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## American Comic Book Chronicles: The 1990s

*TwoMorrows Publishing The 1990s was the decade when Marvel Comics sold 8.1 million copies of an issue of the X-Men, saw its superstar creators form their own company, cloned Spider-Man, and went bankrupt. The 1990s was when Superman died, Batman had his back broken, and the runaway success of Neil Gaiman's Sandman led to DC Comics' Vertigo line of adult comic books. It was the decade of gimmicky covers, skimpy costumes, and mega-crossovers. But most of all, the 1990s was the decade when companies like Image, Valiant and Malibu published million-selling comic books before the industry experienced a shocking and rapid collapse. American Comic Book Chronicles: The 1990s is a year-by-year account of the comic book industry during the Bill Clinton years. This full-color hardcover volume documents the comic book industry's most significant publications, most notable creators, and most impactful trends from that decade. Written by Keith Dallas and Jason Sacks.*

## Comic Book Creator #17

*TwoMorrows Publishing COMIC BOOK CREATOR #17 (bonus-size 100 pages) takes a look at the legacy and influence of WALLACE WOOD, one of the greatest comic book artists the world has even known, with a heartfelt look about Woody's career, as well as a gallery of little-seen work. Included is an extended interview with former "Woodworker" RALPH REESE, one of the finest artists to emerge out from under Woody's wing and into a superlative career in the 1970s, whether on Marvel's horror comics, upon the pages of National Lampoon, or in the underground realm. Plus we have a long chat with cover artist HILARY BARTA, from his early years as Marvel inker, fondly-recalled PLASTIC MAN, rise with "stupid" Image Comics and America's Best collaborations with Alan Moore, to his current work for Plankton Comics. And, of course, CBC includes its usual informative features, including the humor of HEMBECK! Edited by JON B. COOKE.*

## American Comic Book Chronicles: 1940-1944

*TwoMorrows Publishing The American Comic Book Chronicles continues its ambitious series of FULL-COLOR HARDCOVERS, where TwoMorrows' top authors document every decade of comic book history from the 1940s to today! Kurt Mitchell and editor Roy Thomas composed this volume about the "Golden Age" of the comic book industry, a period that presented the earliest adventures of such iconic super-heroes as Batman, Captain Marvel, Superman, and Wonder Woman. It was a time when America's entry into World War II was presaged by the arrival of such patriotic do-gooders as Will Eisner's Uncle Sam, Harry Shorten and Irv Novick's The Shield, and Joe Simon and Jack Kirby's Captain America. It was when teenage culture found expression in a fumbling red-haired high school student named Archie Andrews. But most of all, the first five years of the 1940s was the age of the "packagers" when studios headed by men like Harry A Chesler, Will Eisner, and Jerry Iger churned out material for a plethora of new comic book companies that published the entire gamut of genres, from funny animal stories to crime tales to jungle sagas to science-fiction adventures. These are just a few of the events chronicled in this exhaustive, full-color hardcover. Taken together, American Comic Book Chronicles forms a cohesive, linear overview of the entire landscape of comics history, sure to be an invaluable resource for ANY comic book enthusiast!*

## Comic Book Creator #18

*TwoMorrows Publishing COMIC BOOK CREATOR #18 features a career-spanning and downright philosophical discussion with STEVE "THE DUDE" RUDE, the Eisner Award-winning artist who got his start back in 1981 as co-creator of intergalactic executioner Nexus. The "eternal art student" (heavily influenced by Jack Kirby, Alex Toth, Russ Manning, and legendary art instructor Andrew Loomis) shares his real-life psychological struggles, the challenges of freelance subsistence, and his creative aspirations. Also: The jungle art of NEAL ADAMS (whose artistry has graced many a TARZAN cover)! Cartoonist MARY FLEENER talks about her forthcoming graphic novel Billie the Bee and her comix career! Part Three of Michael Aushenker's enormous RICH BUCKLER interview! A comprehensive chat with the late Golden Age artist FRANK BORTH about his long friendship with Reed Crandall and his work at Quality and Treasure Chest Comics, and syndicated comic strip work. Plus HEMBECK and other fun features, all in our new full-color 100-page format. NOTE: Contains mild nudity for figure-drawing demonstration; suggested for Mature Readers Only.*

## American Comic Book Chronicles: 1960-64

*TwoMorrows Publishing The American Comic Book Chronicles is an ambitious new series of FULL-COLOR HARDCOVERS, where TwoMorrows' top authors document every decade of comic book history from the 1940s to today! John Wells leads off with the first of two volumes on the 1960s, covering all the pivotal moments and behind-the-scenes details of comics in the JFK and Beatles era! You'll get a year-by-year account of the most significant publications, notable creators, and impactful trends, including: DC Comics' rebirth of Green Lantern, Hawkman, and others, and the launch of Justice League of America and multiple earths! Stan Lee and Jack Kirby's transformation of superhero comics with the debut of Marvel's Fantastic Four, Spider-Man, Hulk, X-Men, Avengers, and other iconic characters! Plus Batman gets a "new look", the Blue Beetle is revamped at Charlton Comics, and Creepy #1 brings horror back to comic book form, just as Harvey's "kid" comics are booming! These are just a few of the events chronicled in this exhaustive, full-color hardcover. Taken together, the series forms a cohesive, linear overview of the entire landscape of comics history, sure to be an invaluable resource for ANY comic book enthusiast!*

## Jim Shooter

### Conversations

*Univ. Press of Mississippi As an American comic book writer, editor, and businessman, Jim Shooter (b. 1951) remains among the most important figures in the history of the medium. Starting in 1966 at the age of fourteen, Shooter, as the young protégé of verbally abusive DC editor Mort Weisinger, helped introduce themes and character development more commonly associated with DC competitor Marvel Comics. Shooter created several characters for the Legion of Super-Heroes, introduced Superman's villain the Parasite, and jointly devised the first race between the Flash and Superman. When he later ascended to editor-in-chief at Marvel Comics, the company, indeed the medium as a whole, was moribund. Yet by the time Shooter left the company a mere decade later, the industry had again achieved considerable commercial viability, with Marvel dominating the market. Shooter enjoyed many successes during his tenure, such as Chris Claremont and John Byrne's run on the Uncanny X-Men, Byrne's work on the Fantastic Four, Frank Miller's Daredevil stories, Walt Simonson's crafting of Norse mythology in Thor, and Roger Stern's runs on Avengers and The Amazing Spider-Man, as well as his own successes writing Secret Wars and Secret Wars II. After a rift at Marvel, Shooter then helped lead Valiant Comics into one of the most iconic comic book companies of the 1990s, before moving to start-up companies Defiant and Broadway Comics. Included here is a 1969 interview that shows a restless teenager; the 1973 interview that returned Shooter to comics; a discussion from 1980 during his pinnacle at Marvel; and two conversations from his time at Valiant and Defiant Comics. At the close, an extensive, original interview encompasses Shooter's full career.*

## Mark Gruenwald and the Star Spangled Symbolism of Captain America, 1985-1995

*McFarland From 1985 to 1995, Mark Gruenwald was the head writer for Captain America. During this decade, Gruenwald wrote some of the most essential stories in Captain America's history and guided the comic through an eventful period of both world history and comic book history. This book dissects the influence of the world at large on Gruenwald's stories and the subsequent influence of Gruenwald's work on the world of comics. The book's ten chapters discuss a wide range of topics including the generational tensions inherent in a comic about a G.I. Generation hero, written by a baby boomer, for an audience of Gen Xers; the enduring threat of the Red Skull and the never-ending aura of World War II; the rising popularity of vigilante characters during the '90s; and how Captain America fits into the war on drugs and its "just say no" mentality. Set against the declining American patriotism of the 1980s and 1990s, this book places special emphasis on the symbolism of the most American*

of superheroes.

## The World of TwoMorrows

*TwoMorrows Publishing* In 1994, amidst the boom-&-bust of comic book speculators, *The Jack Kirby Collector #1* was published for true fans of the medium. That modest labor of love spawned *TwoMorrows Publishing*, today's premier purveyor of publications about comics and pop culture. Celebrate our 25th anniversary with this special retrospective look at the company that changed fandom forever! Co-edited by and featuring publisher John Morrow and *Comic Book Artist/Comic Book Creator* magazine's Jon B. Cooke, it gives the inside story and behind-the-scenes details of a quarter-century of looking at the past in a whole new way. Also included are *Back Issue* magazine's Michael Eury, *Alter Ego's* Roy Thomas, George Khoury (author of *Kimota!*, *Extraordinary Works of Alan Moore*, and other books), Mike Manley (*Draw!* magazine), Eric Nolen-Weathington (*Modern Masters*), and a host of other comics luminaries who've contributed to *TwoMorrows'* output over the years. From their first Eisner Award-winning book *Streetwise*, through their *BrickJournal* *Lego®* magazine, up to today's *RetroFan* magazine, every major *TwoMorrows* publication and contributor is covered with the same detail and affection the company gives to its books and magazines. With an Introduction by Mark Evanier, Foreword by Alex Ross, Afterword by Paul Levitz, and a new cover by Tom McWeeney!

## Draw #35

*TwoMorrows Publishing* *Draw #35* travels from King's Landing and the Mother of all Dragons to Middle Earth and all worlds in between with multiple award-winning (Hugo, Society of Illustrators, World Fantasy, Spectrum Gold) fantasy and sci-fi illustrator and fine artist, Donato Giancola. Then we take to the wild blue yonder with ace artist George Pratt (*Enemy Ace: War Idyll*, *Batman: Harvest Breed*)—a comic book artist, illustrator, fine artist, and teacher with a long and illustrious career. Plus we'll have our regular line-up of columnists on hand: Crusty Critic Jamar Nicholas, Jerry Ordway (demonstrating the "ORD-way" of drawing), and *Draw!* editor Mike Manley and Bret Blevins with another installment of "Comic Art Bootcamp". So join us on another epic quest in the never-ending search for artistic knowledge! NOTE: Contains mild nudity for figure-drawing instruction; suggested for Mature Readers Only.

## Alter Ego #152

*TwoMorrows Publishing* *ALTER EGO #152* (100 pages, \$9.95) presents LARRY IVIE—maybe the most important Silver Age comic book artist/writer you never heard of! He conceived (and named!) the Justice League of America—he helped develop the T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents—he brought EC art greats to the world of Edgar Rice Burroughs—and he created *Monsters and Heroes*, one of the first magazines ever to bridge the gap between fan and pro! Artist/friend SANDY PLUNKETT chronicles this unsung star's career, with art by WOOD, FRAZETTA, CRANDALL, KRENKEL, DOOLIN, and others—plus rarely-seen and never-seen Ivie art and story pages spotlighting Justice League, Hawkman, The Atom, Sandman, and Superman! Plus FCA, MICHAEL T. GILBERT, BILL SCHELLY, and more! Edited by ROY THOMAS.

## Alter Ego #153

*TwoMorrows Publishing* Remembering Fabulous FLO STEINBERG, Stan Lee's gal Friday during the Marvel Age of Comics—with anecdotes and essays by pros and friends who knew and loved her! Rare Marvel art, Flo's successor ROBIN GREEN interviewed by RICHARD ARNDT about her time at Marvel, and Robin's 1971 article on Marvel for *ROLLING STONE* magazine! Plus FCA, MICHAEL T. GILBERT, BILL SCHELLY, and more!

## Back Issue #105

*TwoMorrows Publishing* DEADLY HANDS ISSUE! Histories of Iron Fist, Master of Kung Fu, Yang, the Bronze Tiger, Hands of the Dragon, NEAL ADAMS' Armor, Marvel's Deadly Hands of Kung Fu mag, & Hong Kong Phooey! Plus Muhammad Ali in toons and toys. Featuring JOHN BYRNE, CHRIS CLAREMONT, STEVE ENGLEHART, PAUL GULACY, LARRY HAMA, DOUG MOENCH, DENNY O'NEIL, JIM STARLIN, & others. Classic EARL NOREM cover!

## Back Issue #106

*TwoMorrows Publishing BACK ISSUE #106 (84 FULL-COLOR pages, \$8.95) finds a "Golden Age in Bronze," with the '70s Justice Society revival! Two Pro2Pro interviews: All-Star Squadron's ROY THOMAS, JERRY ORDDAY, and ARVELL JONES (with a bonus RICK HOBERG interview), and The Spectre's JOHN OSTRANDER and TOM MANDRAKE. A new rotating department debuts: "UnKnown Marvel," featuring Marvel UK rarities, this issue revealing BOB LAYTON's first work for the House of Ideas. Plus: Liberty Legion, Air Wave, Jonni Thunder, Crimson Avenger, and the Spectre revival of '87! Featuring GENE COLAN, GERRY CONWAY, KEITH GIFFEN, DICK GIORDANO, PAUL LEVITZ, DOUG MOENCH, BOB ROZAKIS, DANN THOMAS, WALLACE WOOD, and many more, with a JSA cover by JOE STATON. Edited by MICHAEL EURY.*

## Comic Book Creator #19

*TwoMorrows Publishing Celebrating the greatest fantasy artist of all time, FRANK FRAZETTA! From THUN'DA and EC COMICS to CREEPY, EERIE, and VAMPIRELLA, Steve Ringgenberg and CBC's editor present an historical retrospective, including insights by current creators and associates, and memories of the man himself. PLUS: Frazetta-inspired artists JOE JUSKO, and TOM GRINDBERG, who contributes our Death Dealer cover painting!*

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## Back Issue #108

*TwoMorrows Publishing Get ready for the Aquaman movie with this special Aquaman issue, BACK ISSUE #108 (84 FULL-COLOR pages)! Swim through Bronze Age Aquaman team-ups and merchandise, the post-Crisis Aquaman, Aqualad: From Titan to Tempest, a Black Manta villain history, PETER DAVID and ESTEBAN MAROTO's Atlantis Chronicles, and Greatest Stories Never Told looks at the original Aquaman #57 and the unproduced Aquaman animated movie. Bonus article: Elite Comics' rarity, Seadragon! Featuring JIM APARO, JIM CALAFIORE, MARTIN EGELAND, STEVE EPTING, CRAIG HAMILTON, DAN JURGENS, SHAUN McLAUGHLIN, DAVID MICHELINIE, JEROME K. MOORE, STEVE SKEATES, MARV WOLFMAN, and more. Plus an Aquaman cover by ERIC SHANOWER. Edited by MICHAEL EURY.*

## Jack Kirby Collector #74

*TwoMorrows Publishing Travel through the ages in JACK KIRBY COLLECTOR #74, the FUTUREPAST issue! Set course for "The World That Was," documenting Jack's work from Caveman days to the Wild West, behind a Kirby Bullseye cover inked by BILL WRAY! And transport yourself to "The World That's Here" for Kirby's visions of the future that became reality! This issue spotlights both eras, plus an interview with Rascally ROY THOMAS about Jack's work, a rare Kirby interview, MARK EVANIER moderating the biggest Kirby Tribute Panel of all time, pencil art galleries, and more! Edited by JOHN MORROW.*

# Icons of the American Comic Book

## From Captain America to Wonder Woman

*ABC-CLIO* This book explores how the heroes and villains of popular comic books—and the creators of these icons of our culture—reflect the American experience out of which they sprang, and how they have achieved relevance by adapting to, and perhaps influencing, the evolving American character. \* Includes contributions from 70 expert contributors and leading scholars in the field, with some of the entries written with the aid of popular comic book creators themselves \* Provides sidebars within each entry that extend readers' understanding of the subject \* Offers "Essential Works" and "Further Reading" recommendations \* Includes a comprehensive bibliography

## A Complete History of American Comic Books

*Peter Lang* This book is an updated history of the American comic book by an industry insider. You'll follow the development of comics from the first appearance of the comic book format in the Platinum Age of the 1930s to the creation of the superhero genre in the Golden Age, to the current period, where comics flourish as graphic novels and blockbuster movies. Along the way you will meet the hustlers, hucksters, hacks, and visionaries who made the American comic book what it is today. It's an exciting journey, filled with mutants, changelings, atomized scientists, gamma-ray accidents, and supernaturally empowered heroes and villains who challenge the imagination and spark the secret identities lurking within us.

## 1979-1990

*Walter de Gruyter*

## Steve Gerber

## Conversations

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## The Ages of the Black Panther

## Essays on the King of Wakanda in Comic Books

*McFarland Black Panther was the first black superhero in mainstream comic books, and his most iconic adventures are analyzed here. This collection of new essays explores Black Panther's place in the Marvel universe, focusing on the comic books. With topics ranging from the impact apartheid and the Black Panther Party had on the comic to theories of gender and animist imagery, these essays analyze individual storylines and situate them within the socio-cultural framework of the time periods in which they were created, drawing connections that deepen understanding of both popular culture and the movements of society. Supporting characters such as Everett K. Ross and T'Challa's sister Shuri are also considered. From his creation in 1966 by Jack Kirby and Stan Lee up through the character's recent adventures by Ta-Nehisi Coates and Brian Stelfreeze, more than fifty years of the Black Panther's history are addressed.*

## Of Comics and Men

## A Cultural History of American Comic Books

*Univ. Press of Mississippi Originally published in France and long sought in English translation, Jean-Paul Gabilliet's *Of Comics and Men: A Cultural History of American Comic Books* documents the rise and development of the American comic book industry from the 1930s to the present. The book intertwines aesthetic issues and critical biographies with the concerns of production, distribution, and audience reception, making it one of the few interdisciplinary studies of the art form. A thorough introduction by translators and comics scholars Bart Beaty and Nick Nguyen brings the book up to date with explorations of the latest innovations, particularly the graphic novel. The book is organized into three sections: a concise history of the evolution of the comic book form in America; an overview of the distribution and consumption of American comic books, detailing specific controversies such as the creation of the Comics Code in the mid-1950s; and the problematic legitimization of the form that has occurred recently within the academy and in popular discourse. Viewing comic books from a variety of theoretical lenses, Gabilliet shows how seemingly disparate issues—creation, production, and reception—are in fact connected in ways that are not necessarily true of other art forms. Analyzing examples from a variety of genres, this book provides a thorough landmark overview of American comic books that sheds new light on this versatile art form.*

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## Science Fiction Television Series, 1990–2004

## Histories, Casts and Credits for 58 Shows

*McFarland This is a detailed examination of 58 science fiction television series produced between 1990 and 2004, from the popular *The X-Files* to the many worlds of *Star Trek* (*The Next Generation* onward), as well as *Andromeda*, *Babylon 5*, *Firefly*, *Quantum Leap*, *Stargate Atlantis* and *SG-1*, among others. A chapter on each series includes essential production information; a history of the series; critical commentary; and amusing, often provocative interviews with overall more than 150 of the creators, actors, writers and directors. The book also offers updates on each series' regular cast members, along with several photographs and a bibliography. Fully indexed.*

## Anti-Foreign Imagery in American Pulp and Comic Books, 1920-1960

McFarland *"This book's purpose is to demonstrate, via the examination of popular youth literature from the 1920s through to the 1950s, that the stories therein drew their definitions of heroism and villainy from an overarching, nativist fear of outsiders that had existed before the Great War, but intensified afterwards"*--Provided by publisher.

## Africana

## The Encyclopedia of the African and African American Experience

Oxford University Press, USA *In this newly expanded edition, more than 4,000 articles cover prominent African and African American individuals, events, trends, places, political movements, art forms, businesses, religions, ethnic groups, organizations, countries, and more.*

## Kiss Me, Deadly

Signet Book *"Mickey Spillane sizzles as he belts out a murder-and-mayhem bestseller that pits Mike Hammer against the Mafia in a saga of sex and violence that will leave you gasping."* --

## Dick Tracy and American Culture

## Morality and Mythology, Text and Context

McFarland *In October 1931, Dick Tracy made his debut on the pages of the Detroit Mirror. Since then America's most famous crime fighter has tangled with a variety of protagonists from locations as diverse as the inner city and outer space, all the time maintaining the moral high ground while reflecting American popular culture. Through extensive research and interviews with Chester Gould (the creator of "Dick Tracy"), his assistants, Dick Locher (the current artist), Max Allan Collins (who scripted the stories for more than 15 years) and many others associated with the strip, Dick Tracy as a cultural icon emerges. The strips use of both innovative and established police methods and the true-to-life portrayals of Tracy's family and fellow cops are detailed. The artists behind the strip are fully revealed and Dick Tracy paraphernalia and the 1990 movie Dick Tracy are discussed. Dick Tracy's appearances in other media--books, comics, radio, movie serials, "B" movies, television dramas, and animated cartoons--are fully covered.*

## Maximizing the Impact of Comics in Your Library: Graphic Novels, Manga, and More

ABC-CLIO *This unique guide offers fresh insights on how graphic novels and comics differ from traditional books and require different treatment in the library—from purchasing, shelving, and cataloging to readers' advisory services, programs, and curriculum. Challenging librarians to rethink some of their traditional practices, Maximizing the Impact of Comics in Your Library provides creative and proven solutions for libraries of all types that want to get comics into the hands of fans and promote readership. The author describes how libraries would benefit from an in-house classification system and organization that accounts for both publishers and series. In addition, acquiring comics can often be tricky due to renumbering of series, reboots, shifting creative teams, and more—this book shows you how to work around those obstacles. Shelving and displays that reflect comic readers' browsing habits, creative programs that boost circulation of comics and graphic novels, and how comics can play a vital role in educational institutions are also covered. • Addresses common challenges librarians face with comics and graphic novels collections, and shows how to surmount them • Offers a solutions-focused approach • Describes how comics can be used to better engage your community and to educate youth • Fills a gap in the professional literature, covering topics not touched upon in the existing literature • Serves as a vital resource for public, academic, and school libraries*

## The Great Depression in America

### A Cultural Encyclopedia

*Greenwood Publishing Group Everything from Amos 'n' Andy to zeppelins is included in this two-volume encyclopedia of popular culture during the Great Depression era. Two hundred entries explore the entertainments, amusements, and people of the United States during the difficult years of the 1930s.*

## The Oxford Handbook of Comic Book Studies

*Oxford University Press, USA The Oxford Handbook of Comic Book Studies examines the history and evolution of the visual narrative genre from a global perspective. The Handbook brings together readable, jargon-free essays written by established and emerging scholars from diverse geographic, institutional, gender, and national backgrounds.*

## Wonder Woman: The War Years 1941-1945

*Chartwell Books New compilation of comic books from the early years of Wonder Woman detailing her involvement in WW2. First time ever look at Wonder Woman in this view of war. Wonder Woman, created in 1941, is the most popular female superhero of all time. Aside from Superman and Batman, no superhero has lasted as long or commanded such a passionate following.*

## Beyond Bergman: The New Age of Independent and Foreign Films, 1990-2009

*Lulu.com In "Beyond Bergman," film reviewer Brad Koplowitz, best known for his movie maven website, has compiled for the first time reviews of the best independent and foreign films from 1990-2009. "Beyond Bergman" will open your eyes to a new age of contemporary cinema where you can forget Hollywood and discover over 400 great, little known screen gems.*

## Sport in American Culture: From Ali to X-Games

### From Ali to X-Games

*ABC-CLIO A unique and timely exploration of the cultural impact of sport on American society, including lifestyles, language, and thinking. Sport in American Culture is the first and only reference work to provide an in-depth and up-to-date exploration of sport and its impact on American culture. Essays from more than 200 scholars, professionals, and sports enthusiasts address how sport has changed our lifestyles, language, and thinking. Arranged alphabetically, the work introduces key sport figures and national icons, with a focus on their cultural impact, examines individual sports and how they have influenced society, and discusses such phenomena as the billion-dollar athletic apparel industry, sport as big business, and the effect of sport on gender, racial views, pride, and nationalism. In addition to expected topics, the work also includes less studied areas such as myths, audience rituals, Wheaties, comic books, the hula hoop, and religion. 400 A-Z entries covering a wealth of topics, including sports heroes, artifacts of sport, culture of consumption, racial discrimination, and gender 200+ distinguished contributors, including academics and professionals from a wide variety of fields Lavish illustrations and photographs support the subject areas and examples covered Extensive bibliographic information with individual reading suggestions for further study*

## Comics, Graphic Novels, and Manga

## The Ultimate Teen Guide

*Rowman & Littlefield* This book provides a history of comic books, graphic novels, and manga, detailing the origins of each and providing an overview of their significance to young adult readers.

## The American Superhero: Encyclopedia of Caped Crusaders in History

*ABC-CLIO* This compilation of essential information on 100 superheroes from comic book issues, various print and online references, and scholarly analyses provides readers all of the relevant material on superheroes in one place. • Examines in detail how superheroes and superheroines have appeared in comics and other media over the decades • Shows how superheroes and superheroines have reflected the hopes, fears, and values of American society at any given period • Provides scholarly material that gives readers additional important historical context in five essays • Ensures that diverse and obscure superheroes and superheroines are given equal coverage

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## The LGBTQ+ Comics Studies Reader

### Critical Openings, Future Directions

*Univ. Press of Mississippi* Contributions by Michelle Ann Abate, William S. Armour, Alison Bechdel, Jennifer Camper, Tesla Cariani, Matthew Cheney, Hillary Chute, Edmond (Edo) Ernest dit Alban, Ramzi Fawaz, Margaret Galvan, Justin Hall, Alison Halsall, Lara Hedberg, Susanne Hochreiter, Sheena C. Howard, Rebecca Hutton, remus jackson, Keiko Miyajima, Chinmay Murali, Marina Rauchenbacher, Katharina Serles, Sathyaraj Venkatesan, Jonathan Warren, and Lin Young *The LGBTQ+ Comics Studies Reader* explores the exemplary trove of LGBTQ+ comics that coalesced in the underground and alternative comix scenes of the mid-1960s and in the decades after. Through insightful essays and interviews with leading comics figures, volume contributors illuminate the critical opportunities, current interactions, and future directions of these comics. This heavily illustrated volume engages with the work of preeminent artists across the globe, such as Howard Cruse, Edie Fake, Justin Hall, Jennifer Camper, and Alison Bechdel, whose iconic artwork is reproduced within the volume. Further, it addresses and questions the possibilities of LGBTQ+ comics from various scholarly positions and multiple geographical vantages, covering a range of queer lived experience. Along the way, certain LGBTQ+ touchstones emerge organically and inevitably—pride, coming out, chosen families, sexual health, gender, risk, and liberation. Featuring comics figures across the gamut of the industry, from renowned scholars to emerging creators and webcomics artists, the reader explores a range of approaches to LGBTQ+ comics—queer history, gender and sexuality theory, memory studies, graphic medicine, genre studies, biography, and more—and speaks to the diversity of publishing forms and media that shape queer comics and their reading communities. Chapters trace the connections of LGBTQ+ comics from the panel, strip, comic book, graphic novel, anthology, and graphic memoir to their queer readership,

*the LGBTQ+ history they make visible, the often still quite fragile LGBTQ+ distribution networks, the coded queer intelligence they deploy, and the community-sustaining energy and optimism they conjure. Above all, The LGBTQ+ Comics Studies Reader highlights the efficacy of LGBTQ+ comics as a kind of common ground for creators and readers.*

## Comic Book Nation

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