

# ILLUSTRATIONS

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ESSENTIAL  
HISTORY BOOK...

PREVIEW  
ALL OF APRIL'S  
BRAND NEW  
COMIC SERIES AND  
ONE-SHOTS





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# DARK HORSE

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR APRIL



## ANGEL AND FAITH SEASON 10 #1

Victor Gischler, Will Conrad, Scott Fischer

Angel's work is never done. During his most recent world saving, a part of London was transformed and flooded with magic. Who better to watch over this magical community

than Angel? At least, that's what he thinks. Meanwhile, Faith starts a new chapter in her life-slaying zompire alongside Buffy?!

In Shops: **02/04/2014**



## CONAN THE AVENGER #1

Fred Van Lente, Brian Ching, Iain McCaig

Nursing his broken heart, Conan drinks himself into a stupor in the troubled city of Shumballa- until a brazen act of thievery launches the Cimmerian into a wild hunt and a supernatural adventure!

In Shops: **23/04/2014**



## EDGAR ALLAN POE'S PREMATURE BURIAL (ONE-SHOT)

Richard Corben

The fear of being buried alive is presented in two horrifying Poe adaptations by Eisner Hall of Fame inductee Richard Corben—"The Premature Burial" and "The Cask of Amontillado."

In Shops: **02/04/2014**



## ELTINGVILLE CLUB (ONE-SHOT)

Evan Dorkin

After twenty years, three Eisner Awards, and a smattering of hate mail, the Eltingville Comic Book, Science-Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and Role-Playing Club is finally breaking up. When Bill's dream job in a comic shop turns into a nightmare for the club, more than bridges and membership cards are burned in a fiery, fan-tastic finale!

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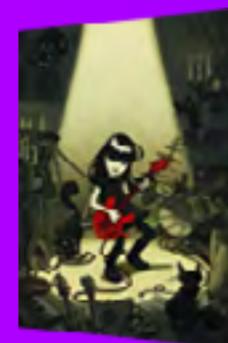


## STAR WARS REBEL HEIST #1 (OF 4)

Matt Kindt, Marco Castiello, Dan Parsons, Adam Hughes

A young Rebel meets one of the Alliance's best for his first mission. But the young man's hero worship is crushed by the reality of Han Solo. A botched escape, a ship that doesn't work-could it be that Solo is just a lucky bumbler whose luck has run out?

In Shops: **30/04/2014**



## 1 FOR \$1: EMILY AND STRANGERS #1

Rob Reger, Mariah Huehner, Emily Ivie, Buzz Parker

With the help of her trio of trouble-making cats, Emily is determined to make the most rockin' song the world has ever known and win a legendary haunted guitar . . . but can she do it solo? Only one thing is for sure-what Emily wants, Emily gets . . . sometimes.

In Shops: **16/04/2014**



## 1 FOR \$1: ITTY BITTY HELLBOY #1

Art Baltazar, Franco

Who is Hellboy anyway? Why does he have such a big hand and what is it used for? Who's weirder, him or his friends? What is the B.P.R.D.? And what does chicken soup have to do with all of it? All this and more is answered in this premium-priced debut issue where BIG things happen to itty bitty Hellboy!

In Shops: **02/04/2014**

# DC

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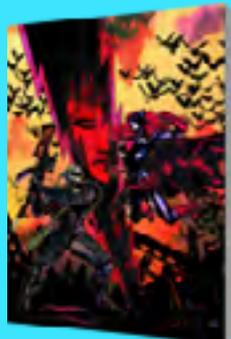


### AQUAMAN AND THE OTHERS #1

Dan Jurgens, Lan Medina, Edgar Tadeo, Ivan Reis, Joe Prado

A "Futures End" prelude! Spinning out of Aquaman, the King of Atlantis and his teammates find themselves targeted by an unknown foe that wants their Atlantean artifacts! Don't miss the start of this all-new series!

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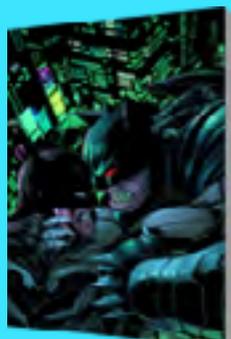


### BATWOMAN ANNUAL #1

Marc Andreyko, Trevor McCarthy

Batwoman vs. Mr. Bones! Will the DEO triumph over Kate, or will she cross the line and free herself for good! Lingering questions are answered as long-standing conflicts reach their final resolutions.

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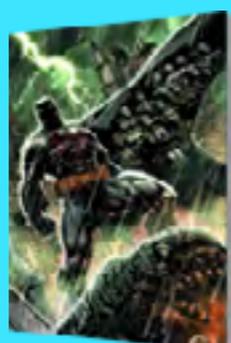


### FOREVER EVIL AFTERMATH BATMAN VS BANE #1

Peter J. Tomasi, Scot Eaton, Jaime Mendoza

The title says it all! Forever Evil is over! Now, Batman has returned to take Gotham City back - by force! The only thing standing in his way? Bane! Get ready for the grudge match of the year!

In Shops: **30/04/2014**



### BATMAN ETERNAL #1

Scott Snyder, Jason Fabok, Various

Don't dare miss the start of the Bat-story so big it's going to take every week of the month to tell! A massive cast of Gotham City's best (and worst) examines the relationship between Batman, his allies and his city. In this debut issue, Commissioner James Gordon is caught on the wrong side of the law!

In Shops: **09/04/2014**



### SECRET ORIGINS #1

Antony Bedard, Kyle Higgins, Paulo Siqueira, Will Conrad, Lee Bermajo

At last, the Secret Origins of the World's Greatest Heroes in The New 52 can be revealed! This new series gets off to an awesome start with the origins of The Last Son of Krypton and Kara Zor-El, Supergirl, plus the first Robin, Dick Grayson.

In Shops: **23/04/2014**

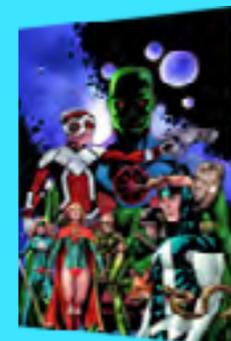


### SMALLVILLE SEASON 11: LANTERN #1 (OF 4)

Bryan Q. Miller, Marcio Takara, Cat Staggs

The Green Lantern ring for space sector 2813 was inactive for years after Krypton's end, until the creation of the Argo colony recalled it to service. As none of Zod's followers are suitable candidates, the ring's search brings it to the nearest Kryptonian it can recruit! Smallville Season 11 continues in "Lantern" part 1 of 4!

In Shops: **16/04/2014**



### JUSTICE LEAGUE UNITED #0

Jeff Lemire, Mike McKone

Top comics writer Jeff Lemire teams with superstar artist Mike McKone for the all-new monthly series Justice League United, starring the new team of powerful heroes Earth calls Justice League Canada!

In the aftermath of Forever Evil, Adam Strange is caught up in an adventure across the far reaches of the cosmos that will unite an unexpected team of heroes including Supergirl, Hawkman, Green Arrow, Stargirl, Martian Manhunter and Animal Man - but if they're on the team, who exactly is Canadian? Plus: Don't miss the debut of a new Canadian hero who will have a huge effect on the group!

In Shops: **23/04/2014**



### SINESTRO #1

Cullen Bunn, Dale Eaglesham

Thaal Sinestro has lost everything he's ever loved: his home, his family, his only friend. But no matter how desperate he becomes, Sinestro will never be without fear...a lesson his one-time ally, one-time enemy Lyssa Drak is eager to teach him! Can he take back the despicable Yellow Lantern Corps? Or does the universe have a new destiny in mind for Sinestro?

In Shops: **16/04/2014**

### VERTIGO QUARTERLY #1: CYAN



The four colors that are the basis of comics coloring serve as the jumping-off point for creators to push the boundaries of short graphic fiction in the new Vertigo Quarterly: CMYK series. Starting with stunningly simple, bold covers, CMYK will defy all conventions of traditional comics anthologies. The unifying color could suggest a mood, a plot point, a coloring technique - limited only by the imagination of the fantastic creators we've lined up. And starting with Cyan, we have tales by some of the

best talents in comics - a who's who of creative minds. Jock, Fabio Moon, James Tynion IV, Robert Rodi, Shaun Simon, Amy Chu, Joe Keatinge, Cris Peter, Tony Akins and more will take on the challenge of telling compelling stories that scream cool "blue." Vertigo Quarterly: CMYK will continue through 2014 with Magenta in summer, Yellow in fall and finally Black in winter. Be prepared to see color as only Vertigo can deliver!

In Shops: **30/04/2014**

# IDW

## NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR APRIL



### COVER STAR: V-WARS #1

Jonathan Maberry, Alan Robinson, Ryan Brown

When a sniper's bullet kills the pro-peace Speaker of the House and a terrorist vampire cell takes credit, the Vampire War erupts hotter and bloodier than ever. Join IDW and New York Times best-selling author, Jonathan Maberry, as we take you on a non-stop thrill ride of action, horror and suspense! Welcome to the V-Wars!

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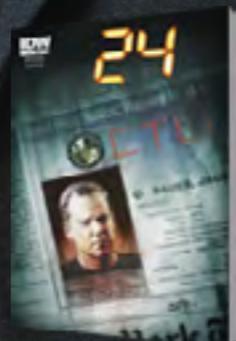


### TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES ANNUAL 2014

Kevin Eastman, Tom Waltz

The Turtles are whisked away to another dimension by a stranger-Renet! Forced to fight for their survival in a tournament featuring the greatest warriors in the universe, the brothers will have to master new fighting techniques and forge new alliances. But with the deck stacked against them, their chance of survival is slim!

In Shops: **30/04/2014**



### 24 #1

Ed Brisson, Michael Gaydos, Davide Furnò

Jack Bauer lives again! Before the Emmy Award-winning drama returns to your television with Live Another Day, find out what the heroic agent has been up to in the several years following the events of the final season. Restarting the clock on the high-octane saga are writing sensation Ed Brisson (Secret Avengers) and Eisner Award nominee Michael Gaydos (Alias).

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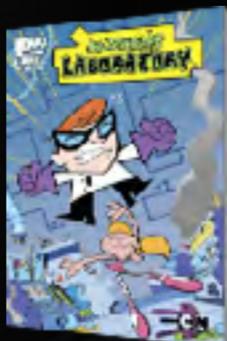


### 7TH SWORD #1

John Raffo, Nelson Blake II, Andrew Robinson

Daniel Cray-a samurai mercenary-stumbles upon the legendary city of ZenZion, a mysterious desert outpost under siege from a vicious warlord. The peace-loving citizenry beg Cray to defend them... forcing Cray to reluctantly draw his deadly "Malathane" sword one last time to battle a relentless army of robots and their savage masters. Science Fiction meets Samurai in an epic new adventure from John Raffo (Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story).

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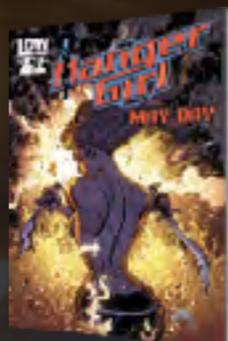


### DEXTER'S LABORATORY #1 (OF 4)

Derek Fridolfs, Ryan Jampole

Everyone's favorite boy-genius returns to comics! Dexter has reached the pinnacle of his greatest scientific experiment-one that will gift him with infinite clarity and superhuman intellect beyond all mankind. But with every precaution in place, will he be able to finish it before his meddling sister Dee Dee ruins everything...AGAIN?!

In Shops: **23/04/2014**



### DANGER GIRL: MAY DAY #1 (OF 4)

Andy Hartnell, John Royle, José Marzan

An all-new cast of sinister characters! Secrets from Deuce's past! And the shocking return of the deadliest (and sexiest!) Danger Girl villain of all-time! Fans of the original and best-selling Danger Girl series can't miss what's sure to be the wildest adventure of the year! Plus... a mysterious Major lurks in the wings!

In Shops: **23/04/2014**



### STAR MAGE #1

JC De La Torre, Ray Dillon

Part One: "Darien"-JC De La Torre, author of the critically acclaimed novel Ancient Rising, gives us a new fusion of Science Fiction and Magic in Star Mage. In issue one, Darien Connors discovers he's not from Earth, has strange magical powers and is the key in an ancient war between two alien races of necromancers. Like Harry Potter meets the Last Starfighter, Star Mage offers wizard battles with a side of spaceship warfare, alien worlds and weird creatures.

In Shops: **23/04/2014**



### TRANSFORMERS: WINDBLADE #1 (OF 4)

Mairghread Scott, Sarah Stone, Casey W. Coller

Who is Windblade? In the aftermath of Dark Cybertron, Windblade takes the planet by storm. But where did she come from-and what does her secret mean to the future of the Transformers? A powerful new chapter in the Transformers saga begins here!

In Shops: **30/04/2014**



### X-FILES ANNUAL 2014

Frank Spotnitz, Stuart Sayger, Andrew Currie, Sam Shearon, Various

The X-Files writer/producer Frank Spotnitz returns with an untold tale from Mulder and Scully's first stint with the FBI. When a man returns from the dead with a warning for his wife, the agents investigate and cross paths with a very peculiar priest. And in the second story, Cerebus creator Dave Sim writes his first-ever The X-Files story and first scripted licensed work in... forever? with "Talk to the Hand," a nightmarish tale starring a sleeping Dana Scully!

In Shops: **23/04/2014**



### GENESIS (ONE-SHOT)

Nathan Edmondson, Alison Sampson

A trippy journey of creation and destruction as one man finds himself with the ability to manifest anything by thinking it-only to learn that with seemingly unlimited power comes unstoppable terror.

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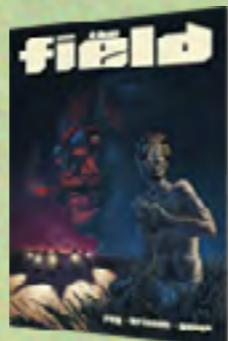


### '68: RULE OF WAR #1 (OF 4)

Mark Kidwell, Jeff Zornow, Jay Fotos, Nat Jones

In a doom-shadowed Cambodia infested with the living dead, CIA Special Agent Declan Rule and his canine companion Nero stalk a human monster, a neurosurgeon bent on carrying out grisly experiments that turn P.O.W.s into vicious instruments of war. In Vietnam, Private Kuen Yam and his ragtag band of survivors battle their way across a murderous no-man's-land in a desperate search for a ticket to the skies. The war is over, but the battle for humanity's survival has just begun. Courage will be tested, sanity will be pushed to the breaking point and the rules of war... will be broken.

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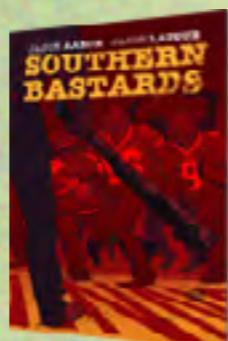


### FIELD #1 (OF 4)

Ed Brisson, Simon Roy

A man wakes in a field wearing nothing but his underwear. He's got no idea who he is or how he got there. His only connection to the outside world is a cell phone that receives mysterious texts warning him of impending danger. Danger like Christian, an ex-Bible salesman in the middle of a crime spree fueled by Christian Rock, dirty sex, meth, murder, and keeping this underwear-clad, nameless, and past-less man close by his side.

In Shops: **02/04/2014**



### SOUTHERN BASTARDS #1

Jason Aaron, Jason Latour

Welcome to Craw County, Alabama, home of Boss BBQ, the state champion Runnin' Rebs football team... and more bastards than you've ever seen. When you're an angry old man like Earl Tubb, the only way to survive a place like this...is to carry a really big stick.

From the acclaimed team of Jason Aaron and Jason Latour, the same bastards who brought you Scalped and Wolverine: Japan's Most Wanted, comes a southern fried crime series that's like the Dukes of Hazzard meets the Coen Brothers...on meth.

In Shops: **30/04/2014**



### SHUTTER #1

Joe Keatinge, Leila Del

Indiana Jones for the 21st century! Marvel Knights: Hulk and Glory writer Joe Keatinge teams up with artist extraordinaire Leila Del Duca for her Image Comics debut in an all-new ongoing series combining the urban fantasy of Fables and the globe-spanning adventure of Y: The Last Man. Kate Kristopher, once the most famous explorer of an Earth far more fantastic than the one we know, is forced to return to the adventurous life she left behind when a family secret threatens to destroy everything she spent her life protecting.

In Shops: **09/04/2014**



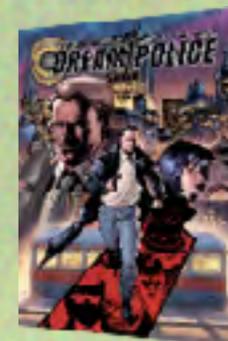
### SHOTGUN WEDDING #1 (OF 4)

William Harms, Edward Pun

Mike Stone wants nothing more than to marry the woman of his dreams. Denise is smart, sexy, teaches the second grade, and loves Mike more than anything in the world. What she doesn't know is that Mike is one of the world's top assassins and was once engaged to a fellow assassin named Chloe. And when Mike abandoned Chloe on their wedding day, she vowed revenge...

This April, treat yourself to an issue of Shotgun Wedding each Wednesday!

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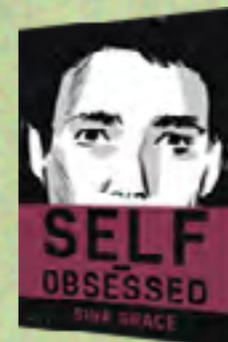


### DREAM POLICE #1

J. Michael Straczynski, Sid Kotian, Bill Farmer

Dream Police Detectives Joe Thursday and Frank Stanford have been partners for as long as they can remember, patrolling the alternate universe of dreams, nightmares, and the great void beyond, an alternate but very real dimension of changelings, echoes, wisps, ethers, and nightwalkers, those who died in their sleep and wander the dreamscape forever. They've seen it all. But when Frank steps away and disappears... and the woman who returns says she's Joe's partner, that she's always been Joe's partner...he begins a journey into the unknown that will shake the dreaming down to its very foundations.

In Shops: **30/04/2014**



### SELF OBSESSED (ONE-SHOT)

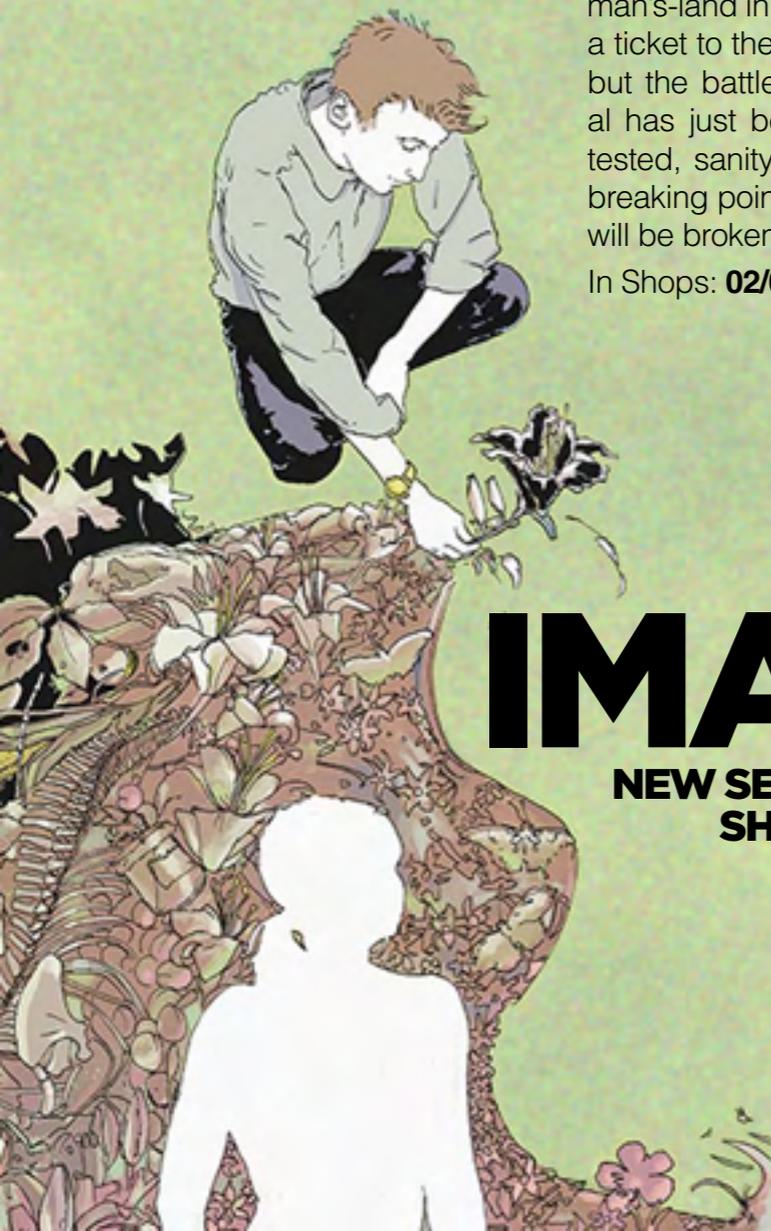
Sina Grace

For fans of his gothic-tinged retail hell graphic novel Not My Bag, Sina Grace (Li'l Depressed Boy, Burn The Orphanage) presents a collection of rare and never-before-seen autobiographical strips! Packed with new stories for this edition, Self-Obsessed is packed with quirky and humorous insights about comics, love, dreams, and, of course, frenemies.

In Shops: **02/04/2014**

# IMAGE

## NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR APRIL





## AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #1

Dan Slott, Humberto Ramos

The Greatest Super Hero of All Time returns!

The world may have changed since Spidey's been gone, but so has Peter Parker. This is a man with a second chance at life, and he's not wasting a moment of it. Same Parker Luck, new Parker attitude. Putting the "friendly" back in the neighborhood, the "hero" back into "super hero," and the "amazing" back into "Spider-Man!" Also returning: The recharged and reenergized Electro!

In Shops: **30/04/2014**



# MARVEL

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR APRIL



## CAPTAIN AMERICA: WINTER SOLDIER #1 (DIRECTOR'S CUT)

Ed Brubaker, Steve Epting

Go behind the scenes of the classic story that inspired Marvel's Captain America: The Winter Soldier. The Red Skull lays the groundwork for his most devastating attack ever on Captain America and the land he holds dear - and with the Cosmic Cube in his possession, how can Cap hope to stop him? Find out in the shocking twist-ending you won't see coming. This special edition comes packed with bonus material including the complete script for the issue, Ed Brubaker's original series proposal, Winter Soldier concept sketches and preview pages from Marvel's Captain America: The Winter Soldier - The Art Of The Movie HC.

In Shops: **02/04/2014**



## MARVEL'S GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY PRELUDE #1 (OF 2)

Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, Wellington Alves

Get ready for Marvel's Guardians Of The Galaxy with an all-new comic book prelude-written by cosmic legends Dan Abnett and Andy Lanning! Who is Nebula? What tragic events forged her unbreakable allegiance to her dark lord? Find out here!

Plus: Gamora! Korath! And more from the Marvel Cinematic Universe!

In Shops: **02/04/2014**



## HULK #1

Mark Waid, Mark Bagley, Jerome Opena

All-new direction! The epic "Banner D.O.A." Begins NOW!!!

Following the shocking events of last month's Indestructible Hulk finale, Bruce Banner lies at death's door! If he survives, it won't be as the Bruce Banner we've known! How will the Hulk wreak vengeance on Banner's assailant? How can he?

In Shops: **16/04/2014**



## ALL NEW ULTIMATES #1

Michel Fiffe, Amilcar Pinna, David Nakayama

The next generation of Ultimates is here!!! Spider-Man, Black Widow, Kitty Pryde, Bombshell, Cloak & Dagger officially unite to tackle the vicious, rampant crime wave overtaking Hell's Kitchen! Diamondback leads the teen gang, the Serpent Skulls, as they run West Midtown's drug and weapons trade & deal in murderous citywide terror! Detective Brigid O'Reilly and her anti-gang unit are on the hunt for a serial mask killer called Scourge; they get close but not without some casualties!

Written by Michel Fiffe, the creator of the acclaimed indie series Copra.

In Shops: **09/04/2014**



## ELEKTRA #1

Haden Blackman, Miike Del Mundo

Witness the beautifully violent return of the world's deadliest assassin. A life spent in silent pain has led Elektra to the precipice of despair. As she prepares to shed her past and take her next step, everything you know about her will change! Death is no escape, but she will find her way as a new option opens up that will take Elektra to places no other Marvel character can go.

In Shops: **23/04/2014**



## X-MEN LEGACY #1

Chris Claremont, Todd Nauck, Chris Samnee

Nightcrawler is back!

Newly-returned from the afterlife, veteran X-Man Kurt Wagner finds himself in a world that's a far cry from the one he left: Professor Xavier is dead, Cyclops is on the run, and the X-Men are divided. But determined not to let his new lease on life go to waste, Nightcrawler hits the road alongside Wolverine, eager to right some wrongs and safeguard the future mutantkind...and he's going to do it by the means he loves most: swashbuckling, lady-charming and-of course-BAMFing!

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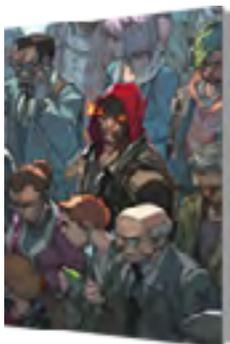


## ALL NEW DOOP #1 (OF 5)

Peter Milligan, David Lafuente, Laura Allred, Michael Allred

Living in the margins of the X-Men, Doop has freaked out X-Men and readers alike. However, when he gets deeply involved in X-Men business (and in the personal life of Kitty Pryde!), Doop will be thrust into the spotlight. This adventure will prove that Doop is, in fact, the most powerful X-Man! Written by co-creator Peter Milligan and innovative interior art by David Lafuente (Avengers, Ultimate Spider-Man)!

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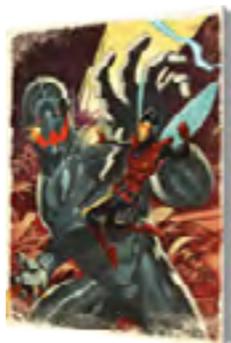


## INHUMAN #1

Charles Soule, Joe Madureira

The newest super heroes of the Marvel Universe are born! A cloud of Terrigen mist is moving around the world turning regular people into Inhumans with amazing powers. But not everyone thinks this is a good thing. Discover the secret history of the Marvel Universe and get in at the ground floor of the next big Marvel franchise!

In Shops: **02/04/2014**



## WHAT IF: AGE OF ULTRON #1 (OF 5)

Joe Keatinge, Raffaele Ienco, Chris Stevens

In Age of Ultron, a time-travelling Wolverine killed Hank Pym before he could create the world-conquering Ultron. What would the Marvel Universe look like if another founding Avenger had been killed instead? A world without the Wasp brings a world where Hank Pym created an Ultron even more heinous than the one we know!

In Shops: **02/04/2014**



## IRON FIST: LIVING WEAPON #1

Kaare Andrews

High above the city, in a multi-million dollar penthouse, Danny Rand, a.k.a. Iron Fist, "The Living Weapon," is haunted by the consequences of choosing death over life. A message from Iron Fist's mystical homeland of K'un-Lun brings Danny back to his blood soaked origin of betrayal and vengeance! Revenge is a weapon that cuts both ways... Will Danny survive the bloodletting? A one-of-a-kind kung fu action epic!

In Shops: **09/04/2014**



## DEADPOOL VS CARNAGE #1 (OF 4)

Cullen Bunn, Salva Espin, Glenn Fabry

Two red-suited madmen for the price of one! That's right-good crazy vs. bad crazy, once and for all! And you can bet it's gonna be a bloody one!

In Shops: **02/04/2014**



## ULTIMATE FF #1

Joshua Hale Fialkov, Mario Guevara, Mike McKone

Sue Storm, Tony Stark, Machine Man and Sam Wilson face the oncoming destruction. A mysterious new member will join their ranks, whether they like it or not. Hint: They will not.

In Shops: **16/04/2014**



## UNCANNY AVENGERS ANNUAL #1

Rick Remender, Paul Renaud, Arthur Adams

When the producers of the Mojoverse can't make a hit series they call on Mojo to gather an all-new, all-creepy Avengers! Can the Uncanny Avengers survive the wrath of an unleashed Spirit of Vengeance?

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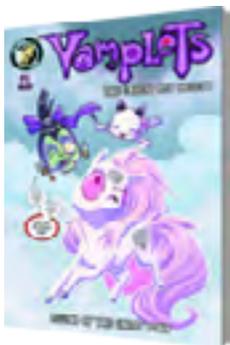
## ORIGINAL SIN #0

Mark Waid, Jim Cheung

It's the prologue to the biggest Marvel series of the summer! Who is The Watcher?

That's what Nova is wondering after his latest brush with the moon-dwelling enigma he's encountered before! But what he discovers will have a profound effect on the young hero, as well as priming the pump for the most cataclysmic event in Marvel history! What did he see?

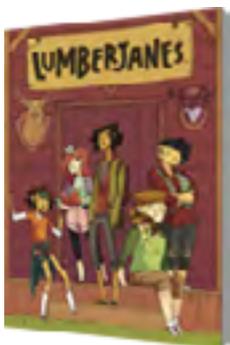
In Shops: **16/04/2014**



**VAMPLETS:  
UNDEAD PET  
SOCIETY #1**  
**ACTION LAB**  
Gayle Middleton,  
Dave Dwonch,  
Amanda  
Coronado, Bill  
Blankenship

The Legend of the Ghost Pony begins here in this terrifyingly sweet installment from Hasbro designer/illustrator of My Little Pony Gayle Middleton! Ghost Ponies have been the harbingers of the weird for years. Whenever they appear, creatures near have disappeared, never to return. Where do they come from? What is their terrible secret? And what is the Ghost Pony's connection to a vampyre baby named Lily Rose Shadowlyn? Find out in this all new adventure!

In Shops: **30/04/2014**



**LUMBER-  
JANES #1  
(OF 8)**  
**BOOM!**  
Noelle  
Stevenson,  
Grace Ellis,  
Brooke A. Allen

Five best friends spending the summer at Lumberjane scout camp...defeating yetis, three-eyed wolves, and giant falcons...what's not to love?!

Jo, April, Mal, Molly and Ripley are five best pals determined to have an awesome summer together...and they're not gonna let any insane quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way!

Lumberjanes is one of those punk rock, love-everything-about-it stories that appeals to fans of basically all excellent things.

In Shops: **09/04/2014**

# INDIES

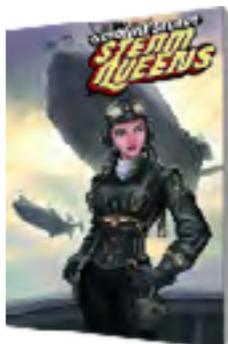
NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR APRIL



**BATTLESTAR GALACTICA SIX #1 (OF 5)**  
**DYNAMITE**  
J. T. Krul, Igor Vitorino, Jenny Frison

Don't miss this exciting chapter in Battlestar Galactica lore as the early origins of Number Six are explored. In developing the next generation of Cylons, getting the models to look human was the easy part. But acting human is another story. Witness the evolution of Number Six as she learns live, to love, and to hate.

In Shops: **23/04/2014**



**VICTORIAN  
SECRET  
STEAM  
QUEENS #1**  
**ANTARCTIC  
PRESS**  
Brian Denham

These proud, plucky damsels, garbed in their most elegant finery, dare to defy danger and stoke the steampunk engines for a royal adventure!

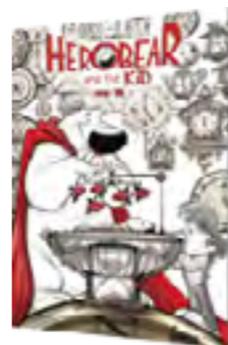
In Shops: **30/04/2014**



**ADVENTURE  
TIME 2014  
ANNUAL #1**  
**BOOM!**  
Frank Gibson,  
Becky Dreistadt

A very special issue by dynamite creators Becky Dreistadt and Frank Gibson brings you the cutest thing imaginable... Baby Fionna and Cake!

In Shops: **30/04/2014**



**HEROBEAR  
AND THE  
KID: SAVING  
TIME #1  
(OF 5)**  
**BOOM!**  
Mike Kunkel

Tyler and Hero Bear are back in an all-new original adventure!

Henry, the family's magical butler, is missing!! It's up to Tyler and Hero Bear to figure out what happened to their friend... only they might learn a lot more about Henry than they initially thought... and be forced to get help from an unsuspected source.

In Shops: **02/04/2014**



**CALIBAN #1**  
**AVATAR**  
Garth Ennis,  
Facundo Percio

The crew of the Caliban travels hyperspace on nothing more than a routine trip for the giant vessel. Just human beings that have been inside a bit too long, confident of no other life in the Galaxy, and all the vastness of space to remind them how far they are from home. But when an impossible accident suddenly causes the Caliban to slam into an abandoned alien ship, a nightmare in space begins to unfold.

Master storyteller Garth Ennis delivers his unique brand of flawed characters, spot-on dialog, and trademark flare for the unexpected in a new series in the vein of Alien. This is the beginning of the end for the crew of the Caliban.

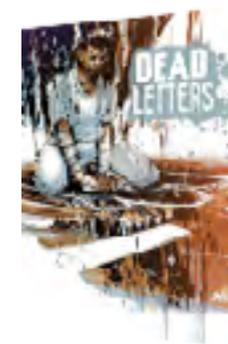
In Shops: **30/04/2014**



**LOLA XOXO  
#1**  
**ASPEN**  
Siya Oum

In the "Wasteland", Lola, a young woman with a resolve fortified by a lifetime of survival on her own, must journey across the nuclear-decimated United States in order to find the family that was taken from her! As her quest for the truth begins, Lola uncovers the true inhumanity of the Apocalypse, as those who seek to hold power in a new frontier, will do so at all bloody costs-including her life!

In Shops: **09/04/2014**



**DEAD  
LETTERS #1**  
**BOOM!**  
Christopher  
Sebela, Chris  
Visions

Creators Christopher Sebela (Ghost, High Crimes) and newcomer Chris Visions are two fresh voices that are about to take the industry by storm. Don't miss out on a wholly unique take on supernatural noir.

Sam Whistler wakes up in an unfamiliar motel room, dressed in hospital scrubs and his arms wrapped in bandages. He remembers nothing-not how he got here, not where here is...not even his own name. But the goons knocking down his door sure do, and it's going to take every single move in Sam's forgotten repertoire to outrun and outsmart the gang war he's just stumbled into.

In Shops: **30/04/2014**

# NOVEL IDEAS

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



**AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: PETER PARKER, THE ONE AND ONLY**  
MARVEL  
Various

It's a celebration of the world's greatest super hero as some of Marvel's most talented creators spin tales of the original Spider-Man: Peter Parker! Collecting Amazing Spider-Man #700.1-700.5.

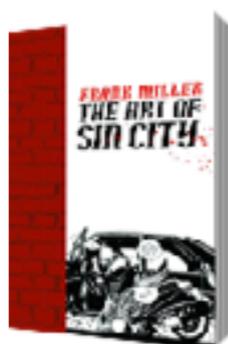
In Shops: 5/14/2014



**FIRE (HC)**  
MARVEL  
Bendis

Imagine that your government want to create a covert operations agent from nobody, from scratch, from you! Loosely based on events in the American intelligence community during the Reagan administration, Fire tells the unique and powerful story of a young man's journey through the complex world of international intelligence. Fire was Brian Michael Bendis' first major work and helped him attract and develop a new audience for crime graphic novels that he would further challenge in later works such as Jinx, Goldfish, Torso, and Powers.

In Shops: 5/7/2014



**FRANK MILLER: ART OF SIN CITY**  
DARK HORSE  
Miller

Frank Miller's Sin City has set the gold standard for crime comics, both for Miller's unflinching stories and for his visceral, powerfully charged art. To honor the artist and his groundbreaking work, Dark Horse is proud to return Frank Miller: The Art of Sin City to print, now in an affordable softcover edition. This beautiful artistic showcase holds everything a Sin City fan, or connoisseur of fine art, could ever hope for.

In Shops: 6/25/2014



**VELVET VOL.1: BEFORE THE LIVING END**  
IMAGE  
Brubaker, Epting, Breitweiser

From the bestselling creators of "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"!

When the world's greatest secret agent is killed, all evidence points to Velvet Templeton, the personal secretary to the Director of the Agency. But Velvet's got a dark secret buried in her past... because she's also the most dangerous woman alive.

In Shops: 4/30/2014



**24 OMNIBUS**  
IDW  
Vaughn, Guedes, Furnò, Various

Follow Jack Bauer's exploits before President Palmer's victory as he tries to eliminate a mass murderer in the former Yugoslavia, struggles with drug cartels and radical separatists, as well as economic and ecological chaos. This volume collects 24: One Shot, 24: Midnight Sun, 24: Stories, 24: Cold Warriors, and the prequel story 24: Nightfall.

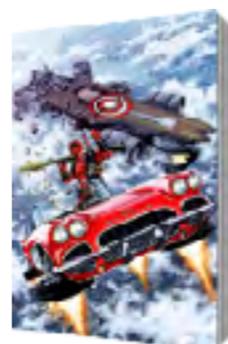
In Shops: 4/9/2014



**BATGIRL VOL.3: DEATH OF THE FAMILY**  
DC  
Simone, Benes, Various

Batgirl stars in these epics from #14-19 of her monthly series, plus Batman #17, Batgirl Annual #1 and a story from Young Romance #1, all spinning out of "Death of the Family." The Joker is back, and Barbara Gordon must confront her past as she deals with the crazed criminal responsible for crippling her. Plus, Barbara must deal with her family demons as her psychotic brother James Jr. comes after her.

In Shops: 5/21/2014



**DEADPOOL VOL.4: DEADPOOL VS S.H.I.E.L.D.**  
MARVEL  
Duggan, Posehn, Koblish

S.H.I.E.L.D. makes a grievous tactical error when they stiff Deadpool on a bill, and you can bet that they're going to regret it! Deadpool declares a one-man war on the world peace-keeping agency - but even as the maniacal merc pursues his revenge, S.H.I.E.L.D. discovers someone has been betraying them...and it seems to be Agent Preston! Deadpool takes his fight to the Helicarrier, intent on getting his money one way or the other - and comes face-to-face with Agent Phil Coulson! You know, the guy from the hit TV show Marvel's Agents Of S.H.I.E.L.D.! How cool is this going to be?! Plus: it's another trip back to the past as the Merc with a Mouth wreaks havoc on a cosmic level! Collecting Deadpool (2012) #20-25.

In Shops: 5/21/2014



**COFFIN HILL VOL.1: FOREST OF THE NIGHT**  
DC VERTIGO  
Kittredge, Miranda, Johnson

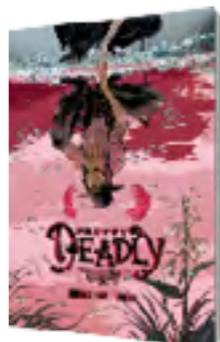
Years after a tragic night of sex, drugs and witchcraft in the woods, Eve Coffin returns to Coffin Hill, only to discover the darkness that she unleashed ten years ago was never contained. Don't miss the first Coffin Hill collection with issues #1-7 of the acclaimed new series!

In Shops: 5/14/2014



# NOVEL IDEAS

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



**PRETTY DEADLY VOL.1**  
IMAGE

DeConnick, Rios, Bellaire

Kelly Sue DeConnick (Avengers Assemble, Captain Marvel) and Emma Ríos (Dr. Strange, Osborn) present the collected opening arc of their surprise-hit series that marries the magical realism of Sandman with the western brutality of Preacher. Death's daughter rides the wind on a horse made of smoke and her face bears the skull marks of her father. Her origin story is a tale of retribution as beautifully lush as it is unflinchingly savage. In Shops: 4/30/2014



**MARVEL ZOMBIES: COMPLETE COLLECTION VOL.2**  
MARVEL

Suydam, Various

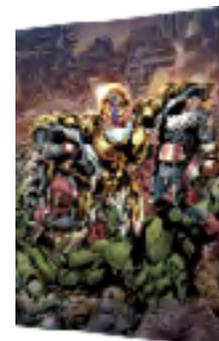
The Marvel Zombies have left Earth, turning their ravenous attentions to outer space! But when the zombies finally return home and find a tiny pocket of mankind still alive, will they feast on flesh once more - or can they learn how to overcome their all-consuming hunger? Collecting Marvel Zombies 2 #1-5, Marvel Zombies 3 #1-4, Marvel Zombies 4 #1-4, Marvel Zombies Return #1-5 and material from Marvel Spotlight: Marvel Zombies Return. In Shops: 4/30/2014



**MASS EFFECT: FOUNDATION VOL.2**  
DARK HORSE

Walters, Parker, Carre, Various

Follow Miranda Lawson and Jacob Taylor as they chase Commander Shepard to the lawless and dangerous Terminus Systems, where no training can prepare them for what they'll find! Then, join the beautiful and cunning Agent Rasa as she hunts Jack, the lethal biotic powerhouse, and crosses paths with the deadly master assassin Thane Krios! Collects Mass Effect: Foundation #5-8. In Shops: 6/4/2014



**AGE OF ULTRON**  
MARVEL

Bendis, Hitch, Various

Humanity's time is over. Submit or perish, because the Age of Ultron has arrived! The artificial intelligence known as Ultron has fought for years to eradicate mankind - and now, it has all but succeeded. The few remaining heroes are battered, broken, almost beaten and left considering desperate measures - some more desperate than others. But when Wolverine breaks ranks and pursues his own plan to defeat Ultron, will his drastic action cause more problems than it solves? Brian Michael Bendis presents the ultimate triumph of the Avengers' greatest villain in an epic that will shake worlds! Collecting Avengers (2010) #12.1 and Age Of Ultron #1-10. In Shops: 5/7/2014



**BATMAN VOL.3: DEATH OF THE FAMILY**  
DC

Snyder, TynionIV, Capullo, Various

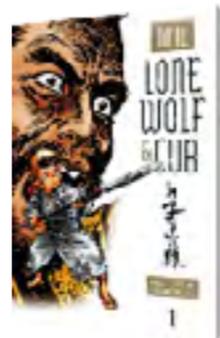
After having his face sliced off, The Joker makes his horrifying return to Gotham City in this epic from issues #13-17 that shook Batman to his core! But even for a man who's committed a lifetime of murder, he's more dangerous than ever before. How can Batman protect his city and those he's closest to? In Shops: 5/7/2014



**LAZARUS VOL.2: LIFT**  
IMAGE

Rucka, Lark

The second story arc in the New York Times bestselling series. Forever uncovers rebellion brewing in LA, and the Barrets, a family of "Waste," undertake a 500-mile journey to Denver in the hope that one of their family will be noticed by the Carlyles and "lifted" to Serf status. In Shops: 6/18/2014



**NEW LONE WOLF AND CUB VOL.1**  
DARK HORSE

Koike, Mori

Kazuo Koike returns to Lone Wolf and Cub with an epic sequel, New Lone Wolf and Cub. Ogami Itto, the Lone Wolf, and his nemesis, Yagyu Retsudo, lie dead after their titanic duel. Ogami's young son, Daigoro, stays at his father's side, and none dares help the child-save Togo Shigetada, a samurai on a desperate and deadly mission of his own! In Shops: 6/4/2014



**GHOST-BUSTERS VOL.7: HAPPY HORROR DAYS**  
IDW

Burnham, Schoening

A busy season of holidays will have the team needing a rest when it's all over. It all starts on Devil's Night with a ghost called Stingy Jack, continues on Day of the Dead and the return of Melanie Ortiz to NYC, a trip to Rhinebeck, NY for a celebration held in honor of Sinterklass, and a visit from the Bogeyman on New Year's Day. In Shops: 4/9/2014



# BIFF'S BIT

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## PETER PARKER RETURNS...

Well, it has taken six months longer than I predicted, but, Peter Parker is back as the one and only Amazing Spider-Man!

To be honest I have actually enjoyed the Superior Spider-Man run. The comic still felt it was a Spider-Man comic, but obviously Otto, from his actions and thoughts, was not Peter Parker. There were nice touches of insight into Otto Octavius's mind in it's pure hateful, selfish, egotistical and deadly form. The introduction of Peter Parker's purerer and more noble mind patterns affecting Otto to a greater or smaller extent displayed, at least for me, what a thin line there is between a civilised mind and a baseline savage mind.

My feelings are that it was a resounding success. Despite the hate mail received by Marvel and Dan Slott, and a significant number of people not buying the title, it did attract new

readers as well as keep the majority of long term readers. The sales of the title remained consistent through the entire run - a sign to me that those that bought it were enjoying it.

I am really looking forward to the relaunch in a way that I haven't for a long time about any Marvel launch or relaunch. I have missed the purerer and happy character of Peter Parker. The Marvel universe is populated by too many grim and gritty characters. Whilst knowing that grim characters and more violent scenarios are more realistic should people have these god-like powers, I mainly read comics to see the bad guys beaten and the good guys win in a triumphant manner (and with the good guys suffering no more than a scratch and the occasional dented ego).

Should the speculator buy into this new number one? Will it rise in value quickly? To these questions I answer

NO. We retailers will buy a large amount of stock, a large number of people will buy just number one and the last Amazing Spider-Man #1, after the first relaunch (Volume 2 in 1999), is still only a £5 - £10 book.

Amazing Spider-Man is my top comic tip for the month for the startling, staggering and amazing reason, it will be a great and refreshing *enjoyable read*. The Biff thumbs up!

Last month in amongst my tips for titles to try this year was Rachel Rising. This month the fourth volume of reprints is listed and it's a good time to get on board with this volume collecting issues #19-24. The advert from Terry Moore carries the unbelievable quote, "Easily one of the best comics being published today." Unbelievable because the quote is from Amazon! This is just a cunning segue into a little rant about that

monolithic leviathan that is crushing small shops and people.

Amazon only achieve low prices by paying their staff minimum wage and then treating them in a similar manner to Victorian work-house owners. They legally avoid virtually all of the government legislation designed to safeguard employees. They may employ thousands, but they have also caused the closure of numerous small book shops, toy shops and more. Making, I feel, a greater number of people unemployed than the jobs they create. The profits they make are siphoned off to other countries whilst paying virtually no tax in the UK. They get subsidies from the UK government and councils, and they take more from the UK than they give.

By all means use Amazon to buy from the independent traders that they host, but not from Amazon PLC. As a matter

of principal, I will not buy from Amazon PLC and will pay a little bit more and buy from a smaller independent.

Finally my top graphic novel tip for the month is Afterlife With Archie Vol.1: Escape from Riverdale. Besides finding all the Archie Comic Riverdale titles the best light-hearted read in comics today, this zombie twist on Riverdale is absolutely superb. The first three issues are hard to find, so rush out and buy this reprint of #1-5 for a brilliant take on zombies and Archie which has great art and an engaging storyline, but continues to be an all ages book. Superb. This also gets the Biff thumbs up!



# HISTORY BOOKS

A GUIDE TO GRAPHIC NOVELS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED...



**ESSENTIAL  
MARVEL  
TWO-IN-ONE  
VOL.4  
MARVEL**  
DeFalco,  
Michelinie

*"Ben Grimm, the Ever-Lovin' Blue-Eyed Thing, is back and better than ever in the fantastic final volume of Essential Marvel Two-in-One! Thrill to some of the wildest exploits ever experienced by the Idol of Millions as he journeys around the globe and beyond! From the sands of ancient Egypt to the Canadian wilderness, join Ben and his pals as they participate in everything from micro world melees to championship cosmic bouts. Guest-starring Spider-Man, Alpha Flight, the Sandman, Thor and many more! Collecting: Marvel Two-In-One 78-98, 100, Annual 6-7."*

Marvel Two In One ran for 100 issues between 1974 and 1983. A

From Marvel's fantastic 'Essentials' series, we look at the fourth bumper collection of **Marvel Two-In-One** featuring **Ben Grimm, aka The Thing!**

glorious time in Marvel history. A new generation of writers, excited by Stan Lee's new style, were emerging right across the Marvel universe, taking the baton from Stan and moving it on and upwards.

This series, that teamed the Thing with a different hero each month, had a continued thread between all the issues developing the character of Ben Grimm and the Fantastic Four family.

Volume four written mainly by Tom DeFalco and drawn by Ron Wilson reprints 78 to 98 and 100 plus Annuals 6,7. Issue 99 is missing as this was a Rom The Space Knight tale and presumably copyright permission was not given.

These tales are full of whimsy, 88 and the She Hulk, sheer hokum, Annual 7 and the boxing contest between the cosmic elder Cham-

pion and The Thing which ends up with the earth saved, Ben Grimm in hospital, but a national hero, and action such as 92 and 93 featuring Jocasta and Machine Man as they save the world from Ultron.

The underlying feeling that emanates from all the stories is one of hope, spirit and the joy of life. Liberally sprinkled throughout each story are humour and pathos in equal quantities. Plus the consistency in art and writer give a strong sense of identity to the comic and The Thing. Black and white reprints they maybe but 24 comics for £14.99 is excellent value. It is now inspired me to track down some of the original comics. a lot of which can be found in store bargain boxes for £1.00 or less.

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