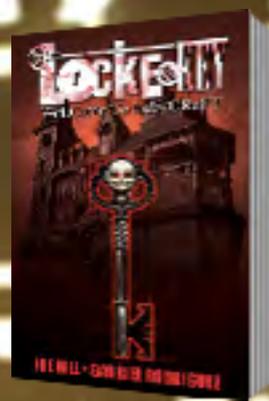


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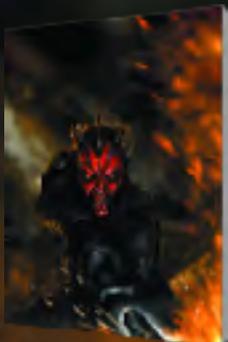
## STAR WARS: DARTH MAUL - SON OF DATHOMIR #1

Jeremy Barlow, Juan Frigeri, Mauro Vargas, Chris Scalf

Getting cut in half by Obi-Wan Kenobi and being rejected by his former Sith master Darth Sidious isn't going to defeat Darth Maul. In fact, it only makes him mad enough to take on the galaxy-with an army of Mandalorians!

A part of 'The Clone Wars: Season 6' you never saw!

In Shops: **21/05/2014**



## 1 FOR \$1 - DRAGON AGE: SILENT GROVE #1

David Gaider,  
Alexander  
Freed, Chad  
Hardin, Anthony  
Palumbo

The perfect introduction to BioWare's dark fantasy universe! In this first issue of the essential, canonical story from David Gaider (lead writer of the games), King Alistair, accompanied only by rogues Isabela and Varric, embarks on a quest deep inside the borders of Antiva-a nation of assassins!

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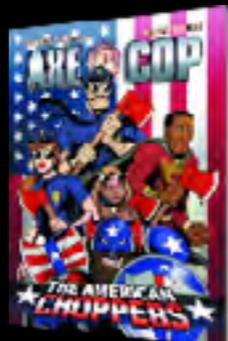


## BRAIN BOY: MEN FROM GESTALT #1

Fred Van Lente,  
Freddie Williams,  
Dan Scott

Agent Price's new mission pits him against a doomsday cult leader with a political agenda that poses a direct threat to the president. But a mysterious hive mind has more menacing plans for Brain Boy. He'll have no choice but to go head to head-brain to brain-with the mysterious Men from G.E.S.T.A.L.T.!

In Shops: **21/05/2014**



## AXE COP: AMERICAN CHOPPERS #1

Malachai Nicolle,  
Ethan Nicolle

President of the World Axe Cop reunites with Super Axe, an old friend from college, and the two of them decide to start a superteam of axe-wielding heroes to defend America, called the American Choppers. They are joined by Captain Axe, Axe Girl, Axe Woman, Axe Dog, and other axe-wielding heroes. The only problem is that there are no bad guys left, but that all changes when mysterious giant creatures attack the city!

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## JACK KRAKEN (ONE-SHOT)

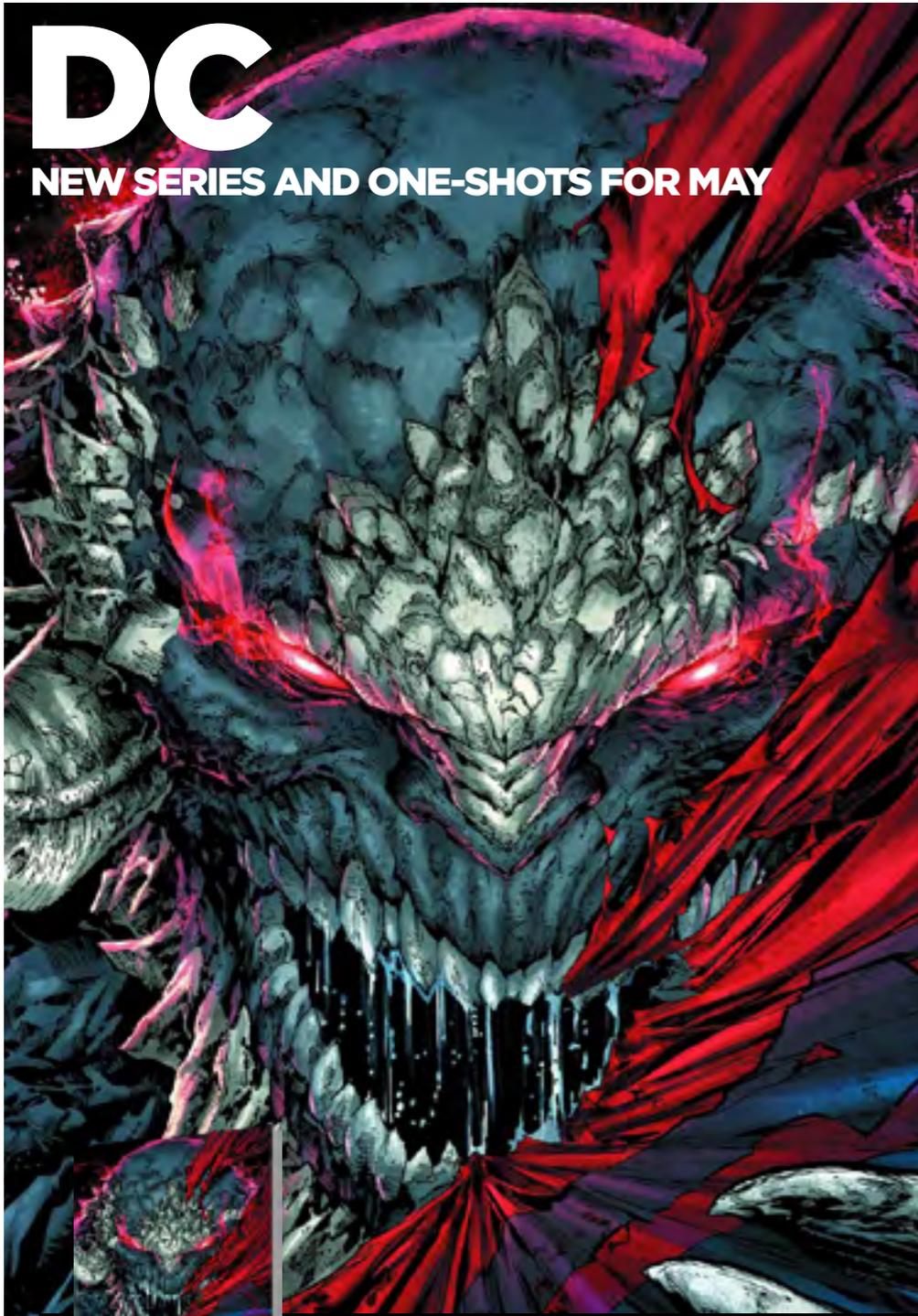
Tim Seeley,  
Carlos Badilla,  
Various

Jack Kraken is the best agent the Humanoid Interaction Agency has. Using his extranormal powers, Jack protects humans and humanoids alike from those who would kill them. Follow Jack's adventures rescuing kids and stopping the things that go bump in the night.

In Shops: **14/05/2014**

# DC

## NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR MAY



### **SUPERMAN DOOMED #1**

Scott Lobdell, Ken Lashley, Various

Beginning the super-event you have been waiting for in The New 52: Superman vs. Doomsday in a way you've never seen before! And with Doomsday's deadly new abilities, in this battle there can be no winners. The Man of Steel must unleash insane levels of power in order to do the job, only to terrify the world he's saving. Beating Doomsday is only the beginning of this never ending battle!

In Shops: **07/05/2014**



### **JUSTICE LEAGUE UNITED #1**

Jeff Lemire, Mike McKone

In Canada, the team of Animal Man, Green Arrow, Martian Manhunter and Stargirl is joined by Adam Strange to fight an unstoppable force called the Unimaginable.

This issue is also offered as a combo pack edition with a redemption code for a digital download of this issue.

In Shops: **14/05/2014**



### **NEW 52: FUTURE'S END #1**

Keith Giffen, Patrick Zircher, Ryan Sook, Various

Five years from now, the DC Universe is reeling from a war with another Earth, leaving the world unprepared for an approaching evil that threatens to destroy the future. Can a time-traveling Batman Beyond help a massive cast of the DCU's finest avert the impending apocalypse? Find out in this new weekly series that will forever alter the direction of The New 52! In this debut issue of The New 52's weekly series, Batman Beyond arrives five years later! Gritter turns against humanity! And a Justice League member DIES!

In Shops: **07/05/2014**

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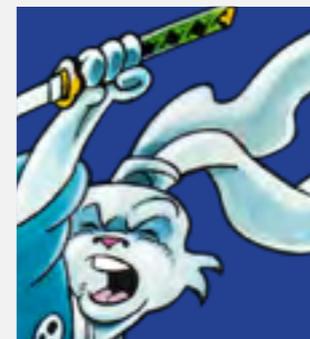


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# IDW

## NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR MAY



### GODZILLA - IDW ERA

Chris Mowry,  
Matt Frank,  
Various

The King of the Monsters is no stranger to comics, but no other company has brought him to the comic page like IDW! Packed with a monstrous amount of artwork, this special edition book takes you through every Godzilla series from IDW featuring work from the creators that helped make IDW's Godzilla the fan-favorite.

In Shops: **07/05/2014**



### LITTLEST PET SHOP #1 (OF 5)

Georgia Ball,  
Nico Pena,  
Antonio Campo

The Littlest Pet Shop opens for business at IDW! Russell and Penny Ling have a puzzle for their friends to solve, and the race for clues will send them all over Downtown City. Only one team can claim the prize, but is there room for so many big personalities on one moped?

In Shops: **28/05/2014**



### MARS ATTACKS FIRST BORN #1 (OF 4)

Chris Ryall, Sam Kieth

It's Mars Attacks like you've never seen it, from the co-creator of The Maxx and the team behind The Hollows! When Mars attacked Earth, the battle left no side unscarred, least of all a lonely old man and his blind niece...along with the first Martian child born on Earth! Will the child's warlike ways take over, or is there more going on here than it seems?

In Shops: **21/05/2014**



### BEAUTIFUL WAR #1

Ashley Wood,  
T. P. Louise

The team behind the acclaimed Lore (in development now as a major motion picture), Ashley Wood and T.P. Louise, return to launch their latest and greatest series, the all-new, ongoing and bi-monthly Beautiful War! When industrialist Audel Howard lets the green fairy out of the bottle, he makes a deal that no mere mortal man can refuse. Wine, women, song and a large backyard extension called America is now coming his way.

In Shops: **28/05/2014**





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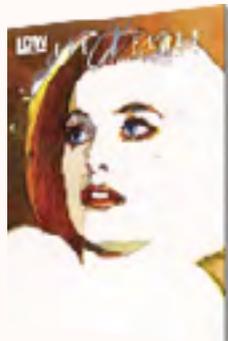
## NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR MAY

### X-FILES: ART GALLERY #1

Cat Staggs, Mark McHaley, Various

This special ad-free issue presents new portraits of all your favorite X-Files agents, aliens, shadowy figures, and friends and enemies, all rendered by the dynamic hands of a wide array of talented artists!

In Shops: **21/05/2014**



### ROGUE TROOPER: CLASSICS #1 (OF 12)

Gerry Finley-Day, Dave Gibbons, John McCrea

Clone war! Nu-Earth, a planet ravaged by war, its atmosphere poisoned by chemical weapons. In this battle-scarred landscape, the Norts and Southers fight where only the Genetic Infantrymen can survive unaided. Rogue is one such soldier, and these are his tales... Created by Gerry Finley-Day and Dave Gibbons (Watchmen), this series features the earliest stories surrounding one of 2000 AD's best-loved characters, all in color for the very first time!

In Shops: **21/05/2014**

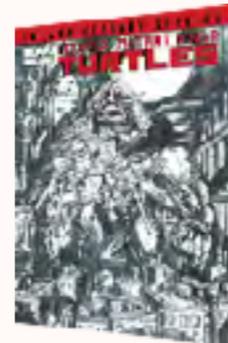


### STAR TREK - NEW VISIONS #1: MIRROR CRACKED

John Byrne

Following up on last years hugely successful "Strange New Worlds" photo-novel, John Byrne once again sets sail aboard the Starship: Enterprise, this time with an ongoing, bi-monthly series that begins by going through the looking glass to tell the story of what happened after the classic "Mirror, Mirror" episode of the original series. The crew discovers two strangers in their midst, and quickly learns that one has made a pact with one of James Kirk's oldest foes. "The Mirror, Cracked" is the title, and the action unfolds in May!

In Shops: **2/05/2014**



### TMNT: 30TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

Tom Waltz, Kevin Eastman, Peter Laird, Various

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first TMNT comics with this spectacular anthology of all-new tales from the comic creators who have most influenced the Turtles over the decades! The book will feature short stories from Kevin Eastman, as well as various stars of the Mirage, Image and Archie TMNT! The perfect collection for Turtle fans old and new!

In Shops: **28/05/2014**



### 100 PENNY PRESS ED: KILL SHAKESPEARE #1

Anthony Del Col, Conor McCreery, Andy Belanger, Glenn Fabry

In celebration of the launch of the Kill Shakespeare board game, IDW is proud to represent the book that started it all from our line of affordable reprints! Find out why everyone is talking about this brilliant re-imagining of the Bard, and his beloved characters. What Fables does for fairy tales, Kill Shakespeare does with the greatest writer of all time!

In Shops: **28/05/2014**



### WEIRD LOVE #1

Joe Gill, Cupid, José Luis García-López, Ogden Whitney, Various

From the people that bring you the acclaimed Haunted Horror comic comes a horror like no other... WEIRD Love! WEIRD Love presents the most sexy, bizarro, sick, twisted, politically incorrect, kinky "romance" comics of the 1950s and beyond. In this OMG-I-Can't-Believe-This! first ish, you are going to be astonished to read luridly illustrated pulp comics fiction like "Love of a Lunatic," "I Fell for a Com-mie," "The Taming of the Brute," the wacko "You Also Snore, Darling," and more! This collector's edition which begins the WEIRD Love series "ends" with a pre-code comics ode to the female derrier(!). No wonder the censors wanted this stuff banned! Sure to be a must-have big-buzz comic-and it's bargain-priced!

In Shops: **21/05/2014**



### 100 PENNY PRESS ED: LOCKE & KEY - HEAD GAMES #1

Joe Hill, Gabriel Rodriguez

Locke & Key might have recently wrapped but the series is still finding new audiences every month. Here's a value-priced way to experience the start of the series' second storyline, the critically acclaimed Head Games!

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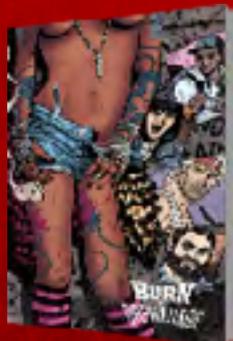


## BURN THE ORPHANAGE: REIGN OF TERROR #1 (OF 5)

Daniel Freedman, Sina Grace, S. Steven Struble

The blow-up hit series from 2013 is back with an all-new, all-monthly series! Rock returns home to find his city under siege, and you won't believe who's behind the mayhem!

In Shops: **07/05/2014**



## C.O.W.L. #1 (MR)

Kyle Higgins,  
Alec Siegel, Rod  
Reis, Trevor  
McCarthy

Welcome to the "Chicago Organized Workers League"-the world's first Super-Hero Labor Union! While C.O.W.L. once stood as a beacon of hope against an epidemic of organized crime and an unbeatable "brotherhood" of Super-Villains, the union now faces its fiercest foe yet-a disillusioned public. In targeting the last of the great villains, C.O.W.L. attempts to prove its value to the world and to each other, while staving off villainy from both outside and inside its offices.

In Shops: **28/05/2014**



## CHEW / REVIVAL #1 (MR)

John Layman,  
Tim Seeley, Rob  
Guillory, Mike  
Norton, Jenny  
Frison

Two great tastes that taste really weird together!

Tony Chu heads to Wisconsin in two all-new original tales by the creative teams of both critically acclaimed titles! A great jumping-on point for readers who've heard how damn good these titles are on their own, and a twisted delight for those already in the know!

In Shops: **28/05/2014**



## MADAME FRANKEN- STEIN #1 (OF 7)

Jamie S. Rich,  
Megan Levens,  
Joëlle Jones,  
Nick Filardi

In 1932, Vincent Krall sets out to create his perfect woman by reanimating the corpse of the love of his life. He'll soon discover, however, that man was never meant to peer beyond the veil between life and death. Mixing vintage horror with mythic drama, this new series by writer JAMIE S. RICH (You Have Killed Me) and smashing newcomer Megan Levens is guaranteed to send chills through even the warmest of hearts.

In Shops: **07/05/2014**



## NAILBITER #1 (MR)

Joshua  
Williamson, Mike  
Henderson

Joshua Williamson (Ghosted) and Mike Henderson deliver a mystery that mixes Twin Peaks with the horror of Se7en!

Buckaroo, Oregon has given birth to sixteen of the vilest serial killers in the world. An obsessed FBI profiler investigating the town has suddenly gone missing, and now an NSA Agent must work with the notorious serial killer Edward "Nailbiter" Warren to find his friend and solve the mystery of "Where do serial killers come from?"

In Shops: **07/05/2014**



## MPH #1 (OF 5)

Mark Millar,  
Duncan Fegredo

The all-new Millarworld Universe kicks into high gear with the launch of Millar and Fegredo's fast and furious miniseries. When a group of hard-luck teens in Motor City stumble upon a street drug called MPH, they gain the power of super speed. Will they use it to save the world? Hell no! Not when there's dolla, dolla bills to be had, y'all. A high-octane urban adventure, MPH brings you super speed like you've never seen before! This launch features a variant cover by Jock, a blank cover variant, and a special series of linked cover variants by Fegredo showcasing the book's cast.

In Shops: **21/05/2014**



## PROPHET: STRIKEFILE #1

Brandon  
Graham, Giannis  
Milonogiannis,  
Joseph Bergin,  
Various

A who's who of the Prophet universe with a comic history of the Earth Empire and bio sheets-pulled from the deepest corners of the known universe-of space gods, aliens, and the distant worlds that contain them.

In Shops: **21/05/2014**



### TALES FROM THE CON: YEAR ONE

Brad J. Guigar, Chris Giarrusso

Collects the first year of Tales From The Con along with bonus material.

If you've been to a comic convention, you'll recognize the scenes in Tales From The Con, the irreverent webcomic that has appeared on the Emerald City Comic Con website since 2012.

Written by Eisner-nominee Brad Guigar (Evil Inc., How To Make Webcomics) and illustrated by Chris Giarrusso (G-Man, Mini Marvels), Tales From The Con is an uproarious take on the world of comic books and conventions. Fanboys, fangirls, cosplayers, retailers, volunteers, and pros repeatedly collide on the convention floor (and beyond) to prove that comic conventions are one part festival, two parts group therapy.

In Shops: **07/05/2014**



### RISE OF THE MAGI #1

Marc Silvestri, Sumeyye Kesgin

A small black sphere contains all the magic that exists past, present, and future. Without it, two worlds would not survive. The sphere has been protected for centuries by a spell that was believed unbreakable. Asa Stonethrow, a common man in the world of magic, discovers the spell has been breached and a small chip of the black sphere has been stolen!

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### TREES #1 (MR)

Warren Ellis, Jason Howard

Ten years after they landed. All over the world. And they did nothing, standing on the surface of the Earth like trees, exerting their silent pressure on the world, as if there were no-one here and nothing under foot.

Ten years since we learned that there is intelligent life in the universe, but that they did not recognize us as intelligent or alive. Beginning a new science fiction graphic novel by Warren Ellis and Jason Howard.

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## AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #1.1

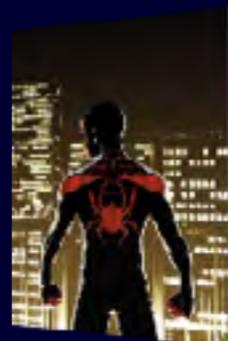
Dan Slott,  
Ramon K. Perez,  
Alex Ross

Year One: Learning To Crawl!

He sought revenge... and found responsibility. From that night on, a new life began. Join Peter Parker as he takes his first steps towards finding his way in the world as Spider-Man. The chapter you never knew about the story you know by heart.

Dan Slott (Spider-Man/Human Torch) and Ramón Perez (the Eisner winning Tale Of Sand and Wolverine And The X-Men) bring you a new & reverent spin on the first 60 days of Spider-Man.

In Shops: 07/05/2014



## MILES MORALES: ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN #1

Brian Michael Bendis, David Marquez

Part one of the biggest Spider-Man story of the year "Revival"!

Miles is back in action with a new status quo and a new outlook on life! A big, big, big, villain from Peter Parker's past is alive and well and about to turn New York upside down!

The last page will have Ultimate Spider-Man fans screaming! This issue can't be missed!

In Shops: 07/05/2014



## GIANT SIZE SPIDER-MAN #1

Joe Caramagna,  
Patrick Scherberger,  
Various

Young Peter Parker is the high school bullies' favorite target. But all that changes the day a science experiment goes wrong, and Peter begins to transform!

When a personal tragedy teaches Peter a harsh lesson in responsibility, he must find the inner strength to become a hero!

Can the brand-new Spider-Man master his new powers in time to take on the villainous Vulture?

When a giant robot spider attacks New York, Spider-Man must prove his innocence by tracking down the scientist responsible: the diabolical Dr. Octopus!

When the sinister Sandman assaults Midtown High, it's up to Peter to stop him - even if must risk revealing his secret identity!

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

In Shops: 28/05/2014

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### UNITED STATES OF MURDER INC #1 (MR)

Brian Michael Bendis, Michael Avon Oeming

Double-sized for regular price!

From the creators of the Eisner Award-winning, best-selling Powers comes a brand-new world of crime fiction like you've never seen before. In this oversized first issue, you will discover a world in which the families of organized crime never lost their stranglehold on the United States. Today is the day that Valentine Gallo becomes a made man, and it's also the day he learns the secrets behind the organization he has served since he was old enough to walk. But it is mysterious hitwoman Jagger Rose that will forever turn his life upside down. Be there when shocking secrets of this new world spill out onto the very past page. This bold new vision of crime fiction harkens back to Bendis' earliest work in crime comics, while also giving you everything you expect from the creators of Powers, one of the most successful and longest-lasting independent comics in history.

In Shops: **14/05/2014**



### ORIGINAL SIN #1 (OF 8)

Jason Aaron, Mike Deodato, Julian Totino Tedesco

Who shot The Watcher?

The Watcher, the mysterious space-god who's been watching us from the moon for as long as we can remember... is dead. Thus begins the greatest murder mystery in Marvel Comics history.

As Nick Fury leads the heroes of the Marvel Universe in an investigation, other forces are marshaling as well and other questions are arising. Why is Black Panther gathering a secret team of his own, including Emma Frost, the Punisher and Dr. Strange? Who is the Unseen? What was the Original Sin? What was stolen from the Watcher's lair? And most importantly, who now holds the Marvel Universe's darkest secrets in the palm of their hand?

In Shops: **07/05/2014**



### CYCLOPS #1

Greg Rucka, Russell Dauterman, Alexander Lozano

Cyclops just discovered that the father he thought died long ago is alive and well and a space pirate. Spinning directly out of All-New X-Men, comes the first ongoing solo series for one of the time-traveling Original X-Men. After the events of "Trial of Jean Grey", Scott Summers stays in space to learn some valuable lessons from his dad: 1) How to shave, 2) How to talk to girls, 3) How to steal a Badoon space-ship.

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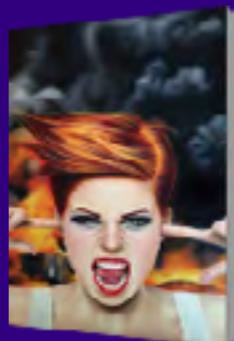
### DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU #1 (OF 4)

Mike Benson, Tan Eng Huat, Dave Johnson

Murder! Mystery! Martial Arts!

A former lover of Shang-Chi's is murdered in cold blood while working deep undercover for MI-6. When Shang-Chi travels to England to pay his respects he learns all is not as it seems, and if he's not careful he may be next to die! Old friends, new enemies, espionage and kung fu collide in this riveting story from Mike Benson and Tan Eng Huat!

In Shops: **14/05/2014**



### PAINKILLER JANE 22 BRIDES #1 (OF 4) (MR)

Jimmy Palmiotti, Juan Santacruz, Steve Mannion, Sas Christian

Romance and chaos is in the air as Jane is joined by a group of mercenary assassins called The 22 Brides as they take down a group of terrorists causing chaos in NYC. Also featured is Monster featuring Jane on the hunt for a killer with art by Steve Mannion.

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# MARVEL

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### THANOS ANNUAL #1

Jim Starlin, Ron Lim, Dale Keown

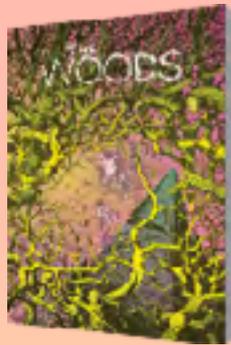
Jim Starlin returns to Thanos, and he's brought Infinity Gauntlet artist Ron Lim with him! Thanos must face Mephisto, his future self, the Avengers and more! Learn how a devastating defeat in Thanos' past set events into motion that will redefine the Marvel Universe in the near future!

A prequel to the upcoming Thanos: The Infinity Revelation original graphic novel!

In Shops: **28/05/2014**

# INDIES

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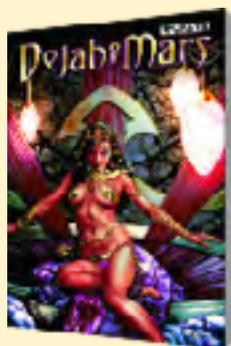
## WOODS #1 MAIN CVRS BOOM!

James Tynion IV,  
Michael Dialynas,  
Ramon K.  
Perez, Matthew  
Woodson

The first original comic series from James Tynion IV (Batman Eternal, Red Hood And The Outlaws).

On October 16, 2013, 437 students, 52 teachers, and 24 additional staff from Bay Point Preparatory High School in suburban Milwaukee, WI vanished without a trace. Countless light years away, far outside the bounds of the charted universe, 513 people find themselves in the middle of an ancient, primordial wilderness. Where are they? Why are they there? The answers will prove stranger than anyone could possibly imagine.

In Shops: **14/05/2014**



## DEJAH OF MARS #1 (OF 4) (MR) DYNAMITE

Mark Rahner,  
Jethro Morales,  
Jay Anacleto

Following the events of Warlord of Mars #100! John Carter has gone missing. And to find him there's nothing Dejah Thoris won't break. No one she won't hurt. No hornet's nest she won't kick. But the Warlord of Mars stole an important Helium artifact before he disappeared, so not only is the princess on her own this time - she has to get Carter before anyone else does!

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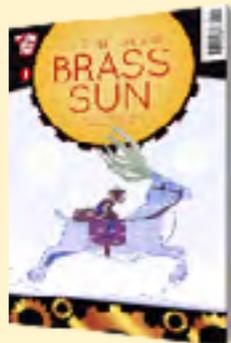
## REGULAR SHOW 2014 ANNUAL #1 BOOM!

Kevin Burkhalter,  
Tessa Stone,  
Allison Strejlau,  
Various

You already love the characters and world of Regular Show, so this is your chance to get a look at what Pops, Muscle Man, High Five Ghost, Benson, and Skips are up to while Mordecai and Rigby are running wild!

Mordecai and Rigby find themselves at odds over a haunted pair of sneakers, Pops might be lost inside a hidden labyrinth and he's not quite sure how he got there and Skips might finally have a problem that even he can't solve. It's going to be an action-packed collection of stories!

In Shops: **28/05/2014**



## BRASS SUN #1 (OF 6) 2000AD

Ian Edginton,  
I. N. J. Culbard

The Orrery is a clockwork solar system where planets whirl on vast metal arms and the sun of cogs is worshipped as a god. But the sun is dying, the planets are freezing one by one, and cults burn as heretics those who warn of the danger. To save her home, young Wren knows she must first escape it and find the key to restart the sun. An incredible new SF-clockpunk series from the bestselling artist of New Deadwardians and the writer of Scarlet Traces.

In Shops: **28/05/2014**



## LEGEND OF BOLD RILEY #1 NORTHWEST

Leia Weathington,  
Jonathon Dalton,  
Brittney Sabo

Bold Riley - who has set out to find adventure in the lands beyond her home of Prakkalore - comes across a fragment of bone that shares a tale of lost love. Riley tries to reunite the lost spirit with its beloved, but soon discovers that all is not as it seems.

In Shops: **28/05/2014**



## DOCTOR SPEKTOR #1 DYNAMITE

Mark Waid,  
Neil Edwards,  
Christian Ward

TV Legend. Wall Street Wolf. Internet Mogul. Tabloid Bad Boy. Master Metaphysicist. Spiritualist. Monster Hunter. Doctor Adam Spektor is all of these things... and less. For fifteen years, Spektor has traveled the globe to smoke out and defeat werewolves, vampires, ghosts and everything else that goes bump in the night. Yet his success has brought him no peace... some part of him is missing; something he needs but can't name. But he's about to find what's missing... in an unlikely place... unlock another piece of the Gold Key universe, courtesy of Mark Waid (Daredevil, Indestructible Hulk) and Neil Edwards (X-Factor)!

In Shops: **28/05/2014**



## ATOMIC ROBO: KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE #1 RED 5

Brian Clevinger,  
Scott Wegener

There was an explosion, some crystals, a lot of lava, and several nuclear warheads. Plus, a crazy time-traveling dinosaur. Now it's 1884 and Atomic Robo is up against the notorious "Butcher Boys." The fate of the West is at stake, but can Atomic Robo save the day before his nuclear fuel runs dry?

In Shops: **21/05/2014**



## GRIMM FAIRY TALES: WARLORD OF OZ #1 (OF 6) ZENESCOPE

Joe Brusha, David Finch, Various

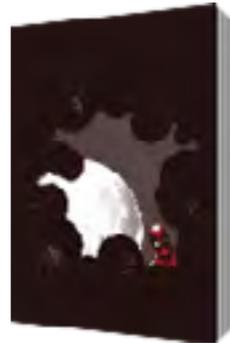
The second, epic installment of OZ is here! Peace has been restored to Oz. The fallen Witch, Lynessa, and her sister, Zina, are fading into memory like a bad dream, soon to be remembered only in tales meant to frighten children. But there is one witch that still draws breath in Oz and she has not forgotten the power of her masters or the evil that they left behind. Soon the people of Oz will face a foe more frightening than any enemy that has come before... The Warlord of Oz has arrived!

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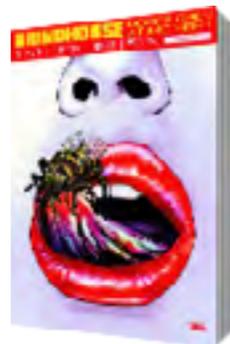
NEW GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COLLECTED EDITIONS ARRIVING FROM MAY ONWARDS...



**NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD-POOL**  
MARVEL  
Bunn, Rosanas, Shaw

Deadpool awakes from a food coma to find - the zombie apocalypse has occurred! Now, can the Merc with a Mouth avoid becoming the Merc in their mouths?! Thrill to the sight of a hideous, rotting-fleshed monster shambling about the landscape - and don't forget all the zombies he's fighting! (Get it? That first one referred Deadpool. Who says zombie horror comics can't have a little humor?) Collecting Night Of The Living Dead-pool #1-4.

In Shops: 11/06/2014



**GRINDHOUSE: DOORS OPEN AT MIDNIGHT**  
DARK HORSE  
De Campi, Peterson, Fraser, Panosian

Gasp as insatiable alien insects overtake a southern town with only a one-eyed deputy to stop them in "Bee Vixens from Mars"! Shudder as the sexy lady convicts of Block E revolt against an insane warden in Prison Ship Antares"! Tremble in anticipation at the gallery of shocking "coming attractions"! Collects issues #1-#4 of the miniseries in a filthy flipbook.

In Shops: 16/07/2014



**BLACK SCIENCE VOL.1: HOW TO FALL FOREVER**  
IMAGE  
Remender, Scalera, White

Anarchist scientist Grant McKay has done the impossible! Using the Pillar, he has punched a hole through the barriers between dimensions, allowing travel to all possible universes. But now Grant and his team are trapped in the folds of infinity, the Pillar sending them careening through a million universes of unimaginable adventure, sanity-flaying danger and no way home...

Collecting Black Science #1-6.  
In Shops: 28/05/2014



**X-FILES CONSPIRACY (HC)**  
IDW  
Crilly, Stanisci, Kim, Various

When The Lone Gunmen discover Internet files from the future, they learn that a plague will soon wipe out most of humanity. With Agents Mulder and Scully working one lead, the Gunmen must spring into action and investigate several urban legends: a group of ghost-hunters, mutant turtles that live in the sewers, shape-changing alien robots, and a vengeful spirit from beyond the grave!

In Shops: 14/05/2014



**BEFORE WATCHMEN: NITE OWL / DR MANHATTAN**  
DC  
Straczynski, Hughes, Various

Writer J. Michael Straczynski is joined by artist Andy Kubert in flight with the gadget-savvy hero known as Nite Owl, as Dan Dreiberg inherits the role from Hollis Mason...but can Dreiberg work with the vigilante called Rorschach? Then, JMS teams with fan-favorite artist Adam Hughes for a tale of Dr. Manhattan. For Dr. Manhattan, past, present, and future are one and the same. But as he observes the events of his life, do they remain the same? This volume collects Before Watchmen: Nite Owl #1-4, Before Watchmen: Dr. Manhattan #1-4 and Before Watchmen: Moloch #1-2.  
In Shops: 18/06/2014



**INJUSTICE - GODS AMONG US VOL.1**  
DC  
Taylor, Raapack, Miller

In these stories from issues #1-6, things in the DC Universe have changed after Superman is tricked into destroying the one thing he loves most. Now the heroes of our world must whether they are with Superman or against him.

In Shops: 25/06/2014



**MARVEL'S GUARDIANS OF GALAXY: PRELUDE**  
MARVEL  
Various

Prepare for Marvel Studios' newest big-screen blockbuster with these new stories taking place just before the film! Who is Nebula? What tragic events forged her unbreakable allegiance to her dark lord? And how does Korath the Pursuer fit in? Then, as Gamora begins her quest for the Orb, learn firsthand why she's considered the most dangerous woman in the universe! Collecting Marvel's Guardians Of The Galaxy Prelude #1-2, Marvel's Guardians Of The Galaxy Infinite Comic #1, Iron Man (1968) #55, Strange Tales (1951) #181, Incredible Hulk (1968) #271, and material from Tales To Astonish (1959) #13 and Marvel Preview #4.  
In Shops: 02/07/2014



**BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER - SPIKE: INTO THE LIGHT (HC)**  
DARK HORSE  
Marsters, Various

He played Spike on the show, and now James Marsters writes a poignant but action-packed story of the vampire who chose to have a soul, and now has to deal with his past while being compelled to play the hero.

In Shops: 16/07/2014



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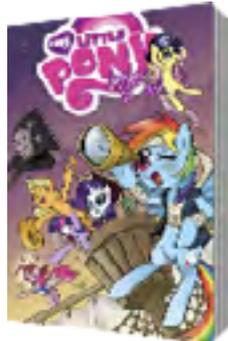
**SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN VOL.6: GOBLIN NATION**  
MARVEL

Slott, Camuncoli, Gage, Rodriguez

Since the start of Dying Wish, it has all been building to this! The Green Goblin has taken control of New York's underworld, and it's all Otto Octavius' fault. Now, it's his responsibility to take the Goblin down. Win or lose, this will be Otto's greatest battle - but as Phil Urich faces his last temptation and the members of the Spider-Slayer Squadron find themselves drafted into the Goblin Nation, Otto must weather a vicious assault on Spider-Island!

Collecting Superior Spider-Man #27-31 and Annual #2.

In Shops: 18/06/2014



**MY LITTLE PONY: FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC VOL.4**  
IDW

Nuhfer, Hickey, Mebberson

The ponies hit the high seas! A trip to Horseshoe Bay takes a turn for the dramatic when the gang is captured by Hoofbeard the Pirate! Plus, when a magical bookworm starts to cause some literary mischief, it's only a matter of time before things start to get out of hoof!

In Shops: 07/05/2014



**HELLBLAZER VOL.8: RAKE AT THE GATES OF HELL**  
DC VERTIGO

Ennis, Dillon

John Constantine heads toward a final showdown with a revenge-crazed Satan during a raging race riot! While trying to save his remaining friends, Constantine has a final reunion with his lost love Kit.

Collects Hellblazer #78-83 plus Heartland #1.

In Shops: 04/06/2014

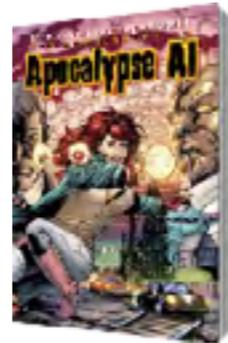


**REVOLUTIONARY WAR**  
MARVEL

Brooks, Various

Marvel UK's greatest heroes come together for the first time in 20 years to face a threat that could destroy the world! A troubling vision in Darkmoor Castle portends the horrible truth: The sinister MYS-Tech organization has returned! Featuring Captain Britain, Pete Wisdom, Union Jack, Dai Thomas and a host of British heroes from Marvel UK's past, present and future! Collecting Revolutionary War: Alpha #1, Dark Angel #1, Knights Of Pendragon #1, Death's Head II #1, Supersoldiers #1, Motormouth #1, Warheads #1 and Omega #1.

In Shops: 28/05/2014



**ADVENTURES OF APOCALYPSE AL VOL.1**  
IMAGE

Straczynski, Kotian, Farmer

All too often, private investigator Allison Carter is the only one who stands between the rest of us and the end of the world. In her biggest and most dangerous case to date, Apocalypse Al must fight her way through a collection of some of the biggest lunatics this side of the abyss: mad prophets, techno-wizards, cybervoids, dead but still nagging relatives, undead boyfriends, zombie cops, trolls, and machine gun toting imps. See for yourself the horror awaiting her on the other side of the happiest place on Earth...

Collects Apocalypse Al #1-4.

In Shops: 28/05/2014



**TOM STRONG AND THE PLANET OF PERIL**  
DC VERTIGO

Hogan, Sprouse, Story

The lives of Tom Strong's daughter Tesla and her unborn child hang in the balance, and to save them Tom and Val Var Garm must journey to the far side of the galaxy and the mysterious world known as Terra Obscura!

Collecting the 6-issue miniseries.

In Shops: 25/06/2014



**THE STAR WARS**  
DARK HORSE

Rinzler, Mayhew, Runge

Before Star Wars, there was The Star Wars! This is the official adaptation of George Lucas's roughdraft screenplay for what would become Star Wars-the film that changed motion pictures and the world. You'll see familiar characters and places-but not all is the same in this long-ago and faraway galaxy. Still, strap yourself in for high adventure and lasersword duels, Jedi Knights, Princess Leia, Han Solo, and a battle to defeat the evil Empire!

In Shops: 09/07/2014



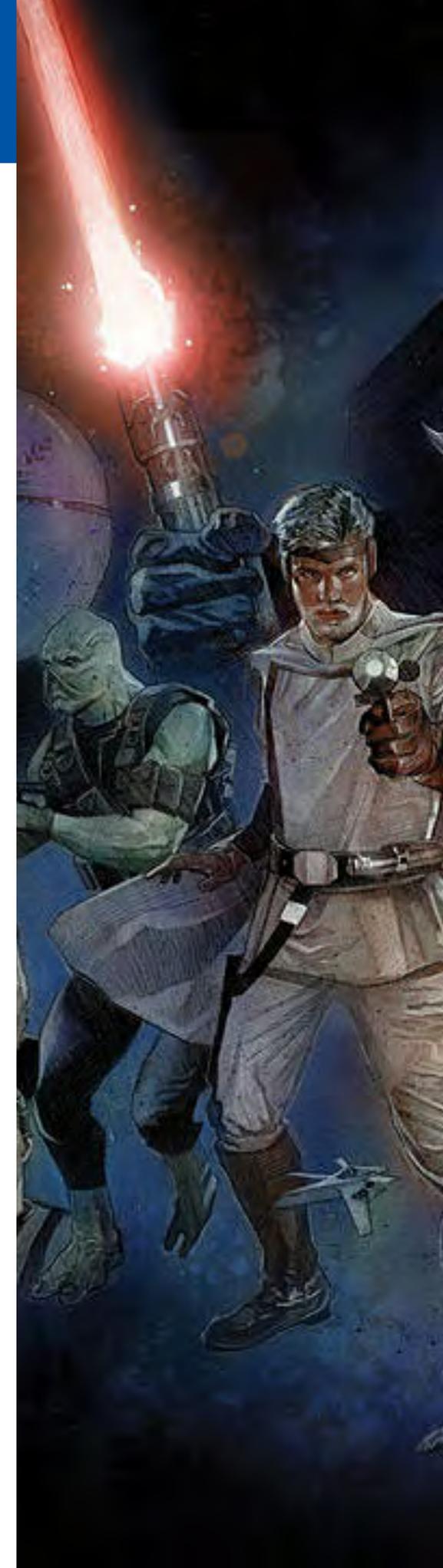
**BURN THE ORPHANAGE VOL.1: BORN TO LOSE**  
IMAGE

Freedman, Grace

Collecting the critically-acclaimed trilogy that kicks off a love letter to the games of yesteryear, Born To Lose chronicles orphan Rock's journey as he fights his way through the mean streets for revenge. This collected edition includes pages of never-before-seen art and loads of extras!

Collects Burn The Orphanage: Born To Lose #1-3.

In Shops: 07/05/2014





# BIFF'S BIT

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An interesting blog article appeared this month. According to GoodEreader.com/blog/digital-comic-news Marvel Comics are intending to ditch paper comics in the near future. He uses unfounded facts and figures to back up his hypothesis, but, it does raise a question that had occurred to me.

Many a time in the last year, whilst reading Marvel comics, I found myself irritated by the presence of numerous adverts and coertions to go on line, use an android app or Marvel AR ap, go to Marvel.com and download comics and use the Marvel free digital download code. I had myself begun to think that Marvel were starting to shape up to oust the comic shop by removing paper comics, thereby keeping all the money from comic creation to themselves.

So, knowing that in years past Marvel did try to distribute their own comics, but failed. Did try to encourage stores to go Marvel only in the hope of seeing which areas were strong enough to support setting up a chain of Marvel stores. Did make the attempt to oust as many 'middle men' who, in Marvel's eyes, were taking money that rightly belonged to Marvel Comics! Knowing this I am inclined to believe the article.

Then of course the main motivation behind the Marvel Graphic Novel

line was to try and stop those irritating Comic retailers making extra money from back issues when selling them for higher sums later on. Marvel wanted their share of that pie as well.

Always it seemed that Marvel acted like a spoilt child and saw other people getting what was essentially theirs. They didn't see, for instance, that by selling back issues retailers were making it possible for a new reader to get years of old stories and this in it's turn meant they also bought more new issues. Also, it meant that retailers were, I say were, buying extra stock each month to cater for this market. No, Marvel only saw themselves as the losers. At no time in the last 20 years would I say that Marvel have actually, sincerely, tried to help and support retailers.

So, is this just paranoia that Marvel would ditch paper? To be honest I see that in the short term they would be foolhardy to do that. My experience at the moment is that 'paper' comic sales are increasing. Young readers are buying into paper as much as into digital. Currently paper runs at 90% and digital at 10% for the industry as a whole. However, long term? I firmly believe that the corporate suits are planning for this and trying to nudge as many people this way as possible.

Because of this, my long term strategy is to encourage all Ace customers to branch out their reading tastes, to encompass the marvellous range of



titles and graphic novels available from the many smaller companies who have a much stronger faith, belief and wish to produce comics in the paper form. A form which is unique and which digital can never really displace. When Marvel make the break, and I really do believe they will attempt this, I do not want to be

reliant on their product to keep trading. I do not over stock on any Marvel titles now. I buy to sell out within a few months. I spend my spare cash on buying in older Marvel comics from the 1970s to 1990s which, counter intuitively, young readers from 12 years to 25 years are buying more and more. When talking to these

readers about digital, new comics or old comics they state their reasons for buying paper as being a better way to appreciate the comic and as to the 1970s-1990s thing, they feel these are better drawn, written and designed! Their words not mine.

Before you all think that I hate Marvel comics I must point out that I love the Marvel characters, Daredevil got me into reading comics full time. The Silver Surfer and the Marvel cosmic line broadened my horizons and encouraged my imagination. Peter Parker will always have a special place in my heart. Shangi Shi the Master Of Kung Fu gave my life direction and a philosophy. Doug Moench and his many Marvel titles encouraged my expanded reading of books as his literary references were many. Then of course Stan Lee and his prosaic style, his love of aliteration, his fondness for mythology, Shakespeare and his general plagiarism with style gave me such a thirst for the English language that at one time I was actually reading a dictionary for the fun of discovering words.

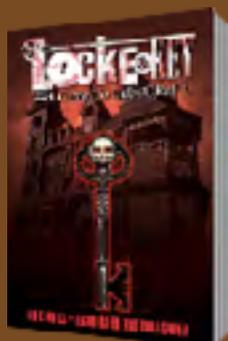
That is the Marvel I love, the characters and their history. It is just the machinations of the corporate suits I loathe and detest.

Well, what do YOU think?



# HISTORY BOOKS

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



**LOCKE & KEY VOL.1: WELCOME TO LOVECRAFT**  
IDW

Hill, Rodriguez

“Acclaimed suspense novelist and New York Times best-selling author Joe Hill (*Heart-Shaped Box*) creates an all-new story of dark fantasy and wonder: *Locke & Key*. Written by Hill and featuring astounding artwork from Gabriel Rodriguez, *Locke & Key* tells of *Keyhouse*, an unlikely New England mansion, with fantastic doors that transform all who dare to walk through them... and home to a hate-filled and relentless creature that will not rest until it forces open the most terrible door of them all... *Locke & Key* creator Hill has received the Bram Stoker Award for Best Fiction Collection, the British Fantasy Award for Best Collection

This month we feature the first volume of the fabulous **Locke & Key** by Joe Hill and Gabriel Rodriguez, enticingly titled **Welcome To Lovecraft!**

and Best Short Story, the Sydney J. Bounds Best Newcomer Award 2007 and the 2011 Eisner for Best Writer among his growing collection of critical accolades. This collection of *Locke & Key* features an introduction by Robert Crais, author of the best-selling *Elvis Cole* novels.”

Welcome To Lovecraft is the collected first-half of Act One in Joe Hill's *Locke & Key* structural narrative.

Following the gruesome loss of their father to a derranged local teenager, the Locke children - Tyler, Kinsey and Bode - and their mother move to 'Keyhouse' on the Lovecraft island in New England.

From here, people and events surrounding the Lockes seem more than coincidental, and strange, supernatural elements begin to materialise, along some suspicious keys.

Joe Hill follows in the footsteps of his

father (Stephen King), in creating a tale full of horror and suspense with an emotional heart. The respective characters are strong and sympathetic, weaved into a understandable plot that mixes the macabre, the menacing and the mysterious.

Gabriel Rodriguez's wonderful art confidently conveys the diverse emotional range felt by the characters, as well as the violent tone (which is not overdone) and the remarkable settings and scenery.

A tense and dramatic conclusion raises questions, leading in to the subsequent adventures of the Lockes, which are also not to be missed!

Bloody and brilliant, we think it's bloody brilliant!

**£14.99**

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# PARTING SHOTS

MAY WILL SEE THE FINAL ISSUES OF...



## APHRODITE IX #11 (Image)

Matt Hawkins, Stjepan Sejic

Series finale! One of the two established City States, Speros or Genesis, is completely annihilated. Death, death, and more death!

In Shops: 21/05/2014

## THE BLACK BAT #12 (Dynamite)

Brian Buccellato, Ronan Cliquet, Jae Lee

Final issue! In the final chapter to this story, the Black Bat is confronted by the unforeseen consequences of his vigilante quest for redemption. He comes face to face with the shadowy villain that has been pulling all of the strings, and must decide how far he is willing to go to save the city.

In Shops: 07/05/2014

## DARK HORSE PRESENTS #36 (Dark Horse)

Various

Living legends Mike Mignola, Stan Sakai, and Jaime Hernandez all contribute to this final issue of Dark Horse Presents! Mignola and Ben Stenbeck deliver a new *Witchfinder* story, while Hernandez introduces Merlon the magician! This issue also features a surprise-ending sci-fi story from Martin Conaghan and Jimmy Broxton!

In Shops: 21/05/2014

## FATALE #24 (Image)

Ed Brubaker, Sean Phillips, Bettie Breitweiser

It all ends here! The final extra-length issue of *Fatale*! There's so much story that we needed a lot more room. Will Josephine's final secrets be revealed? Will there be much tragedy? Will Brubaker and Phillips fans love all the crazy extras jammed into this special final issue? Yes, yes, and yes.

In Shops: 21/05/2014

## THE MOVEMENT #12 (DC)

Gail Simone, Freddie Williams, Stephen Segovia

Final issue - There's no length the Movement won't go to if it means rescuing one of their own from a cult that has deep roots in Burden's hometown.

In Shops: 07/05/2014