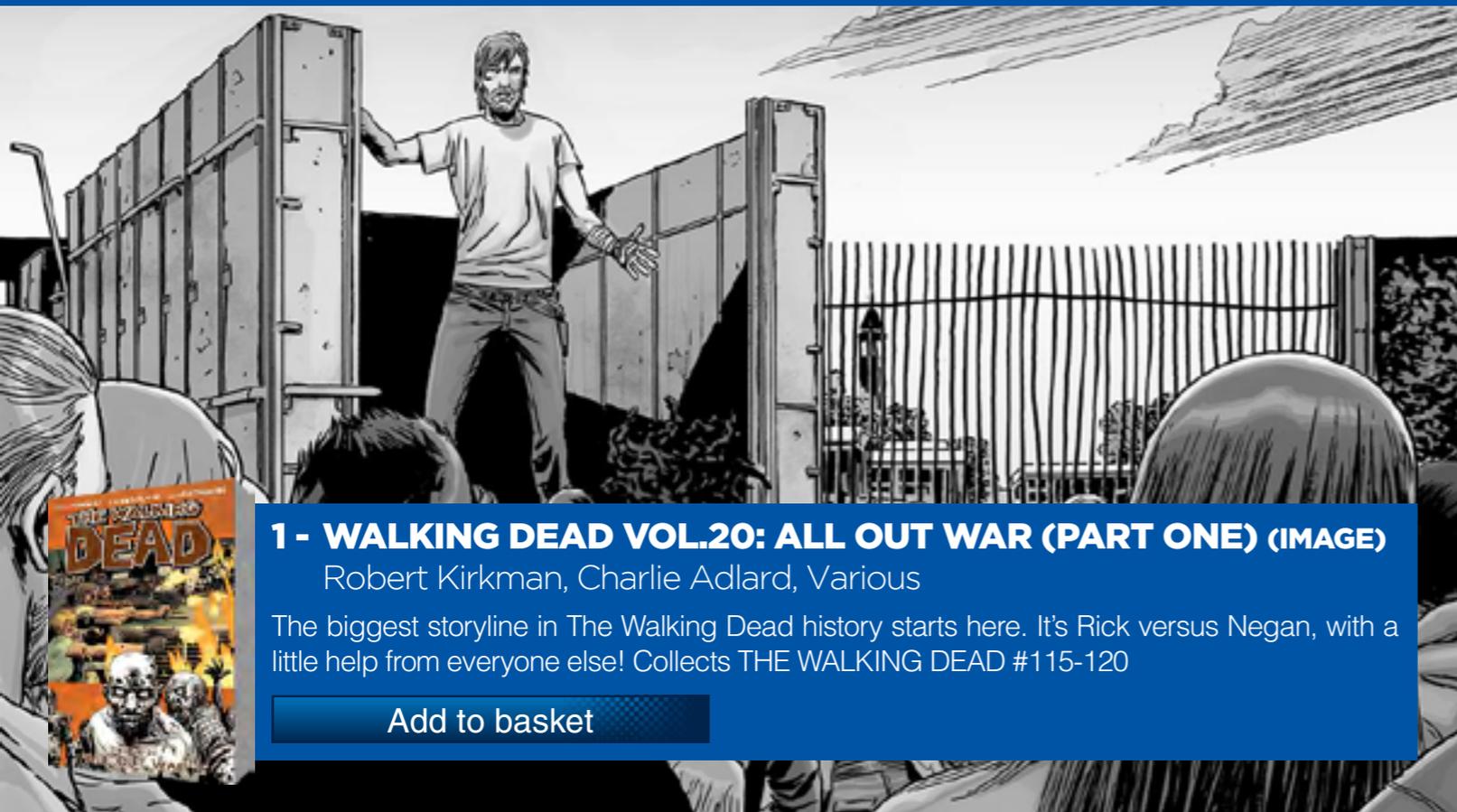
Just as Jonathan Tann found when selling back some Spider-Man comics. He was genuinely surprised and pleased with what I paid him. Unlike the collector who asked if he should buy into a title that had already reached £100 for #1. I advised no. He still went and bought it and five years later he couldn't give it away. I must say I forgot to ask if he read it! I did have to say I told you so when offered the comic.

Lastly, just to wind the speculators up, I must mention the upcoming FREE COMIC BOOK DAY, May 3rd this year, and the fact that somewhere amidst the official FCBD giveaways will be a comic that will set eBay alight. My lips are sealed at the moment, but there are at least five contenders.

Don't forget, true believers, comics raise the level of your imagination every time, transporting you to places and times beyond your imagining. That is the true value of comics - priceless!

TOP 20 GRAPHIC NOVELS

THE BESTSELLING GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR MARCH 2014...



1 - WALKING DEAD VOL.20: ALL OUT WAR (PART ONE) (IMAGE)

Robert Kirkman, Charlie Adlard, Various

The biggest storyline in The Walking Dead history starts here. It's Rick versus Negan, with a little help from everyone else! Collects THE WALKING DEAD #115-120

Add to basket

2 - SAGA VOL.3 (MR) (IMAGE)

The Eisner, Harvey, and Hugo Award-winning phenomenon continues, collecting Saga #13-18.

3 - NEMO: ROSES OF BERLIN (HC) (MR) (TOP SHELF)

Janni Nemo must rescue her loved ones from the belly of the beastly, nightmarish metropolis of Berlin.

4 - AVATAR - THE LAST AIRBENDER VOL.7: RIFT (PART 1) (DARK HORSE)

Aang asks his friends to help him honor Yangchen's Festival - one of the highest Air Nomad holidays...

5 - CHEW: VOL.8: FAMILY RECIPES (MR) (IMAGE)

Presenting a new storyline of the New York Times Bestselling, Harvey and Eisner Award-winning series.

6 - JUSTICE LEAGUE: TRINITY WAR (HC) (DC)

The blockbuster event of the summer is collected in this new hardcover.

7 - HARLEY QUINN: WELCOME TO METROPOLIS (DC)

In this new Harley collection, Harley Quinn heads to Metropolis with allies Poison Ivy and Bizarro in tow!

8 - ADVENTURE TIME VOL.3: SEEING RED (BOOM!)

Kate Leth writes this OGN about Marceline and Jake with Zach Sterling illustrating this super fun adventure!

9 - MARVEL MASTER WORKS: AMAZING SPIDER-MAN VOL.1 (MARVEL)

Experience the tales of the world's most-famous superhero from the very beginning!

10 - STRAY BULLETS: UBER ALLES (MR) (IMAGE)

The original five story arcs of one of the greatest crime comic series are collected in this giant volume.

TREASURE HUNTING?

As well as the latest releases, we stock thousands of rare, out-of-print and discontinued items in our eBay and Amazon stores...

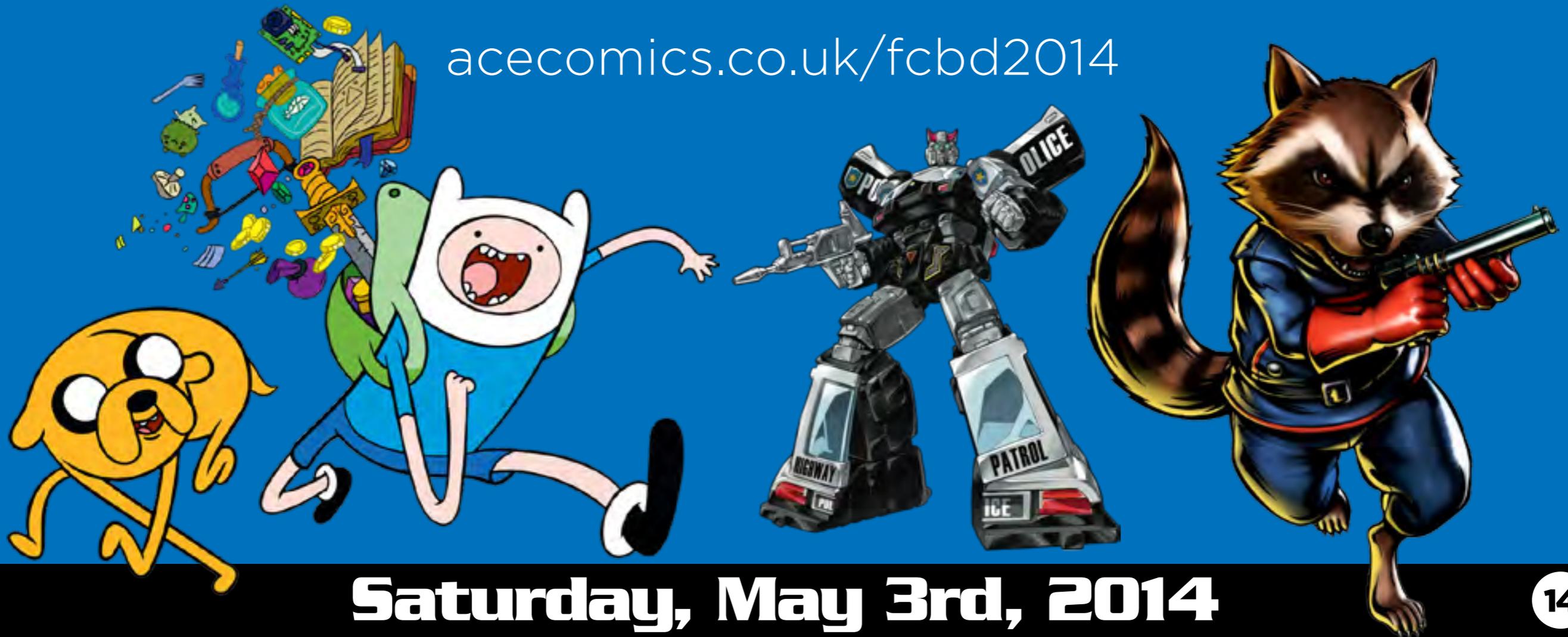


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