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## GROO VS CONAN #1

Mark Evanier, Sergio Aragones, Tom Yeates, Tom Luth

It had to happen: the most heroic warrior in history meets the stupidest as Robert E. Howard's immortal Conan the Barbarian crosses swords with Sergio Aragones' Groo the Wanderer in Groo vs. Conan #1. This four-issue miniseries was concocted by the Eisner Award-winning team of Mark Evanier and Sergio Aragones, aided by master illustrator

Thomas Yeates and master colorist Tom Luth. Will Conan annihilate Groo? Will Groo turn out to be the man who can defeat Conan? We'll see.

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



# DARK HORSE

### NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY



## 1 FOR \$1: AVATAR THE LAST AIRBENDER - RIFT #1

Gene Luen,  
Yang, Gurihiru,  
Various

Written and drawn by the team behind the best-selling *The Promise* and *The Search*, Gene Luen Yang and Gurihiru (in collaboration with *Airbender* and *Korra* creators Michael Dante DiMartino and Bryan Konietzko), this is the ultimate continuation of *Avatar* and the perfect companion to *Legend of Korra*!

A low-cost entry into the New York Times best-selling series!

In Shops: **02/07/2014**



## BALTIMORE: WITCH OF HARJU #1

Mike Mignola,  
Christopher  
Golden, Peter  
Bergting, Ben  
Stenbeck

Baltimore shelters a woman on the run from a possessed dead man and the witch playing his puppet master.

From *Hellboy* creator Mike Mignola!

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



## DEEP GRAVITY #1

Mike Richardson,  
Corinna Bechko,  
Gabriel Hardman,  
Fernando Baldo

He didn't get onto the most lucrative interstellar mission for the money-Paxon wants to be reunited with the woman he loves. But his high-stakes journey takes him to a savage world full of the galaxy's most dangerous game, where the gravity can turn your bones to powder.

Written by Gabriel Hardman and Corinna Bechko (*Star Wars: Legacy*, *Planet of the Apes*).

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



## GOON: OCCASION OF REVENGE #1

Eric Powell

In Eisner Award winner Eric Powell's biggest story since 2008, what's left of the Zombie Priest's race of witches comes after the *Goon*, forcing him to face his nightmares or lose his town!

The *Goon* returns for a monthly run!

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



## USAGI YOJIMBO COLOR SPECIAL (ONE-SHOT)

Stan Sakai

The artist of *47 Ronin* returns to his signature creation in a new one-shot collecting four *Usagi Yojimbo* tales in full color, from the pages of *Dark Horse Presents* and *MySpace DHP*! In this issue, Usagi encounters ghosts, thugs, pumpkins(?!), and a foreign artist with a price on his head! Collects "Saya," "Buntori," "The Artist," and the much-lauded "Cut the Plum"!

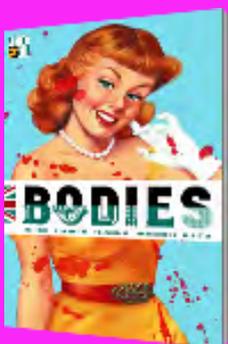
Collects stories from *Dark Horse Presents* #7, #35, and #36, and *MySpace Dark Horse Presents* #18 and #35!

32 pages of color stories and a perfect entry point for new readers!

Contains a preview of *Usagi Yojimbo: Senso* #1!

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

# DC NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY



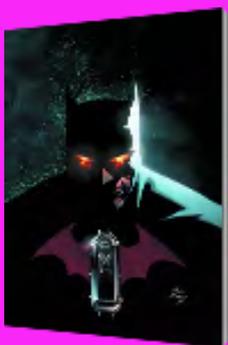
## BODIES #1

Si Spencer, Dean Ormston, Fiona Stephenson, Various

Vertigo brings you the miniseries of the summer, with four detectives, four time periods, and four dead bodies - all set in London. Edmond Hillinghead is an 1890s overachiever who's trying to solve a murder no one cares about while hiding his own secret. Karl Whiteman is our dashing 1940s adventurer with a shocking past. Shahara Hasan is 2014's kickass female Detective Sergeant, who walks the line between religion and power. And Maplewood, an amnesiac from post-apocalyptic 2050, brings a haunting perspective to it all.

Si Spencer (Hellblazer: City Of Demons, The Vinyl Underground) executes a centuries-spanning murder mystery like nothing you've ever seen before.

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

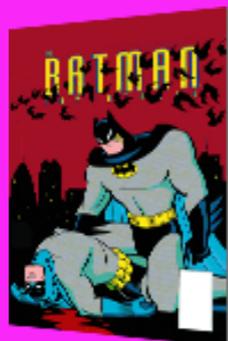


## ROBIN RISES OMEGA #1

Peter J. Tomasi, Andy Kubert, Jonathan Glapion

The hunt for Robin is over, and the battle joined! But Batman's family feud with Ra's al Ghul is about to erupt into something bigger when it's interrupted by the forces of Apokolips! This epic story continues in this month's Batman And Robin #33!

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



## DC COMICS PRESENTS BATMAN ADVENTURES #1

Kelley Puckett, Ty Templeton, Mike Parobeck, Rick Burchett, Various

Some of the best all-ages Batman stories ever are back in this new title collecting Batman Adventures #2 And 27, Batman: Gotham Adventures #2 and 4, and a short tale from Adventures In The Dc Universe #3. Guest-starring Catwoman, The Joker, Two-Face and more!

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



## RED LANTERNS ANNUAL #1

Charles Soule, Miguel Angel Sepulveda

"Atrocities" cranks the action up to eleven! Guy Gardner fought hard to get Space Sector 2814 - including Earth - under Red Lantern protection. So of course Atrocitus has chosen Guy's homeworld as the arena for their murderous final battle! Red Lanterns will die! Traitors will emerge (and maybe die)! Rivers will run red! It's the first-ever Red Lanterns Annual, and it's absolutely unmissable!

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

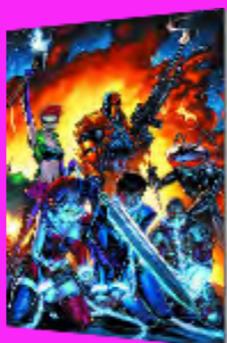


## HARLEY QUINN INVADES COMIC-CON INTERNATIONAL SAN DIEGO #1

Amanda Conner, Jimmy Palmiotti

The title says it all! Our favorite little troublemaker, Harley Quinn, takes on Comic-Con International: San Diego in this over the top issue! She'll have to battle long lines, crazy crowds and the dread con crud, all in the quest to get her own comic book published!

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



## NEW SUICIDE SQUAD #1

Sean Ryan, Jeremy P. Roberts

The world has changed for Task Force X, a.k.a. the Suicide Squad. Director Amanda Waller no longer has the autonomy she once had. New members disrupt the team dynamic. And the team takes on an international scope. New members Joker's Daughter, Deathstroke and Black Manta join Harley Quinn and Deadshot for a mission in the most dangerous and unpredictable place in the world: Vladimir Putin's Russia!

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



## GRAYSON #1

Tim Seeley, Mikel Janin, Andrew Robinson

Dick Grayson. Former sidekick. Former Super Hero. Former dead man. And now...agent of Spyr!?!

A thrilling new chapter of Dick Grayson's life begins in this new, ongoing series. It's a super-spy thriller that will shock you and prove one thing: You might think you know Nightwing - but you don't know Dick.

In Shops: **02/07/2014**





**INFINITE CRISIS: FIGHT FOR THE MULTIVERSE #1**

TBA

In the tradition of Injustice: Gods Among Us, a new videogame sensation makes its comics debut. Developed by Turbine and WBIE Games, Infinite Crisis brings together unique versions of DC Universe heroes from across the multiverse to head off a crisis that threatens to destroy all of their worlds! Heroes and villains from Gaslight, Atomic, Arcane, Mecha and other worlds battle and join forces with Prime Earth Batman in this rapidly escalating conflict!

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



**SUPERMAN / WONDER WOMAN ANNUAL #1**

Charles Soule, Ed Benes

Only an Annual could contain this chapter of "Superman: Doomed"! It's an all-out assault by the heroes of Earth (superpowered and not) on the God of War, Wonder Woman, who's leading the charge against all manner of alien attackers. The monstrous Superman smashes through everything friend or foe as his de-evolution reaches a critical stage. It all leads to their best hope: the Phantom Zone?!

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



**STAR SPANGLED WAR STORIES - GI ZOMBIE #1**

Justin Gray, Jimmy Palmiotti, Scott Hampton, Howard Porter

Meet the soldier they call "G.I. Zombie," a man who is neither dead nor alive, who fights for his country again...and again...and again!

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



**TEEN TITANS #1**

Will Pfeifer, Kenneth Rocafort

The Teen Titans step out of the shadows of the adult heroes of the DC Universe to offer bold, exciting and sometime dangerous ideas on how to protect a world full of super-powered teenagers!

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



**VERTIGO QUARTERLY #1: MAGENTA**

Peter Milligan, Nathan Fox, Various

The summer issue of the Vertigo Quarterly is here! It's Magenta, the hot pink sky in your sweltering summer, bringing together comics' most talented writers and artists - both established and new - for an anthology only Vertigo could deliver.

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



**ACTION COMICS: FUTURES END #1**

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

**AQUAMAN AND THE OTHERS: FUTURES END #1**

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

**AQUAMAN: FUTURES END #1**

In Shops: **24/09/2014**

**BATGIRL: FUTURES END #1**

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

**BATMAN AND ROBIN: FUTURES END #1**

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

**BATMAN: FUTURES END #1**

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

**BATMAN / SUPERMAN: FUTURES END #1**

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

**BATWING: FUTURES END #1**

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

**BATWOMAN: FUTURES END #1**

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

**BIRDS OF PREY: FUTURES END #1**

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

**BOOSTER GOLD: FUTURES END #1**

In Shops: **24/09/2014**

**CATWOMAN: FUTURES END #1**

In Shops: **24/09/2014**

**CONSTANTINE: FUTURES END #1**

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

**DETECTIVE COMICS: FUTURES END #1**

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

**EARTH 2: FUTURES END #1**

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

**FLASH: FUTURES END #1**

In Shops: **24/09/2014**

**GRAYSON: FUTURES END #1**

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

**GREEN ARROW: FUTURES END #1**

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

**GREEN LANTERN CORPS: FUTURES END #1**

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

**GREEN LANTERN: FUTURES END #1**

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

**GREEN LANTERN - NEW GUARDIANS: FUTURES END #1**

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

**HARLEY QUINN: FUTURES END #1**

In Shops: **24/09/2014**

**INFINITY MAN AND THE FOREVER PEOPLE: FUTURES END #1**

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

**JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK: FUTURES END #1**

In Shops: **24/09/2014**

**JUSTICE LEAGUE: FUTURES END #1**

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

**JUSTICE LEAGUE UNITED: FUTURES END #1**

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

**NEW SUICIDE SQUAD: FUTURES END #1**

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

**RED HOOD AND THE OUTLAWS: FUTURES END #1**

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

**RED LANTERNS: FUTURES END #1**

In Shops: **24/09/2014**

**SINESTRO: FUTURES END #1**

In Shops: **24/09/2014**

**STAR SPANGLED WAR STORIES - GI ZOMBIE: FUTURES END #1**

In Shops: **24/09/2014**

**SUPERBOY: FUTURES END #1**

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

**SUPERGIRL: FUTURES END #1**

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

**SUPERMAN: FUTURES END #1**

In Shops: **24/09/2014**

**SUPERMAN / WONDER WOMAN: FUTURES END #1**

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

**SWAMP THING: FUTURES END #1**

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

**TEEN TITANS: FUTURES END #1**

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

**TRINITY OF SIN - PANDORA: FUTURES END #1**

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

**TRINITY OF SIN - PHANTOM STRANGER: FUTURES END #1**

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

**WONDER WOMAN: FUTURES END #1**

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

**WORLDS FINEST: FUTURES END #1**

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

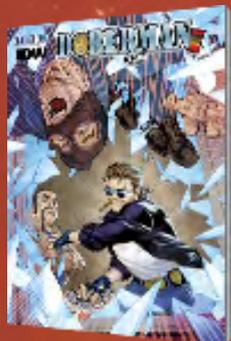


### BORDERLANDS: FALL OF FYRESTONE #1

Mike Neumann, Agustin Padilla

The epic story of Borderlands continues in part one of the new series, where fans find out what happens after Roland, Mordecai, Lilith, and Brick step out of Marcus's bus. As soon as they arrive in the once-prosperous town of Fyrestone, they realize that Pandora is a far more dangerous planet than they first imagined. The Vault Hunters will go up against a ruthless bandit known as "Nine Toes," but will they be able to overcome him?

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



### DOBERMAN #1

Jack Lambert, Brandon McKinney, Bernard Chang, Various

Frank Doberman was the greatest detective of his era with the fastest car, biggest gun, and longest... um... arrest record. But after a drug bust went horribly wrong, Doberman disappeared, seeking solace in Mother Nature. Now lured back to the Force by the promise of vengeance, and an ice-cold six-pack, Doberman has to deal with a new age of computers, regulations, and an uber-villain whom the world seems to believe has changed his ways.

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

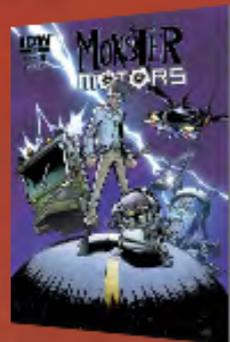


### LOCKE & KEY: CROWN OF SHADOWS #1 (100 PENNY PRESS ED)

Joe Hill, Gabriel Rodriguez

The bargain-priced debut issues of the beloved series continue here with this dollar comic presenting "The Haunting of Keyhouse," the first chapter of Crown of Shadows, the haunting third storyline in the Locke & Key saga!

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



### MONSTER MOTORS (ONE-SHOT)

Brian Lynch, Nick Roche

The once-quiet town of Transylvania, Kentucky is under attack from Cadillacula, an evil vampire-car that sucks the gas out of other vehicles! The more victims he claims, the more powerful he gets. Genius mechanic Vic Frankenstein has a solution: build a monster to fight a monster. Vic and his android assistant iGOR (interactive Garage Operations Robot) assemble a giant truck from the pieces of the town's fallen vehicles. Frankenride is born, and the battle between good and evil hits the road!

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



### RAGNAROK #1

Walter Simonson

Ragnarök...the Twilight of the Gods in Norse mythology...the destruction of the Nine Worlds. And now, three hundred years later, the birth of vengeance.

Walter Simonson returns to comics in a BIG way with an all-new series... and doing what he does best!!

My wife and my children are dead. My brothers and sisters are dead.

My parents are dead. The Great Enemies still live.

But I swear on the shattered bones of my kinsmen... they will not live forever.

I shall become... the storm.

Walter Simonson is one of the most acclaimed and respected creators in comics. He has done defining runs on Thor, Manhunter, Star Slammers, Elric, Orion and more. Now, in his first creator-owned series in 20 years, he brings his tremendous artistic arsenal to a brand new world... the twilit world of Ragnarök!

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



### THE LAST FALL #1

Tom Waltz, Casey Maloney

Marcus Fall is a battle-hardened soldier in a long-running inter-planetary war. After multiple combat tours, Fall is finally able to leave the military and return to his beloved wife and son. But his happy homecoming comes to a tragic end when a suicide bomber murders his family. Devastated, Fall returns to the war with one bloody mission in mind: revenge against the enemy... every last one of them.

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



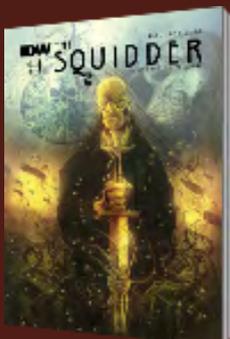


**STAR TREK  
SPECIAL  
FLESH AND  
STONE #1**

David Tipton,  
Scott Tipton,  
Sharp

“The Six Doctors.” When a Starfleet medical conference is crashed by a deadly metamorphic virus, Doctors Beverly Crusher, Julian Bashir and Katherine Pulaski have to race against time...to find a cure. The answers lie in the distant past, deep within the files of Dr. Leonard McCoy! All of Star Trek’s medical officers team up for the first time ever!

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



**THE  
SQUIDDER #1**

Ben  
Templesmith

This all-new four-issue series finds an old soldier from a forgotten war in a post-apocalyptic world that has left him behind. He was one of the last of the legendary Squidder Legions. Can a discarded relic with a death wish and a rebellious Squid priestess overthrow humanity’s tentacled alien overlords? Ben Templesmith returns to his roots to finally do the tentacle/Cthulhu-orientated book he’s always promised! The Squidder mixes action, horror, science fiction, and fantasy elements with a touch of Squidly destruction.

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



**SUPER  
SECRET  
CRISIS WAR:  
JOHNNY  
BRAVO #1**

Erik Burnham,  
Louise Simonson,  
Erica Henderson,  
Derek Charm

There’s trouble a brewin’ in Aron City; and no sir, it ain’t the kind that rhymes with pool! A robot from another dimension has appeared, intent on finding and challenging a hero - any hero - for its evil masters. Instead, the robot finds Johnny Bravo, and proof... that even a robot can be driven mad by exposure to Johnny’s obliviousness. Don’t miss this tie-in to the event of the summer -- so cool, you’re gonna have to wear shades. Hyah!

Plus, a two-page epilogue by Louise Simonson and Derek Charm, delving into the formation of the League Of Extraordinary Villains!!

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



**TRANS-  
FORMERS VS  
GI JOE #1**

Tom Scioli, John  
Barber

Space War II! Earth makes contact with an alien race-and G.I. Joe is on the front lines of first contact! But when the Transformers arrive-their version of “peace” does not match our own...

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



**X-FILES:  
YEAR  
ZERO #1**

Karl Kesel, Vic  
Malhotra, Greg  
Scott, Carlos  
Valenzuela

When a blue-collar worker from New Jersey passes prophetic messages to the FBI from a mysterious “Mr. Zero,” Mulder is convinced it is the same otherworldly entity that contacted the FBI through a suburban housewife in the 1940s. This similarly named “Mr. Xero” pointed the FBI toward many unusual cases, leading to the establishment of “the X-Files”!

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



**WRAITH #1  
(DIR. CUT)**

Joe Hill, Charles  
Paul Wilson

Joe Hill’s New York Times Bestselling novel, NOS4A2, introduced readers to the terrifying funhouse world of Christmasland, and the mad man who rules there: Charlie Talent Manx III. Now, Hill and artist Charlie “Talent” Wilson III welcome you to Christmasland in this special extra-length version of the first issue, which also includes all of the issue’s covers and the full original comic-book script by Joe Hill.

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



**IDW**

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



## APHRODITE IX / CYBER FORCE #1

Matt Hawkins, Stjepan Sejic, Various

A double-sized crossover event unlike any before! Two teams, seven centuries apart, united by one woman's diabolical plan. The Chairwoman from Cyber Force and Aphrodite IX had a plan to recreate the world in her children's image. Things didn't go as planned. Featuring the present day team of Cyber Force and the 28th century Aphrodite IX, this story lays the foundation for the new comic series IXth Generation, launching in 2015.

In Shops: **02/07/2014**

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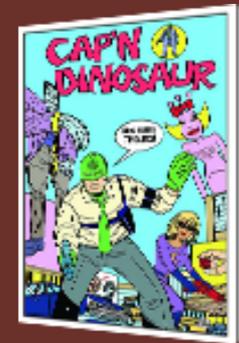


## DARK ENGINE #1

Ryan Burton,  
John Bivens

With ribsword in hand, with gore in her curling locks, Sym has been sent to the distant past to murder her creators' enemies. But the twisted alchemists who made Sym do not know that the engine that powers her is sentient, that it is the seed of their destruction. By blood and by fury, Sym will carve out her destiny in this new ongoing series.

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



## CAP'N DINOSAUR (ONE-SHOT)

Kek-W, Shaky  
Kane

Complete, all new Cap'n Dinosaur tale in this issue!

When a mysterious drowned man falls out of the clear blue sky, The Cap'n and Honey Moon follow a trail which leads them to a deserted Amusement park.

Writer Kek-W (2000 AD, Ruddy Rucker's Flurb) and The Bulletproof Coffin's Shaky Kane take the law into their own hands in this two-fisted tale of Murder, Muscle Marys, and Mail-order Mystery.

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





**CHEW:  
WARRIOR  
CHICKEN  
POYO #1**

John Layman,  
Rob Guillory

Comics' most beloved homicidal cybernetic kung fu rooster returns for what we humbly anticipate as the most important literary achievement of the 21st Century. All other comics will be made irrelevant. The best thing that's ever happened to comics, and possibly the best thing that's ever happened... ever!

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



**LOW #1**

Rick Remender,  
Greg Tocchini

In the far distant future, the sun's premature expansion has irradiated Earth, sending humanity to the lowest depths of the seas, hidden within radiation-shielded cities, while probes scour the universe for inhabitable worlds to relocate to. After tens of thousands of years, a single probe returns, crashing on Earth's surface, a now-alien place no human has seen for many millennia.

Frequent collaborators Rick Remender (Black Science) and Greg Tocchini (Uncanny X-Force) dive into an aquatic sci-fi/fantasy tale following two teams from the last remaining cities undersea as they race to the most unexpected alien world of all-the surface of Earth.

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



**DEATH  
VIGIL #1**

Stjepan Sejic

Forty pages of story and art in this contemporary fantasy adventure series written and painted by Stjepan Sejic. Gifted? Join the Death Vigil in their ongoing war against the ever-growing power of the Primordial Enemy! The only catch is you have to die first. Become a corporeal immortal Death Knight and obtain reality-altering weaponry in the never-ending battle between good and evil.

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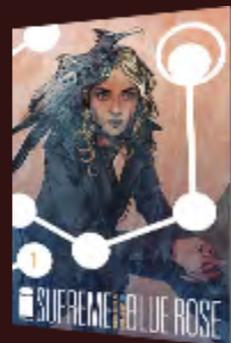
**SPREAD #1**

Justin Jordan,  
Kyle Strahm

Ten years ago, we dug too deep. We unleashed something ancient that couldn't be controlled. Something that couldn't be stopped, twisting everything it touched into more of itself. The Spread.

Humanity was nearly destroyed before we found a way to slow the Spread to a crawl. Now, deep inside the quarantined zone, one man has found the key to stopping it forever: a baby girl. And if he can save her, he might save the world.

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

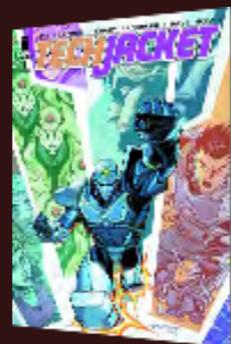


**SUPREME:  
BLUE ROSE #1**

Warren Ellis, Tula  
Lotay

You are not dreaming. We are trying to communicate with you. Local reality has been reinstalled. Things have gone wrong. The revision has corrupted. Finding Ethan Crane is your supreme priority. We are speaking to you from the ultimate bunker within the structure of multi-versal time. Do not trust Darius Dax. We are all going to die. Supreme: Blue Rose. Re-introducing the central Image Comics character, with Warren Ellis and Tula Lotay.

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



**TECH  
JACKET #1**

Joe Keatinge,  
Khary Randolph,  
Dave McCaig,  
Emilio Lopez

A new ongoing series from the creative team who brought you the hit Tech Jacket digital mini!

Zack Thompson: community college dropout, lives with his parents... This is who protects us from what lies beyond our world?! But he's also Tech Jacket, the self-styled "Galactic Guardian of Earth," and when a big-ass space ship enters Earth's orbit, Zack will face the greatest challenge of his life!

In Shops: **02/07/2014**



**HACK/SLASH SON OF SAMHAIN #1**

Michael Moreci, Steve Seeley, Emilio Laiso, Stefano Caselli

Your favorite slasher hunter is back! When a mysterious cult of monsters arises, Cassie is forced to return to the life she thought she'd left behind. Coupled with a new partner and faced with enemies unlike any she has battled before, Cassie must confront the darkness in the world-and in her own life-in new ways. The agents of evil never rest; unfortunately for them, neither does Cassie Hack.

In Shops: **02/07/2014**

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**100TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL: X-MEN #1**

Jen Van, In-Hyuk Lee

Have the X-Men of 2061 achieved Xavier's dream of mutants and humans living in harmony? Or will there always be a need for the X-Men?

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



**100TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL: AVENGERS #1**

James Stokoe

Following the failed Badoon invasion of Earth and America's disappearance into the Negative Zone, how will the Avengers of 2061 cope?!

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



**100TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL: FANTASTIC FOUR #1**

James Stokoe, Joanna Estep

A remarkable artifact from the future of Marvel Comics!

It's 2061 and the world of the Fantastic Four has turned upside-down, complete with the granddaughter of Doom...and the Richards-Banner twins?

In Shops: **02/07/2014**



**100TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL: GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #1**

Andy Lanning, Gustavo Duarte, David Lopez

Just in time for the release of their seventh epic motion picture, the Guardians of the Galaxy are celebrating their 100th Anniversary...by taking on the The Silver Galactus!

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



**DEADPOOL: DRACULA'S GAUNTLET #1**

Gerry Duggan, Brian Posehn, Reilly Brown

You saw Deadpool's marriage to the succubus queen Shiklah, now see their first meeting and romance!

The hit series originally presented as a Marvel Infinite Comic makes the leap to the paper medium for the first time!

When Dracula hires Deadpool to transport a highly-valuable delivery for him, he has no idea what kind of trouble he's in for. Guest-starring Blade, M.O.D.O.K., Hydra Bob, Werewolf by Night, and more-hop on with Deadpool for a crazy journey across the world...and into the heart of the Merc with the Mouth!

Note: part of issue #1 contains content from the free Deadpool: The Gauntlet #1.

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



**100TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL: SPIDER-MAN #1**

Sean Ryan, In-Hyuk Lee

It's 100 years after the wall-crawler's creation, but when the Kingpin has taken Spider-Man's ultra-powerful techno-symbiote suit, Spider-Man will need to prove once again why he is the world's greatest super hero.

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



**DEADPOOL VS X-FORCE #1**

Duane Swierczynski, Pepe Larraz, Shane Davis

Journey back to the heady days of the 1990s, when two characters debuted who would change the face of comics... Cable and Deadpool!

In this all-new tale, we learn of the pair's first meeting, well before New Mutants #98, as Cable and his soon-to-be X-Force race through the timestream to stop the reckless mercenary Deadpool before he destroys American history for good!

Si Spencer (Hellblazer: City Of Demons, The Vinyl Underground) executes a centuries-spanning murder mystery like nothing you've ever seen before.

In Shops: **02/07/2014**

**MARVEL**  
NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY



# MARVEL

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY

## LEGENDARY STAR LORD #1

Sam Humphries, Paco Medina. Steve McNiven

From the pages of Guardians Of The Galaxy, a brand new series from Sam Humphries and Paco Medina! In this exciting first issue, Peter Quill battles the Badoon, fights to save an orphanage, and still finds time for some flirting with Kitty Pryde, but it's all in a day's work for the Star-Lord!

In Shops: **02/07/2014**



★ COVER STAR ★

## GUARDIANS OF GALAXY'S MOST WANTED #1

Will Pilgrim, Andrea Di Vito, Jee-Hyung Lee

Rocket Raccoon and Groot-your favorite cosmic bounty hunters (and soon to be world-famous movie stars)-leap into action in an all-new adventure! Could it possibly happen? Is Groot attempting to arrest... his best bud Rocket?

In Shops: **02/07/2014**



## IRON MAN SPECIAL #1

Sean Ryan, Rahmat Handoko, Gary Choo

Continuing the story from June's Uncanny X-Men Special #1.

Iron Man returns to space to settle a score, but ends up embroiled with the fugitive Uncanny X-Men! Their paths cross in pursuit of Cyclops, who's been kidnapped by mysterious n'er do wells. All this and guest-starring Nova, The Human Rocket!

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



## SPIDER-MAN 2099 #1

Peter David, Will Sliney. Simone Bianchi

All-new series from the pages of Amazing Spider-Man!

The book you have been demanding for months finally hits the stands! Miguel O'Hara is Spider-Man in the year 2099 but he's currently stuck in the year 2014. He was stranded here by his father who is the head of an evil corporation called Alchemax in 2099. But in 2014, Alechmax has just been formed and Miguel has a chance to stop its corruption before it starts! You'd think being a man out of time would make you a man without enemies, but Spider-Man 2099 is about to discover that he's not the only one hoping for a better tomorrow, one that might be ensured by The Adjuster eliminating Miguel from the time stream altogether!

Join comics legend (and Spider-Man 2099 creator) Peter David and breakthrough artist Will Sliney (Superior Spider-Man Team-up) for the most adventure you'll find in a book this side of the twenty second century!

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



## ROCKET RACCOON #1

Skottie Young

All-new, in-continuity series!

As defenders of the cosmos go, Rocket Raccoon has faced his fair share of galactic battles. He's been a hero to the weak, a champion of good, a protector of the innocent, a heartthrob to the many intergalactic female species and now - a raccoon on the run?! Rocket's high-flying life of adventure and heroism may soon be a thing of the past when he becomes a wanted man-and the authorities are not the only one on his tail!

Superstar creator Skottie Young brings his A-game as writer and artist on the series we've been waiting decades for. Because let's be real, this is the only Guardian of the Galaxy you actually care about. Am I right?

In Shops: **02/07/2014**



## STORM #1

Greg Pak, Victor Ibanez

Thief. Goddess. Headmistress. Queen. The X-Man called STORM has always defied a single title. And her desire to better the world has never been limited to only her own kind. On a mission to foster goodwill and safeguard the mutant race's continued existence in her own way, Storm will travel the globe, confronting man and mutant, god and monster and everything in-between. She will overthrow tyrants, quell tsunamis and strive to see her dream for the world realized. She is Storm, a hero like no other...and the skies will tremble at the sight of their namesake.

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



# INDIES

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY



## STEED & MRS PEEL: NEEDED #1 BOOM!

Ian Edginton,  
Marco Cosentino

The classic Avengers television show was one of the first British television shows to cross the Atlantic in the mid-1960s. John Steed and Emma Peel were instrumental in forming our view of smart, stylish spy heroes and Edginton will take them on their strangest, most psychedelic adventure yet.

When an old associate of John Steed is killed, a grand conspiracy is suspected. This will take Steed and Peel to a strange village, where one of the spies finds herself a prisoner.

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



## DAMSELS IN EXCESS #1

ASPEN

Vince Hernandez, Mirka Andolfo

In the land of the Five Realms, the existence of men has long since been evaporated from the hearts and minds of women. Princess Bethany--ruler of Evanfar, the largest and most prominent kingdom, finds herself at the center of a vast conspiracy that could not only threaten her kingdom-but also her life! Journey to a place where magic is abundant, unicorns and ferrets can command armies, and five women struggle to find balance-and power--in an ever-changing fairy tale world!

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



## EXTINCTION PARADE: WAR #1 AVATAR

Max Brooks,  
Raulo Caceres

Jump on here, as the epic conflict continues right after Vol.1 with a super-sized battle issue!

Max Brooks returns to the frightening world of zombies versus vampires in his groundbreaking follow up series: Extinction Parade: War!

The subdead were always a joke to the aristocratic vampire race. Just a spec on the radar of their immortal lives, nothing worth even a moment's notice in their quest for self-gratification through the veins of their host, the human race. But at last they have been pulled from their ignorance into the reality of the world. The human race is facing extinction and should they succumb so too shall the vampires disappear beneath the waves of rotting walking dead.

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

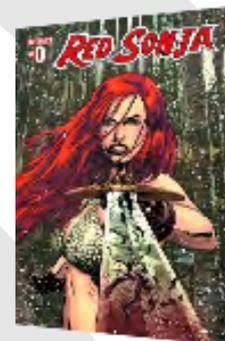


## ADVENTURE TIME: BANANA GUARD ACADEMY #1 BOOM!

Kent Osborne,  
Madeline Rupert,  
Aimee Fleck

Turns out that there is a lot to being a Banana Guard-but being a Banana is not mandatory. This crazy adventure follows Root Beer Guy as he starts his search for new recruits among Ooo's citizens. Only the best will do in his quest to protect the Candy Kingdom!

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

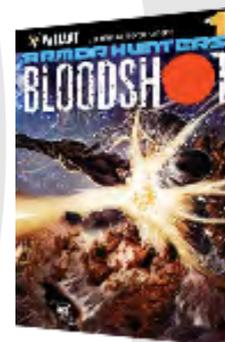


## RED SONJA #0 DYNAMITE

Gail Simone,  
Noah Salonga,  
Gabriel Hardman

Who in the Hyborian age is Red Malak? Sonja the Devil returns from war at sea, only to find that the entire coastline has been living in fear of a beastly marauder named Red Malak...who claims to be Sonja's husband! Don't miss this special Dynamite anniversary comedy of terrors!

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



## ARMOR HUNTERS: BLOODSHOT #1 VALIANT

Joe Harris,  
Trevor Hairsine,  
Philip Tan

The hunters become the hunted! With the major capitals of Earth under siege by the Armor Hunters, the world's most dangerous weapon has decided to come in from the cold - and into the service of the top-secret Military Extraterrestrial Reconnaissance Outpost (M.E.R.O.)! But when one of the Armor Hunters' own stages an extraterrestrial jailbreak inside of M.E.R.O.'s fortified command center, the nanite-enhanced commando known as Bloodshot will become the last thing standing between the galaxy's most feared team of hunter-killers and a classified arsenal of secret weapons far too deadly for human hands!

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



**ROBOCOP #1  
BOOM!**

Joshua Williamson, Carlos Magno, Goni Montes

If you've ever wondered what happens to RoboCop and his partner, Anne Lewis, after the first film, wonder no more. Joshua Williamson (Ghosted, Captain Midnight) crafts a story of crime and corruption that fans of Gotham Central, Stray Bullets, and Incognito will enjoy.

A deadly and charismatic criminal, Killian, is released from jail. He went into the slammer before RoboCop hit the streets. Now he wants to take out the biggest cop in the city. When OCP wants to take guns off the street, Killian sees it as his opportunity to take on the former Alex Murphy!

In Shops: **02/07/2014**



**LIFE AFTER #1  
ONI**

Joshua Hale Fialkov, Gabo, Nick Pitarra

In an infinite city built on infinite sadness, there is one man capable of breaking free. He will go through Heaven and Hell to save us all. Literally.

A fantastical coming of age journey through the afterlife and beyond from Joshua Hale Fialkov (The Bunker, The Ultimates) and breakout artist Gabo, with covers by Nick Pitarra (The Manhattan Projects, The Red Wing).

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

# INDIES

## NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY



**ARMY OF DARKNESS:  
ASH GETS HITCHED #1  
DYNAMITE**

Steve Niles, Nacho Tenorio

Ash and Sheila are reunited and Ash vows they will never be separated again. Can evil stop evil? This will be the question Ash will have to answer now that he has unleashed the Faceless Man on the land.

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



**GRIMM FAIRY  
TALES:  
REALM WAR #1  
ZENESCOPE**

Joe Brusha, Ralph Tedesco, Sami Kivela

Shattered by the events of Grimm Fairy Tales #100, the Grimm Universe is no more, and the Age of Darkness has begun.

With the Realms of Power combined, the Dark Horde has finally realized its plan to rule Earth. But the darkness is just beginning and the Dark One and his Queen have unimaginable terrors planned for humanity. With their generals ruling cities throughout the new world and the Realm Knights dead or scattered, few are left to oppose them. But even as the darkness falls, heroes will rise and fight against their evil even if they must make the ultimate sacrifice doing so. Don't miss the darkest Grimm Fairy Tales series ever.

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



**STEAM  
TALES #1  
ANTARCTIC**

Brian Denham, Various

Intriguing tales spun around steam! Featuring intrepid adventurers and their steam-powered gadgets and gizmos. Brassy women and brawny men and their flying machines saving the world with the power of steam and just a bit of style!

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



**THE  
SHADOW #0  
DYNAMITE**

Cullen Bunn, Ivan Rodriguez, Gabriel Hardman

Secrets of the Shadow's past are revealed as he meets Houdini! The Shadow infiltrates sanctum of an esoteric society of murderous magicians who are hellbent on escaping the ultimate trap--death itself! In order to thwart their plans, though, he must evade twisted traps and solve spellbinding puzzles. A good--or evil--magician never reveals his secrets... but the Shadow knows.

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



**BLACK  
MARKET #1  
BOOM!**

Frank J. Barbieri, Victor Santos

Black Market mixes the visceral noir/pulp sensibilities of Frank J. Barbieri's Five Ghosts and Victor Santos' Filthy Rich with a truly modern take on superhero mythos.

Ray Willis is a broken man, a disgraced medical examiner making ends meet by preparing corpses at a funeral parlor. His scientific genius is being wasted... that is, until his estranged criminal brother Denny shows up on his doorstep, supposedly cleaned up and proposing a onceinalifetime partnership to cure not just cancer, but all disease. The catch? It exists within the DNA of superheroes.

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



**CHASTITY #1  
DYNAMITE**

Marc Andreyko,  
Dave Acosta,  
Emanuela  
Lupacchino

In the 1980's and after a career-ending injury shatters her Olympic dreams, 17 year-old Chastity Marks finds an escape in a popular series of vampire novels... but little does she know that the novels conceal a secret underworld of blood, agony, and death - a world that she will be dragged into kicking and screaming. The classic Chaos! character returns - reimagined, rebooted, and ready for blood! Join fan-favorite scribe Marc Andreyko (Batwoman, Torso, Manhunter) and artist Dave Acosta for the blood-curdling adventures of a girl who is most definitely not your father's vampire!

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



**EVIL  
WITHIN #1  
TITAN**

Ian Edginton, Alex  
Sanchez, Ben  
Templesmith

Spun from the new survival horror game The Evil Within from Bethesda Softworks this all-new prequel invites readers to experience the deranged world created by Shinji Mikami.

Writer Ian Edginton (Scarlet Traces, Victorian Undead) and artist Alex Sanchez (Katana) present the story of a young student, Dana, whose search for a missing friend leads straight into a world fraught with tension and unimaginable horrors.

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



**TOM  
CLANCY'S  
SPLINTER  
CELL:  
ECHOES #1  
DYNAMITE**

Nathan  
Edmondson,  
Marc Laming

Sam Fisher, once a Splinter Cell - a clandestine operative operating in the shadows of the NSA - is now retired. Haunted by dreams and memories of his past, he struggles to put his life back together. But when a mysterious terrorist organization called Krowe begins pursuing targets around the globe, Sam's expertise is needed to uncover their endgame and stop them before the deadly plot unfolds.

From Nathan Edmondson (Ultimate Iron Man, Who Is Jake Ellis The Activity) and Marc Laming (Exile On The Planet Of The Apes, The Rinse, The Activity, Kings Watch) comes a story of the Sam Fisher you only thought you knew.

In Shops: **02/07/2014**



**ARMOR  
HUNTERS:  
HARBINGER #1  
VALIANT**

Joshua Dysart,  
Robert Gill, Lewis  
LaRosa

Earth is besieged by alien enforcers, and some of the most powerful people on the planet... are the kids!

The Harbinger Renegades are still reeling from a tragic death in their ranks, but in the face of monumental destruction they'll find unlikely allies in a fellow group of super-powerful teenagers. But is Generation Zero here to help...or just looking out for themselves?

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

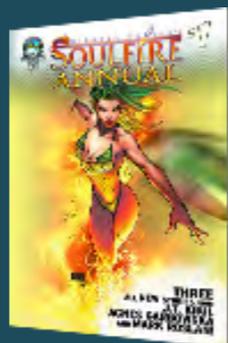


**GFT:  
TALES OF  
TERROR #1  
ZENESCOPE**

Ralph Tedesco,  
Antonio Bifulco,  
Richard Ortiz

Inspired by Tales From the Crypt, Twilight Zone, and Creep Show, Zenescope goes back to its roots of horror as the publisher known for re-inventing classics delves into an entirely new bag of tricks. From Poe to Lovecraft to brand new Fables, these tales of terror are sure to creep you out in a whole new way!

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



**SOULFIRE  
ANNUAL #1  
ASPEN**

J. T. Krul, Agnes  
Garbowska, Lori  
Hanson, Michael  
Turner, Various

Michael Turner's Soulfire returns! Aspen's first ever Soulfire Annual arrives, jam-packed with three all new stories featuring some of the most popular characters in the Soulfire universe-and more! Join veteran Soulfire writer JT Krul as he presents a young Grace in a world long forgotten, full of dragons and danger! Fan favorite illustrator Agnes Garbowska debuts a new Soulfire story all her own, as she handles the writing and art duties in a special tale featuring Grace and several other Soulfire favorites! And BubbleGun creator Mark Roslan explodes onto the scene with a futuristic bank robbery that even the magic of Malakai may not be able to stop!

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

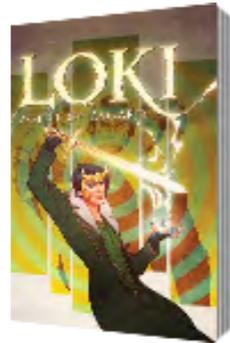


# INDIES

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JULY

# NOVEL IDEAS

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



**LOKI - AGENT OF ASGARD VOL.1: TRUST ME**  
MARVEL

Ewing, Garbett, Frison

Kid Loki's all grown up - and the God of Mischief is stronger, smarter, sexier and just plain sneakier than ever before. As Asgardia's one-man secret service, he's ready to lie, cheat, steal, bluff and snog his way through the twistiest, turniest and most treacherous missions the All-Mother can throw at him - starting with a heart-stopping heist on Avengers Tower!

Collecting Loki: Agent Of Asgard #1-5 and material from All-New Marvel Now! Point One #1.

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

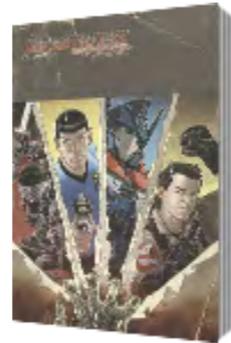


**FOREVER EVIL (HC)**  
DC

Johns, Finch, Friend

The Justice League is dead! And the villains shall inherit the Earth! In this new hardcover collecting the seven-issue miniseries, the Crime Syndicate takes over the DC Universe, and no one can stand in the way of them and complete domination - no one except for Lex Luthor!

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



**INFESTATION OMNIBUS**  
IDW

Abnett, Messina, Rodriguez, Various

Complete Infestation! A dimensions-spanning zombie outbreak and The Elder Gods of H.P. Lovecraft invade the worlds of CVO, The Transformers, G.I. JOE, Star Trek, Ghostbusters, 30 Days of Night, Dungeons & Dragons, and The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

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



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG VOL.1: COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS**  
ARCHIE

Flynn, Stanley

Moving at the speed of sound, keeping the world free from robotic tyranny, it's Sonic the Hedgehog! Spin-dashing directly out of the mega-smash Sonic/Mega Man: Worlds Collide story arc, "Countdown to Chaos" speeds into brand new comic book stories with new friends, new foes and new adventures! Sonic wakes up to a world and a life he doesn't recognize! It's up to him to gather up his friends and figure out what's been changed. Meanwhile, below his very feet, a new threat is threatening to burst out!

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



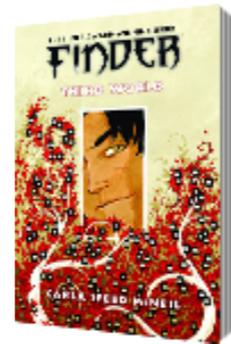
**SUPERMAN / WONDER WOMAN VOL.1: POWER COUPLE (HC)**  
DC

Soule, Daniel

Beginning a bold new series that looks at the relationship between The Man of Steel and the Amazon Princess, as writer Charles Soule (Swamp Thing) is joined by artist Tony S. Daniel (Detective Comics) to tell the tale of a romance that will shake the stars themselves. Some say love is a battlefield, but where Superman and Wonder Woman are concerned it spells Doomsday!

Collects Issues #1-6 of their new, blockbuster series.

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



**FINDER: THIRD WORLD**  
DARK HORSE

McNeil

There hasn't been a single place that Jaeger couldn't infiltrate, escape, or loot-until now! Award-winning creator Carla Speed McNeil and colorists Jenn Manley Lee and Bill Mudron create the very first full-color Finder graphic novel. Finder: Third World includes seventeen extra story pages and extensive annotations by McNeil!

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



**B.P.R.D.: HELL ON EARTH**  
DARK HORSE

Mignola, Arcudi, Harren

With Liz Sherman back in fiery action, two B.P.R.D. teams make their way through the monster-filled streets of the Manhattan wasteland in order to reach the Black Flame's fortress and take down his army.

Collects B.P.R.D. Hell on Earth #115-#119.

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



**KICK-ASS 3 (PREMIER HC)**  
MARVEL

Millar, Romita

The grand finale of Mark Millar and John Romita Jr.'s blockbuster!

With Hit-Girl in jail, it falls to Kick-Ass to lead the super-hero team Justice Forever. But super heroes have been outlawed, leaving Kick-Ass to dodge both cops and some terrifying new foes! Soon every costumed superhero is not only running from the law... they're running for their lives. Kick-Ass must decide if bringing justice to the city is truly worth the ultimate price.

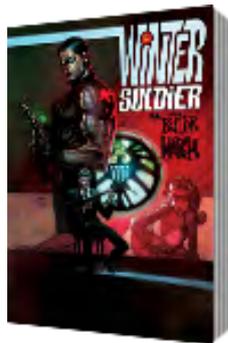
Collecting Kick-Ass 3 #1-8.

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



# NOVEL IDEAS

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



## WINTER SOLDIER: BITTER MARCH

MARVEL

Bendis, Adams, Various

The year is 1966. S.H.I.E.L.D. sends secret agent Ran Shen to collect two Nazi scientists with the key to winning the Cold War. But the Soviets want the scientists, as well, and they've unleashed their most dangerous operative: the Winter Soldier, aka the brainwashed and presumed-dead partner of Captain America - Bucky Barnes!

It's a classic '60s-style, high-octane spy pulp told at the Cold War's peak, filled with intrigue, adventure, romance and murder - with ramifications that will shatter relationships in the modern-day Marvel Universe!

Collecting Winter Soldier: The Bitter March #1-5.

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



## GHOST VOL.2: WHITE CITY BUTCHER

DARK HORSE

DeConnick, Sebela, Sook, Dodson, Varlous

After a painful encounter with a familiar face, Elisa Cameron finds herself torn between protecting her city and uncovering the mystery of her past life! Collects Ghost #1-4.

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



## BATMAN: EARTH ONE

DC

Johns, Frank, Sibal

The spectacular original graphic novel by writer Geoff Johns and artist Gary Frank, the acclaimed team behind Superman: Secret Origin!

In the tradition of Superman: Earth One, this tale gives new insight into Bruce Wayne's first year as the Dark Knight. In this all-new take on the Batman mythos, Bruce Wayne is on the hunt for his parents' killer. His target? The Mayor of Gotham City! Plus, who is Alfred Pennyworth - and why is he so determined to put an end to the Batman?

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



## SWEET TOOTH VOL.1: OUT OF THE WOODS

DC VERTIGO

Lemire

Jeff Lemire's acclaimed series introduces Gus, a rare new breed of human/animal hybrid who was raised in isolation following a pandemic that struck a earlier. Now he's left to fend for himself... until he meets a hulking drifter named Jepperd and they set out on a post-apocalyptic journey into the devastated American landscape to find 'The Preserve,' a refuge for hybrids.



## DEADPOOL VS CARNAGE

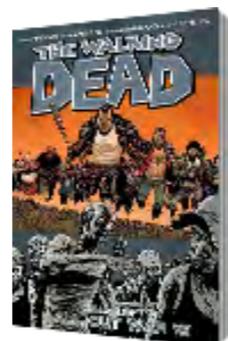
MARVEL

Bunn, Espin, Jacinto, Fabry

Come one, come all, for the bloodiest showdown the Marvel Universe has ever seen! It's two red-suited madmen for the price of one when Deadpool takes on Carnage in the ultimate battle of good-crazy vs. bad-crazy! Will Carnage spread Deadpool all over the landscape? Or will Deadpool talk the scarlet sociopath's ear off? Find out in this blood-soaked brouhaha for the ages! Plus: Cletus Kasady is behind bars, and the Carnage symbiote is in quarantine! But we all know that's never going to last, right? It's time to get the band back together!

Collecting Deadpool Vs. Carnage #1-4 and Superior Carnage Annual #1.

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



## WALKING DEAD VOL.21: ALL OUT WAR - PART 2

IMAGE

Kirkman, Rathburn

Alexandria has been destroyed. Can Rick rally the other communities against Negan's army?

Collects Walking Dead #121-126.

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



## WITCHER VOL.1

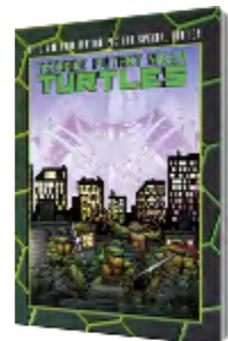
DARK HORSE

Tobin, Querio, Mignola

Traveling near the edge of the Black Forest, monster hunter Geralt meets a widowed fisherman whose dead and murderous wife resides in an eerie mansion known as the House of Glass-a labyrinth of endless rooms with nothing to fill them, and horror around every corner.

Collects the entire miniseries.

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



## TMNT: ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE (SP ED HC)

IDW

Laird, Eastman

Taking it back to where the motion picture history of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles started! Relive the classic 1990 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movie with this collection of the original adaption presented in all-new color. Also includes the 62-page roughs from Kevin Eastman, as well as the "cut scenes" that were added back into the Mirage edition. The perfect companion to the ever-growing library of Eastman Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles hardcovers!

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





# BIFF'S BIT

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## HARVEY PEKAR

Harvey Pekar is renowned for his series of autobiographical comic books, American Splendour. These stories cover Pekar's life in Cleveland, Ohio. We see his work at a Veterans administration hospital, his relationships with colleagues and patients, using the unique meld of words and pictures that only comics can offer to really illuminate the everyday in an interesting and thought provoking way.

In May's Previews from publishers 'Hill and Wang' comes a really thought provoking memoir, '**Not The Israel My Parents Promised Me**'. He recounts the entire history of the Jews to explain how he lost his faith in the state of Israel. He grew up a staunch supporter of the Jewish State but over the course of his life became disaffected with the modern state of Israel.

Personally I have always found it unbelievable that a nation that has suffered persecution for thousands of years can be inflicting similar actions upon the Palestinians.

This book is on my 'must buy' list and I look forward to the July release.

If you are politically minded or just want to see how the medium of comics can be used to full effect, pre-order this or make a note to visit your

# PEKAR, FCBD & NAME DROPPING

local comic book store for it in July.

Pekar is normally published by Dark Horse or DC Comics but I suspect that the contentious content of this book has meant he has had to look elsewhere for a publisher. To examine and contradict the accepted Jewish viewpoint of Israel will be much like questioning the Islamic faith. Strong feelings will be raised.

## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

This annual event has now become not only a massively successful and important day in the comic world's calendar, but a renewal of my faith in the paper medium of comics versus digital.

With a queue through the Colchester shop and one hundred yards up the road to our local Cash Converters

store, hundreds of local fans came to claim their yearly freebies. Every year I get in more FCBD comics and every year we manage to run out by about 2.30pm.

Naturally a few people just turn up to claim the free comics and then disappear for the year, but the majority hang around and queue to dip into the thousands of 50p comics and this year's bargain £1 graphic novels. Once again we had a large number of 12 to 15 year olds, some with parents, attending for the first time. They not only bought 50p comics, but also browsed through the massive (30,000) selection of normally priced back issues and with such a joy and excitement that it made this, now old, man's heart swell with pleasure that our hobby can give so much.

Combined with art competitions, zombie make-up and a maniacal

Joker, plus good weather, this is one of my favourite times of the year.

If you didn't make it to Colchester, Glasgow or Southend please, please, please try for next year. You will not be disappointed. Remember the comics are only free if you visit a comic shop!

## NAME DROPPING

Walking through town yesterday, deep in thought and not really looking at people as they passed, I was pulled from my own meandering thoughts by a hearty yell of "Hello, how are you doing?" A gentleman was coming towards me, his hand out to shake my hand. It was only Pat Mills, one of the godfathers of British comics (Slaine, ABC Warriors, Marshall Law, Requiem and editor of Battle Action to name but a few of his credits).

Back, when fifteen years old and scouring the newsagents for both US and UK comics, I would have laughed if someone had told me that, in my later life, creators I admired and whose work I sort out would one day greet me in the street on first name terms.

I know it is name dropping, but that brief meeting made me smile for a day. I hope you all have something in the next month that affects you in the same way. Drop me a line if you do. Maybe the first time your child says "Daddy" or "Make mine Marvel"!

See you next month.



# TOP 20 GRAPHIC NOVELS

THE BESTSELLING GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR APRIL 2014...



## 1 - SEX CRIMINALS VOL.1 (IMAGE)

Matt Fraction, Chip Zdarsky

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

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The second volume of the most exciting new book in the industry is here!

## 4 - SAGA VOL.1 (MR) (IMAGE)

Brian K. Vaughan's Saga is the sweeping tale of one young family fighting to find their place in the worlds.

## 5 - AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: FAMILY BUSINESS (OGN) (MARVEL)

This all-new, original graphic novel features the web-slinger's darkest hour - and greatest triumph!

## 6 - GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL.1: COSMIC AVENGERS (MARVEL)

Why wait for the movie? It all starts here!

## 7 - JOKER: DEATH OF THE FAMILY (DC)

The Joker makes his horrifying return!

## 8 - SAGA VOL.2 (MR) (IMAGE)

Collecting the epic second storyline of the smash hit series.

## 9 - PRETTY DEADLY VOL.1 (IMAGE)

Kelly Sue DeConnick and Emma Ríos present the collected opening arc of their surprise-hit series.

## 10 - WALKING DEAD VOL.1: DAYS GONE BYE (IMAGE)

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