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DARK HORSE

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS
FOR AUGUST



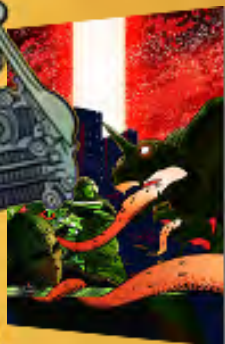
DARK HORSE PRESENTS 2014 #1

Geof Darrow, Various

Geof Darrow and Frank Miller's Big Guy and Rusty the Boy Robot returns in this new volume of the award-winning, long-running anthology powerhouse Dark Horse Presents! Also in the 48-page tome of awesome comics: Peter Hogan and Steve Parkhouse's Resident Alien, Brendan McCarthy's Dream Gang, Jimmy Palmiotti, Justin Gray, and Andy Kuhn's Wrestling with Demons, Damon Gentry and Aaron Conley's Sabertooth Swordsman, and David Mack's Kabuki!

The award-winning series returns at a new price!

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



DARK AGES #1

Dan Abnett, I. N. J. Culbard

The medieval world is locked in war. As a godless mercenary company slogs across Europe in search of sustenance and coin, they encounter a demonic force born not of hell, but of somewhere else entirely!

From the creators of Vertigo's The New Deadwardians!

Starship Troopers meets Kingdom of Heaven!

From New York Times best-selling author Dan Abnett!

In Shops: **13/08/2014**



POP #1

Curt Pires, Jason Copland, Dylan Todd

What if the world's pop stars and celebrities were literally products, grown by the world's wealthiest (and most depraved) minds-and one of them escaped?

As unique as it is entertaining, POP is a white-knuckled thrill ride through the marketing-mastered, technologically tethered tragicomedy we call life.

Smart and savage! Sexy and scathing!

In Shops: **27/08/2014**



STRAIN NIGHT ETERNAL #1

David Lapham, Mike Huddleston, E.M. Gist

It's been two years since the Master's plan succeeded and a near apocalypse coated the world in darkness. Now able to roam freely, the Master's legion of vampires rule the world-a horrifying police state where humans are harvested for blood. As humanity despairs, Dr. Ephraim Goodweather and an unlikely team of heroes continue their fight against extinction and hope to unlock the secret to the Master's demise.

The final chapter in the Strain Trilogy, by Guillermo del Toro and novelist Chuck Hogan, begins here!

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



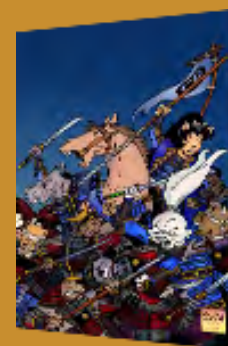
SUNDOWNERS #1

Tim Seeley, Jim Terry, Chris Brunner

Faster than lightning! Stronger than steel! Crazier than an outhouse rat? Enter the Sundowners-sworn to protect humanity from interdimensional invaders! But is the threat real, or is it all in their heads?

o From Tim Seeley (Revival, Hack/Slash, The Occultist), a dark look at the thin line between heroism and insanity!

In Shops: **27/08/2014**



★ COVER STAR ★

USAGI YOJIMBO SENSO #1

Stan Sakai

Twenty years in his future, Miyamoto Usagi fights as a general for Lord Noriyuki, against the treacherous Lord Hikiji. In the fury of the final battle, a metal rocket crashes to earth-and inside is an enemy that neither side could have ever imagined! Witness the final fates of your favorite Usagi characters, in this all-new samurai epic with a startling science fiction twist!

From multiple-Eisner award-winning creator Stan Sakai, an all new story set in Usagi's future!

Celebrating Usagi's 30th anniversary!

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

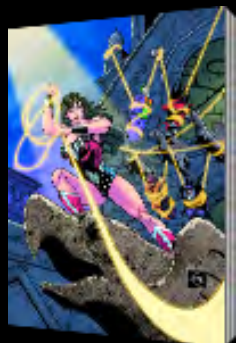


**BATMAN
ESSENTIALS:
DARK
KNIGHT
RETURNS -
SPECIAL ED #1**

Frank Miller,
Klaus Janson

Batman's 75th anniversary is here, and to celebrate, DC Entertainment is offering a series of promotionally priced specials that capture the Dark Knight's greatest moments! Frank Miller's all-time classic adventure kicks things off, with this excerpt from the original Dark Knight Returns #1!

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



**SENSATION
COMICS
FEATURING
WONDER
WOMAN #1**

Gail Simone,
Amanda Deibert,
Ethan Van Scriver,
Cat Staggs

Diana Prince: Amazon warrior, ambassador to Man's world, or champion of women in need? All of the above! This digital-first anthology series will bring some of comics' greatest talents to Themyscira, and give them leave to explore Diana, her world - and ours!

Gail Simone and Ethan Van Sciver kick things off when Oracle calls for help after the entire Bat-Family gets sidelined. But when Wonder Woman steps into the breach, Gotham City's criminals get the surprise of their lives! Then, Amanda Deibert and Cat Staggs take Diana to school, where she meets her biggest fan!

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

DC

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



**SMALLVILLE
- SEASON 11:
CHAOS #1**

Bryan Q. Miller,
Agustin Padilla,
Daniel HDR, Cat
Staggs

When Lex Luthor attempts to invest in Ted Kord's new experiments, the scientists working on the supercollider are skeptical. But Lois Lane is at the Antarctic compound to cover scientific achievement, not corporate espionage, so it's not until things go massively awry that her fiancé gets sucked into the action!

In Shops: **13/08/2014**



MULTIVERSITY #1

Grant Morrison, Ivan Reis, Joe Prado

The biggest adventure in DC's history is here!

Join visionary writer Grant Morrison, today's most talented artists, and a cast of unforgettable characters from 52 alternative Earths of the known DC Multiverse! Prepare to meet the Vampire League of Earth-43, the Justice Riders of Earth-18, Superdemon, Doc Fate, the supersons of Superman and Batman, the rampaging Retaliators of Earth-8, the Atomic Knights of Justice, Dino-Cop, Sister Miracle, Lady Quark, the legion of Sivasas, the Nazi New Reichsmen of Earth-10 and the latest, greatest Super Hero of Earth-Prime: you!



Comprising six complete adventures - each set in a different parallel universe - plus a two-part framing story and a comprehensive guidebook to the many worlds of the Multiverse, The Multiversity is more than just a multipart comic-book series. It's a cosmos spanning, soul-shaking experience that puts you on the frontline in the Battle for All Creation against the demonic destroyers known as the Gentry!

In issue #1, pencilled by superstar artist Ivan Reis (Aquaman, Justice League), President Superman of Earth-23 uncovers a threat to all Reality so apocalyptic it will take a team of incredible

heroes from across the Multiverse to face it - including Captain Carrot, like you've never seen him before!

But even with a multitude of alternate worlds to choose from, where every variation is possible, can anyone hope to prevail against the onslaught of ultimate evil and undying hatred - in the unstoppable form of a one-time cosmic defender with unimaginable powers?! Join us, if you dare, for the beginning of The Multiversity!

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



**GODZILLA:
CATAclysm
#1**

Cullen Bunn,
Dave Wachter

Years have passed since the monster apocalypse nearly destroyed mankind. Now it is merely a distant, nightmarish memory for Hiroshi, an elder in one of the few remaining tribes of humans. Little does Hiroshi know that the apocalypse is not over, and that his memories of the past may yet save the future!

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



**TRANS-
FORMERS:
PRIMACY #1**

Chris Metzen,
Flint Dille, Livio
Ramondelli

The war for Cybertron! Optimus Prime versus Megatron. Autobots versus Decepticons. At the dawn of the conflict, battle lines are drawn and sides are set... now legends will be made. The war that would define a planet begins in earnest-and its revelations will shake the Transformers' world to the core!

In Shops: **13/08/2014**

IDW

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

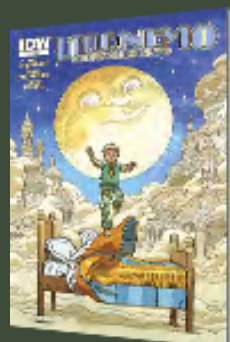


**SILENT HILL -
DOWNPOUR:
ANNE'S
STORY #1**

Ed Brubaker,
Sean Phillips,
Elizabeth
Breitweiser

IDW returns to Konami's horror masterpiece! In the 2012 hit video game Silent Hill Downpour, players were introduced to Anne Marie Cunningham, the enigmatic prison officer bent on bloody revenge against the game's main protagonist, Murphy Pendleton. Now, at last, fans can learn what horrors Anne faced during her fateful journey through Silent Hill's fog-shrouded streets... and what led her to the terrifyingly cursed town in the first place. Written by Tom Waltz (writer of Silent Hill: Sinner's Reward, Silent Hill: Past Life and the Silent Hill Downpour video game), with artwork by Tristan Jones (Ghostbusters, Hoax Hunters).

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



**LITTLE NEMO:
RETURN TO
SLUMBER-
LAND #1**

Eric Shanower,
Gabriel
Rodriguez

An all-new, all-ages series full of magic and whimsy from award-winning creators Eric Shanower (Adventures in Oz) and Gabriel Rodriguez (Locke & Key)! Spinning out of Winsor McKay's brilliant early 20th century strip, Little Nemo in Slumberland sees King Morpheus' daughter, in the Royal Palace of Slumberland, select her next-playmate: Nemo! Only Nemo has no interest in being anyone's playmate, dream or no dream!

In Shops: **27/08/2014**



**SUPER
SECRET
CRISIS WAR:
GRIM ADV
OF BILLY &
MANDY #1**

Kate Leth, Louise
Simonson, Troy
Little, Derek Charm

A malfunctioning robot crash-lands in Billy and Mandy's school! Billy wants to keep it, Mandy wants it out, and Grim is just confused. As the robot starts causing havoc, it's up to our heroes (and Billy) to put an end to the mayhem!

In Shops: **27/08/2014**



**JUDGE DREDD:
ANDERSON - PSI DIVISION #1**

Matthew J. Smith, Carl Critchlow, Matt Haley
In an all-new adventure from Cassandra Anderson's early days in the Mega-City One Psi-Division, writer Matt Smith and artist Carl Critchlow present "King of the Six Sectors." It all starts with Anderson awakening from an unusually strong vision of an attack on the Megapolitan Museum showcasing Cursed Earth artifacts...

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



GENIUS #1

Adam Freeman, Marc Bernardin,
Afua Richardson

The Winner of Top Cow's Pilot Season makes its triumphant return to print with Genius issues #1-5, weekly throughout August!

What if the greatest military mind of our generation was born to a people who are already supremely conditioned to wage war, who know nothing but violence since birth,

and must continually adapt to new predators in order to survive? What if the second coming of Alexander the Great, of Genghis Khan, of Napoleon, of Patton...what if it was a teenaged girl from South Central, L.A. named Destiny? And what if she decides to secede three blocks of the 'Hood from the Union? Who is going to take it back from her and her army of gang-bangers? Who can?

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



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DEAD AT 17 BLASPHEMY THRONE #1

Josh Howard

it's all been leading to this - the final chapter to the Dead@17 saga begins here!

For the last 10 years, Nara Kilday has gone up against the worst Hell has to offer, losing many friends and allies along the way. Now she faces her greatest threat: an unholy pact between her oldest nemesis and the Great Beast. While the world is thrown into chaos, Nara remains helpless, captive to an unknown force, the secret to victory hidden somewhere in her past. The countdown to Earth's final hours has begun.

In Shops: **13/08/2014**



NIGHT- WORLD #1

Paolo Leandri,
Adam McGovern,
Dominic Regan

Sad demon Plenilunio rules a haunted castle with his sleepwalking lover Lidia, and unwisely bargains with the evil Empyre to wake her. He's in a race for the mystic Soul Key with teen-from-hades Hotspot and the ruthless Hellena- agents of the Empyre with secret agendas. A four-part thrill ride to hell starts here, with humor, horror, tragic romance, and blockbuster monster fights, from the cult-hit team of Adam McGovern and Paolo Leandri (Dr. ID, Idoru Jones).

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



FADE OUT #1

Ed Brubaker,
Sean Phillips,
Elizabeth
Breitweiser

The first project from their groundbreaking five-year deal at Image will have Brubaker and Phillips fans, old and new, at the edge of their seats, as they weave an epic crime story unlike anything they've done before. Hollywood - 1948. A noir film stuck in endless reshoots. A writer plagued with nightmares from the war and a dangerous secret. An up-and-coming starlet's suspicious death. And a maniacal Studio Mogul and his Security Chief who will do anything to keep the cameras rolling before the Post-War boom days come crashing down. The most ambitious series yet from the Noir Masters.

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



IMPERIAL #1

Steven T. Seagle,
Marc Dos

Mark is two weeks out from making the biggest decision of his life. But which big decision will it be? Taking the ring of the woman of his dreams and becoming a married man? Or taking the crown of the world's only superhero and becoming the next Imperial? Steven T. Seagle (The Red Diary, Genius) teams with Mark Dos Santos for a buddy book with commitment issues.

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



HOWTOONS: REIGNITION #1

Fred Van Lente,
Tom Fowler,
Jordie Bellaire

The awe-inspiring series returns with an all-new story from Fred Van Lente, Tom Fowler, and Jordie Bellaire!

Tuck and Celine's parents put their family in suspended animation to ride out the ecological apocalypse- but when the kids wake up to find Mom and Dad are gone, they have to make their way across a brave and terrifying new world to find the 'rents... using only their Howtoons projects to survive!

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



WAYWARD #1

Jim Zub, Steven
Cummings, John
Rauch, Ross
Campbell

Buffy The Vampire Slayer for a new generation! Rori Lane is trying to start a new life when she reunites with her mother in Japan, but ancient creatures lurking in the shadows of Tokyo sense something hidden deep within her, threatening everything she holds dear. Can Rori unlock the secrets of her power before it's too late? Jim Zub, Steve Cummings and John Rauch team up to create an all-new supernatural spectacle that combines the camaraderie and emotion of Buffy the Vampire Slayer with the action and mystery of Hellboy. Don't miss it!

In Shops: **27/08/2014**



DEATH OF WOLVERINE #1

Charles Soule,
Steve McNiven

It's the beginning of the end - 3 Months To Die ends here!

The beginning of the end is now here ... The Death Of Wolverine! Three Months To Die, the loss of Wolverine's healing factor--all led to this, the single most important X-Men event of the decade.

Logan has spent over a century being the best there is at what he does... but even the best fade away eventually. Over the years, Logan has been a warrior, a hero, a renegade, a samurai, a teacher--and so much more. But now, the greatest X-Men hero will play a role he's never played before in this special weekly event brought to you by industry superstars Charles Soule and Steve McNiven.

In Shops: **03/09/2014**

MARVEL

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WOLVERINE ANNUAL #1

Elliott Kalan,
Jonathan Marks,
Justin Nguyen

One Month To Die!

A little Father/Adoptive Daughter/Adoptive Daughter's son time. Now that's a mouthful. Wolverine and Jubilee take Shogo on a camping trip. Hey, it's a Wolverine story in the middle of the wilderness. What could go wrong?

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



GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY ANNUAL #1

Brian Michael
Bendis, Frank
Cho

Most days in space aren't exactly what you'd call normal, but everything seemed to be status quo today. That is until a S.H.I.E.L.D. helicarrier showed up out of nowhere... In space. Sometimes you have to go outside your jurisdiction to take care of business, but this might be stretching it a bit.

In Shops: **13/08/2014**



NOVA SPECIAL #1

Sean Ryan, John
Timms, Gary
Choo

Conclusion to the Uncanny X-Men/Iron Man/Nova crossover - "No End In Sight".

Nova gets tied up into an adventure with the Uncanny X-Men and Iron Man that takes him half-way across the galaxy. See three of the best books at Marvel collide.

In Shops: **13/08/2014**



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GFT: ROBYN HOOD #1 ZENESCOPE

Patrick Shand,
Larry Watts

Zenescope's fan-favorite character gets her own ongoing series.

The most badass archer in comics is back in a brand new ongoing series! From drug lords to corrupt bankers to the things that go bump in the night, no evils that plague the streets will be safe when Robyn Locksley sets up shop as a private detective in New York City.

While Robyn settles into her new life, the Cabal, a collective of mysterious and powerful individuals, sets their sights on bringing down the hooded heroine, who will face the biggest threat of her life.

Great jumping on point!

In Shops: **13/08/2014**



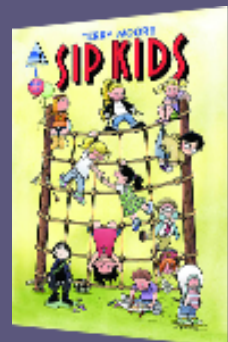
13 COINS #1 TITAN

Martin Brennan,
Michael B.
Jackson, Simon
Bisley

From Eisner award winning artist, Simon Bisley, and the screenwriters of Hitman: Absolution, comes the story of a new superhero...

The story of John Pozner, a tormented ex-con on a quest for vengeance, when he discovers that he is descended from angels, and is the living key to Earth's future, or Heaven's fall.

In Shops: **08/10/2014**



SIP KIDS #1 ABSTRACT

Terry Moore

They're back! The Strangers of Paradise gang returns in their first all-new, full-color story since 2007 - as 6 year olds! Francine and Katchoo comb the neighborhood for a missing peanut butter and jelly sandwich, but Darcy bribes Tambi to find it first and every suspect reeks of PB&J. Meanwhile, the mysterious "Kissing Bandit" seems unusually fixated on Francine, and Casey launches an all-out attack on David's "No Girls" treehouse.

In Shops: **27/08/2014**



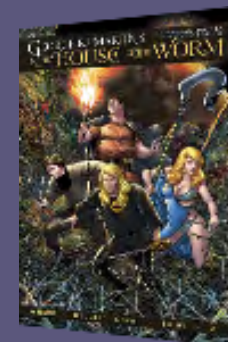
FAIRY QUEST: OUTCASTS #1 BOOM!

Paul Jenkins,
Humberto
Ramos

If you enjoy your fairy tales with a twist like Fables, Fairest, or Once Upon a Time, Fairy Quest is the perfect series for you.

The adventures of Red and Mister Woof have only just begun. In Fablewood, all of the stories that have ever been told live side-by-side. But it is an evil place, overseen by the awful Mister Grimm and his cadre of Think Police. Red and Woof want to escape to a world where their friendship isn't prohibited, but nothing can prepare them for what lies ahead in the Dark Forest.

In Shops: **27/08/2014**



GEORGE RR MARTIN'S IN THE HOUSE OF THE WORM #1 AVATAR

George R. R. Martin,
John Jos Miller, Ivan
Rodriguez

George RR Martin opens his story vault as we adapt a tale of dark fantasy to comics for the first time with In The House of the Worm. Beneath a ruined city on a forgotten planet lies a world of plots and revenge. When Annelyn is embarrassed in front of his noble friends by the Meatbringer, he sets forth a devious plan that is meant to gain vengeance. But the terrible truth of the dire White Worm turns his ploy into folly in terrible fashion. Join a master storyteller as he spins a uniquely mysterious tale and reveals new worlds of wonder and horror.

In Shops: **27/08/2014**

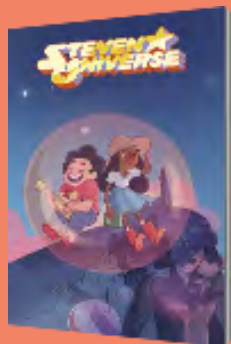


STEAMPUNK BSG 1880 #1 DYNAMITE

Tony Lee, Aneke,
Ardian Syaf

Welcome to the world of Battlestar Galactica as never seen before, as Tony Lee gives it a Steampunk spin! After Professor Baltar's clockwork Cylronics destroy the Colonial Empire, Arch Duke Adama learns that his son Apollo is missing! It's up to Lady Athena to travel to the Sky Pirate world of the Rising Star and ask for help from the only hope she has - the disgraced Captain Starbuck and his humanoid / Daggit copilot Muffit...

In Shops: **13/08/2014**



STEVEN UNIVERSE #1 BOOM!

Jeremy Sorese,
Coleman Engle

Fans of Adventure Time and Sailor Moon are gonna dig this series presented in a zine-like format of mini-comics, recipes, games, and more! Steven really wants to enter the annual Beach City Bike Race but everyone else is a little worried. Steven just makes the cut-off for age, which means the other bikers will be a lot older than him. Connie agrees to help Steven the old-fashioned way through good ol' exercise but Garnet, Amethyst and Pearl have other plans...

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



HEXED #1 BOOM!

Michael Alan
Nelson, Dan
Mora, Emma
Rios

Luci Jennifer Inacio Das Neves (most people just call her "Lucifer") is a supernatural thief-for-hire and the perfect mash-up of Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Lara Croft, stealing wondrous objects from the dark denizens of the netherworld for her mentor/mother figure, Val Brisendine. But when Lucifer accidentally unleashes a terrible evil from one of the paintings hanging in Val's art gallery, will any of the tricks up her sleeve be enough to stop it?

In Shops: **13/08/2014**



BOB'S BURGERS #1 DYNAMITE

Rachel Hastings,
Frank Forte,
Various

The very first Bob's Burgers comic book, a new series from the creator of the hit TV show, created by Loren Bouchard! Now you can read about the Belcher family (parents Bob and Linda, and their children Tina, Gene and Louise) in brand-new in-canon stories created by the TV show's producers, writers and animators creating all original stories appearing exclusively in this comics series.

In Shops: **27/08/2014**



GRIMM FAIRY TALES: GODDESS INC #1 ZENESCOPE

LaToya Morgan,
Manuel Preitano

Writer LaToya Morgan (Showtime's Shameless) joins the Zenescope team with a brand new, modern reimagining of Greek mythology like you have never seen before.

The Greek and Roman gods of legend are real! They live amongst us, hiding in plain sight as humans. Some of these gods, such as Zeus and Athena, work to keep humanity safe from evil, while others are hell-bent on returning to the ways of old, when gods were worshipped. As the vengeful Venus sets in motion a plan to enslave humanity and have it bow to her power, two sides of an inevitable war will begin to form between the gods!

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



DELIN- QUENTS #1 VALIANT

James As-
mus, Fred Van
Lente, Kano

Confrontation! Devastation! Inebriation! Here come the Delinquents!

Quantum and Woody are the world's worst superhero team. Archer And Armstrong are a mismatched pair of conspiracy-busting adventurers. When a mysterious force collides these ill-suited and irresponsible "heroes" for a cross-country race through the darkest corners of American mythology, all hell is bound to break loose. Can two busted pairs become four of kind in time to defeat the Hobo King, save the day, and make it back home in time for Happy Hour? Let's hope so... 'cause these guys make a really, really bad team. (And you don't even want to know about the goat.)

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



CRITICAL HIT #1 BLACK MASK

Matt Miner,
Jonathan
Brandon Sawyer

Matt Miner rallies a brand new art team and launches Liberator fan-favorites Jeanette and Sarah in a bold new direction with their own gritty mission to stop a rogue gang of hunters - but the girls learn to their horror that these hunters have developed a new hobby: hunting people... and suddenly the rescuers become the prey.

In Shops: **27/08/2014**

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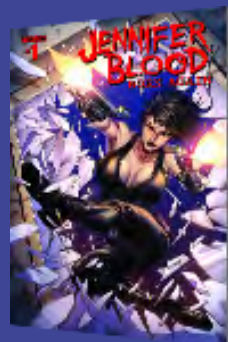
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JENNIFER BLOOD: BORN AGAIN #1

DYNAMITE

Steven Grant,
Kewber Baal

The streets of Lalaland run red when Jennifer Blood returns to declare a new war on the mobs. Or does she? As a low level hood plots to leverage her in a bid to take over the Los Angeles underworld, her war attracts some very dangerous attention and unexpectedly sets a lethal international chain of events in motion. A deadly new direction from writer Steven Grant, the well-known writer of classic The Punisher stories as well as the creator and writer of Boom!'s 2 Guns!

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



GRIMM FAIRY TALES: MASUMI #1

ZENESCOPE

Joe Tyler, Joel
Ojeda

The Grimm Universe's latest hero rises!

Masumi has been known as the silent assassin for her lethal prowess with her samurai swords, each are possessed by the demons known as the Eight Deadly Sins. With everyone she loves dead or gone, Masumi travels to her home country of Japan in search of purpose... but there she will uncover a very dangerous underground sect of Yakuza, Japanese mafia, that is drawing its power from an ancient evil.

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



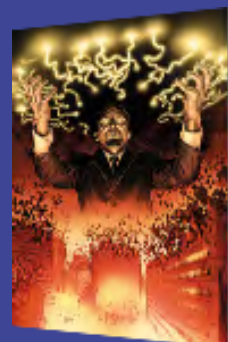
SIXTH GUN: DAYS OF THE DEAD #1

ONI

Cullen Bunn,
Brian Hurtt, Mike
Norton

Brother Roberto and Jesup will one day play important roles in the epic struggle to control the Sixth Gun. This is the tale that would shape these two - one an agent of the Knights of Solomon, the other a priest of the Sword of Abraham - into the men they will become. An ancient god of the dead is stirring, and diverse factions position themselves to profit from the awakening. Abigail Redmayne holds the secrets of this powerful creature in her hands, and a host of secret agents, necromancers, and the undead threaten to claim her body and soul.

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



HARBINGER: OMEGAS #1

VALIANT

Joshua Dysart,
Rafael Sandoval,
Lewis LaRosa

The team has been shattered and a teenage Renegade lies dead - a victim of the Harbinger Foundation led by omega-powered psionic Toyo Harada. Out of the ashes of Harbinger #25, find out happens when the full extent of Harada's secret empire is exposed to the public, and just the how the surviving members of the Renegades recover from a catastrophic loss that has changed their lives, their team, and their destinies forever.

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



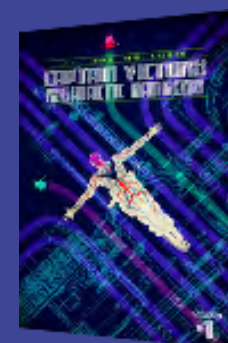
LADY BRITANNIA AGENT OF THE CROWN #1

ANTARCTIC

Christopher Allen

1889. A chance encounter with the wife of one of the Royal Society's biggest donors sends the Countess of Chambers, one of Great Britain's most celebrated game hunters, and her companions on a voyage to solve her mentor's last great quest and save his name. But forces acting behind the scenes may end her journey before it even begins...

In Shops: **27/08/2014**



CAPTAIN VICTORY AND THE GALACTIC RANGERS #1

DYNAMITE

Joe Casey,
Nathan Fox,
Various

Joe Casey is one of the industry's most popular writers having written for Marvel and DC, from The Uncanny X-Men to Superman, and many more best-selling titles, and most recently created and writes the acclaimed Sex series from Image Comics! Now he is tackling one of Jack Kirby's greatest creations, Captain Victory! And this story will Blow! Your! Mind! Out of the hell of a cosmic firefight, Captain Victory is launched into an epic adventure that spans both space and time! All your favorites are here - as well as all-new enemies to face! Your new favorite cosmic comic book has finally arrived!

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

NOVEL IDEAS

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



HARLEY QUINN VOL.1: HOT IN THE CITY (HC)

DC

Conner,
Palmiotti, Various

The sensational series that gave Harley Quinn her own New 52 spotlight is collected in hardcover for the first time, from the star-studded #0 issue to issue #8! Don't miss Harley's big move to Coney Island as she becomes a roller derby queen - all while she carries on in her criminal career!

In Shops: **22/10/2014**



PREDATOR VS JUDGE DREDD VS ALIENS (HC)

DARK HORSE

Wagner, Diggle,
Alcatena, Various

Dark Horse and 2000 AD team up to bring you a collection of the classic stories Predator versus Judge Dredd and Judge Dredd versus Aliens in one handsome hardcover. It's up to Dredd to keep innocent blood out of the gutters of Mega-City One as he holds off the universe's most efficient killing machines.

Art by Alcatena, Henry Flint, Greg Staples, Jock, Frazer Irving, Brian Bolland, and more!

Written by the legendary John Wagner (A History Of Violence).

In Shops: **08/10/2014**



Y THE LAST MAN - BOOK 1

DC VERTIGO

Vaughan,
Guerra, Marzan,
Carnevale

The first ten issues of the award-winning series written by Brian K. Vaughan (Ex Machina, Lost) are collected in this new trade paperback! It's the saga of Yorick Brown - the only human survivor of a planet-wide plague that instantly kills every mammal possessing a Y chromosome who searches the world for his lost love and the answer to why he's the last man on earth.

In Shops: **10/09/2014**



CENTURY WEST (OGN)

IMAGE

Chaykin

Century, Texas used to be a sleepy little burg, barely a whistlestop between nowhere and the great beyond...until the 20th Century arrived with a bang, bringing with it automobiles, aeroplanes, telephones, paved streets...and, of course, the movies.

Howard Chaykin tells the colorful story of the American West, transformed from frontier to legend, and how the American dream became a modern myth.

In Shops: **18/09/2014**



STAR WARS: REBEL HEIST

DARK HORSE

Kindt, Castiello,
Parsons, Hughes

The Rebel Alliance's newest recruits are teamed with its greatest heroes to hatch a plot and pull off a heist right under the noses of the Empire's finest. Is it possible that Princess Leia's, Han Solo's, and others' most obvious weaknesses might also be their greatest strengths?

Collects Star Wars: Rebel Heist #1-4.

In Shops: **08/10/2014**



WINTER SOLDIER BY BRUBAKER - COMPLETE COLLECTION

MARVEL

Brubaker, Various

He's been Bucky and Captain America - now, James Barnes returns to the role of the Winter Soldier!

Old enemies resurface with new identities, and Winter Soldier and Black Widow's hunt gets personal. Now, Winter Soldier must save the Widow from her own past!

Ed Brubaker wraps up his critically acclaimed run here - and no one escapes unscathed!

Collecting Fear Itself #7.1: Captain America and Winter Soldier #1-14.

In Shops: **10/09/2014**



JESSICA JONES: PULSE - COMPLETE COLLECTION

MARVEL

Bendis, Mayhew,
Various

Jessica Jones, breakout star of Brian Michael Bendis' hit series Alias, is back!

And the ex-Avenger-turned-private investigator is starting a new chapter in her life - working for The Daily Bugle's new super-hero section, The Pulse! Jessica's first assignment: to uncover the identity of a former Bugle reporter's super-powered murderer!

Collecting Pulse #1-9 and #11-14, and New Avengers Annual (2006) #1.

In Shops: **27/08/2014**



JUDGE DREDD: MEGA CITY TWO

IDW

Wolk, Farinas

Dredd heads Califormee way! As part of a judicial exchange program, Dredd is sent packing to Mega-City Two, a sprawling city covering 5,000 square miles of the Californian West Coast and centered in what was once known as Los Angeles, where he soon discovers that they do things differently there.

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

NOVEL IDEAS

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



**FOREVER
EVIL: ARKHAM
WAR
DC**
Tomasi, Eaton,
Various

Madness and mayhem hit the streets as Arkham Asylum and Blackgate Prison both unleash their prisoners on the citizens of Gotham City. And with no Dark Knight to protect the city, what horrors will follow? Arkham and Blackgate face off in this 6-issue miniseries featuring Scarecrow, The Penguin, Bane, Killer Croc, and more. Also includes Batman #23.4: Bane and Forever Evil Aftermath: Batman Vs. Bane #1.

In Shops: **17/09/2014**



**DANGER
GIRL: BACK IN
BLACK
IDW**
Hartnell,
Bradshaw,
Campbell

Abbey and Sydney Savage go undercover to infiltrate an all-girl biker gang after a powerful and mysterious Native American artifact is stolen. From the black hills of California to the white sands of Daytona Beach, the girls take a wild ride into the dangerous world of espionage, motorcycles, and black magic to track down the priceless item.

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



**USAGI
YOJIMBO:
SAGA VOL.1
DARK HORSE**
Sakai

Celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of Stan Sakai's beloved rabbit ronin, Dark Horse proudly presents Miyamoto Usagi's epic trek along the warrior's path in a new series of deluxe compilations, beginning with over 600 pages of Usagi's essential adventures.

Collects Usagi Yojimbo Vol. 2 #1-16 and Vol. 3 #1-6!

In Shops: **22/10/2014**



**ALL NEW
X-MEN VOL.5:
ONE DOWN
(PREM HC)
MARVEL**
Bendis, Various

The future Brotherhood of Evil Mutants is back - and they're still gunning for yesterday's X-Men! But even as the Brotherhood takes its next devastating step against the time-tossed teens, the mysteries surrounding Jean Grey begin to unfold! Jean came back from her Shi'ar trial...different. What does this mean for her future, for the past of the woman she's supposed to become and for the rest of the X-Men?

Collecting All-New X-Men #25-29.

In Shops: **10/09/2014**



**DISPLACED
PERSONS
(OGN)
IMAGE**
McCulloch,
Peruzzo

San Francisco, the twentieth century: In 1939, a private detective searches for a missing heiress. In 1969, twin brothers approach a drug heist from opposite sides of the law. And in 1999, a woman slowly comes to realize the terrible danger she faces in her own home. From the Eisner-nominated writer Derek McCulloch and artist Anthony Peruzzo comes Displaced Persons, a riveting tale of murder, love, crime, friendship, betrayal, and just the slightest bit of time travel.

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



**TOE TAGS
FEATURING
GEORGE
ROMERO
DC**
Romero,
Castillo, Ramos

The horror miniseries by writer/director George Romero is collected at last! Overnight, the world has been turned upside down, and zombies rule the day! It's up to a college professor named Hoffman, his assistant Damien Cross and his girlfriend to find out how and why the undead have taken over.

In Shops: **17/09/2014**



**MS MARVEL
VOL.1: NO
NORMAL
MARVEL**
Wilson,
Alphona, Wyatt,
Pichelli

Marvel Comics presents the new Ms. Marvel, the groundbreaking heroine that has become an international sensation! Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City - until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the new Ms. Marvel? Teenager? Muslim? Inhuman? Find out as she takes the Marvel Universe by storm! It's history in the making from acclaimed writer G. Willow Wilson and beloved artist Adrian Alphona!

Collecting Ms. Marvel (2014) #1-5 and material from All-New Marvel Now! Point One #1.

In Shops: **15/10/2014**



**GOON VOL.13:
FOR WANT OF
WHISKEY AND
BLOOD
DARK HORSE**
Powell

The return of the Zombie Priest, a Latin-tongued Godzilla, drunk sailors, and a Halloween visit from Billy the Kid are just a few of the special tricks and treats for Goon and company in this new volume collecting The Goon #42-45.

In Shops: **08/10/2014**





BIFF'S BIT

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EDUCATING ENGLAND

Recently I was invited to a farewell party by our next door neighbours, the couple came from Holland and after a three year stint in Colchester were returning to the Netherlands. I couldn't ask for better neighbours so I went to say goodbye.

Whilst eating farewell cake and meeting a host of other people I got talking to a video designer and a school teacher in particular.

The video designer, I thought, may be a comic reader so I revealed my identity of comic impresario supreme. Imagine my surprise when it turns out that he neither read comics or books. Books he found difficult to concentrate on and so did not read and it never occurred for him to try a comic. Well, I proceeded to regale him with the wonders of the medium and when I left I thought I might have over done it and bored the shirt off of his back.

I am pleased to report that he wasn't bored and came into the shop the following week, with his wife, to buy some comics for his young boy and also for himself. He actually chose a comic rendition of the Life Of Ghandi. It then transpired that his wife had been a customer of ACE, when a teenager, and promptly treated her-

self to some Star Trek books. Before they left they also took pictures of themselves in our mock up of the interior of the Death Star.

This was all fantastic, but the nudge was needed to get them into a comic shop.

So, the moral to me seems to be, continue to shout loud and proud about our fantastic medium because there are many, many people out there just waiting for that nudge.

That brings me to the teacher. Having heard me preach comics he came over and explained that he would love to introduce comics to help his primary school children to read. He works in the Monkwick area of Colchester, an area where it is predominantly Council estate, and the young boys in particular have no interest in attempting to read. This isn't the first teacher to express these views and it was only in January this year that I helped a primary school in Clacton-On-Sea stock up on comics and graphic novels. He wasn't advocating abandoning books per se, but using comics to kindle an interest in the written word. I will be liaising with him to help get comics into his school and organise some lesson plans.

If we cannot get pupils reading at primary level then we, as a society and they as people will be let down.

At present the education establishment still doesn't get the need to try something alternative. It is now nearly 50 years since I was at primary

school and the issues over reading, or lack of, were prevalent then. If after half a century of trying to improve levels of literacy just using books has failed, why do they still focus on just books?

I can help the few schools that ask for help but a wholesale change in attitude by the education hierarchy is needed. I think using comics in senior school would not work except remedially, but in primary school it could be extremely helpful if it was part of the curriculum and our student teachers were taught how to use them to inspire children's imaginations and interest in reading.

THE DEATH OF WOLVERINE

Over the last two decades many a hero has died and been resurrected. This has been so frequent that most readers expect a rebirth within months, not years. As a tool to create suspense it is pointless.

Now Marvel are going to kill Wolverine? His death is being heralded in the pages of Wolverine with issue 12 being the 'final' issue. Then it moves into a, at least, four issue mini series entitled 'The Death Of Wolverine'. I say at least since I have been given no information by Marvel except for the fact that there will be four issues in August. How are retailers supposed to know how many to order when we are not even aware of the story content?

EDUCATING ENGLAND & THE DEATH OF WOLVERINE



You, as the reader, will have even less information to base a decision to buy or pre-order this series. Especially as, cynically speaking, one expects him to comeback pretty sharpish. If heroes come back who don't have regenerative powers it will be difficult to keep Logan dead. I expect it to be an interesting read, but staying dead? Who are they kidding?

See you next month when you can order issue one of Biff's Last Stand.

Ace comics are besieged by mindless ones under the direction of Dormammu and only the ultimate sacrifice of a comic shop retailer will halt their relentless march to subsume the whole world.

TOP 10 GRAPHIC NOVELS

ACE COMICS' BESTSELLING GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR MAY 2014...



1 - BLACK CANARY AND ZATANNA: BLOODSPELL (HC) (DC)

Paul Dini, Joe Quinones

Two of the DC Universe's brightest stars join forces in this original graphic novel as, following the death of a gang leader, Canary must turn to her friend Zatanna to help investigate.

£16.99

Add to basket

- 2 - **FAIREST VOL.3: RETURN OF THE MAHARAJA (DC VERTIGO)**
Nalayani uncovers a secret that could change the Fables Universe forever! Collecting Fairest #15-20.
- 3 - **BATMAN VOL.3: DEATH OF THE FAMILY (DC)**
After having his face sliced off, The Joker makes his horrifying return to Gotham City (issues #13-17)!
- 4 - **SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN VOL.16 (DARK HORSE)**
Showcasing stories never before collected and out of print for over twenty years!
- 5 - **BATMAN VOL.4: ZERO YEAR - SECRET CITY (HC) (DC)**
You won't want to miss the moment that Bruce becomes Batman! Collects Batman #21-24.
- 6 - **HELLBOY IN HELL VOL.1: DESCENT (DARK HORSE)**
It's a story only Mignola could tell, as more of Hellboy's secrets are at last revealed. Collects #1-5.
- 7 - **ADVENTURE TIME VOL.4 (BOOM!)**
Join best pals Jake the Dog, Finn the Human, and... the Ice King?! It's a Dungeon Broventure!
- 8 - **MANHATTAN PROJECTS VOL.4: FOUR DISCIPLINES (IMAGE)**
It's the fourth volume of the world's greatest secret science history, The Manhattan Projects.
- 9 - **ARROW VOL.2 (DC)**
In these tales from Arrow #7-12, witness the origin of Deathstroke and the debut of TV's Roy Harper!
- 10 - **TRUE LIVES OF THE FABULOUS KILLJOYS (DARK HORSE)**
From Gerard Way, creator of the Eisner Award-winning The Umbrella Academy!

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