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Official Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide Robert M. Overstreet 2003 Lists current prices for comic books and offers advice on collecting, storing, and selling them

Black Light L.B. Cole 2015-01-04 L.B. Cole created some of the most bizarre, proto-psychedelic, eye-popping comic book covers of all time, yet remarkably this is the first retrospective of his career, featuring the largest collection of Cole covers ever assembled, in an oversize format that showcases his attention to detail and his versatility in all the popular comic book genres of the day. Cole burst into comics during the glory years of the Golden Age of comics. He was famous for his bold covers, usually featuring "poster colors" ? brilliant primaries often over black backgrounds ? and an over-the-top sense of the bizarre mixed with whimsy. There's never been a comic book cover designer like L.B. Cole and there's never been a book like this one.

The Art Prophets Richard Polsky 2011-10-25 In *The Art Prophets*, Richard Polsky introduces us to influential late twentieth-century dealers and tastemakers in the art world. These risk takers opened doors for artists, identified new movements, and resurrected art forms that had fallen into obscurity. In this distinctive tour, Polsky offers an insightful and engaging dialog between artists and the visionaries who paved their way. Table of contents Ivan Karp and Pop Art Stan Lee and Comic Book Art Chet Helms, Bill Graham, and the Art of the Poster John Ollman and Outsider Art Joshua Baer and Native American Art Virginia Dwan and Earthworks Tod Volpe and Ceramics Jeffrey Fraenkel and Photography Louis Meisel and Photorealism Tony Shafrazi and Street Art

Icons of the American Comic Book Randy Duncan 2013-01 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

The Routledge Companion to Comics Frank Bramlett 2016-08-05 This cutting-edge handbook brings together an international roster of scholars to examine many facets of comics and graphic novels. Contributor essays provide authoritative, up-to-date overviews of the major topics and questions within comic studies, offering readers a truly global approach to understanding the field. Essays examine: the history of the temporal, geographical, and formal development of comics, including topics like art comics, manga, comix, and the comics code; issues such as authorship, ethics, adaptation, and translating comics connections between comics and other artistic media (drawing, caricature, film) as well as the linkages between comics and other academic fields like linguistics and philosophy; new perspectives on comics genres, from funny animal comics to war comics to romance comics and beyond. The Routledge Companion to Comics expertly organizes representative work from a range of disciplines, including media and cultural studies, literature, philosophy, and linguistics. More than an introduction to the study of comics, this book will serve as a crucial reference for anyone interested in pursuing research in the area, guiding students, scholars, and comics fans alike.

Radio Rides the Range Jack French 2013-11-05 This is a comprehensive encyclopedia to the more than 100 radio programs portraying the American West, in fact and fiction, heard by generations of listeners from the Great Depression through the Cold War era. The book includes both the popular and lesser known series, as well as would-be offerings that never made it past the audition stage. Each entry describes the series, the extent to which it was based on actual facts, the audience it was written for, and its broadcast history. The descriptions also examine how the programs reflected society's changing social and cultural attitudes towards racial and ethnic minorities and the role of women. The availability of surviving audio copies and original scripts is noted. An extensive bibliography and several appendices provide additional sources of information about Western programming during the Golden Age of Radio.

Comics Studies Charles Hatfield 2020-08-14 A concise introduction to one of today's fastest-growing, most exciting fields, *Comics Studies: A Guidebook* outlines core research questions and introduces comics' history, form, genres, audiences, and industries. Authored by a diverse roster of leading scholars, this Guidebook offers a perfect entryway to the world of comics scholarship.

Rare Books Uncovered Rebecca Rego Barry 2018-02-27 Precious old books found in unlikely places, from the family that avoided foreclosure through a book in their attic to a copy of the Nuremberg Chronicle in a local fundraiser.

Comics and the Origins of Manga Eike Exner 2021-11-12 Japanese comics, commonly known as manga, are a global sensation. Critics, scholars, and everyday readers have often viewed this artform through an Orientalist framework, treating manga as the exotic antithesis to American and European comics. In reality, the history of manga is deeply intertwined with Japan's avid importation of Western technology and popular culture in the early twentieth century. *Comics and the Origins of Manga* reveals how popular U.S. comics characters like Jiggs and Maggie, the Katzenjammer Kids, Felix the Cat, and Popeye achieved immense fame in Japan during the 1920s and 1930s. Modern comics had earlier developed in the United States in response to new technologies like motion pictures and sound recording, which revolutionized visual storytelling by prompting the invention of devices like speed lines and speech balloons. As audiovisual entertainment like movies and record players spread through Japan, comics followed suit. Their immediate popularity quickly encouraged Japanese editors and cartoonists to enthusiastically embrace the foreign medium and make it their own, paving the way for manga as we know it today. By challenging the conventional wisdom that manga evolved from centuries of prior Japanese art and explaining why manga and other comics around the world share the same origin story, *Comics and the Origins of Manga* offers a new understanding of this increasingly influential art form.

Comic Books Incorporated Shawna Kidman 2019-04-30 *Comic Books Incorporated* tells the story of the US comic book business, reframing the history of the medium through an industrial and transmedial lens. Comic books wielded their influence from the margins and in-between spaces of the entertainment business for half a century before moving to the center of mainstream film and television production. This extraordinary history begins at the medium's origin in the 1930s, when comics were a reviled, disorganized, and lowbrow mass medium, and surveys critical moments along the way—market crashes, corporate takeovers, upheavals in distribution, and financial transformations. Shawna Kidman concludes this revisionist history in the early 2000s, when Hollywood had fully incorporated comic book properties and strategies into its business models and transformed the medium into the heavily exploited, exceedingly corporate, and yet highly esteemed niche art form we know so well today.

Take That Adolf! Mark Fertig 2017-03-22 Between 1941 and 1945, Hitler was pummeled on comic book covers by everyone from Captain America to Wonder Woman. *Take That, Adolf!* is an oversized compilation of more than 500 stunningly restored comics covers published during World War II, featuring America's greatest super-villain. From Superman and Daredevil to propaganda and racism, *Take That, Adolf!* is a fascinating look at how legendary creators such as Joe Simon, Jack Kirby, Alex Schomburg, Will Eisner, and Lou Fine entertained millions of kids on the home front and buoyed the spirits of GIs fighting overseas by using Adolf Hitler as a punching bag.

The Official Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide, 1991-1992 Robert M. Overstreet 1991-05 Lists current prices for comic books and offers advice on collecting, storing, and selling them

Archie's Rivals in Teen Comics, 1940s-1970s Michelle Nolan 2020-05-22 This is the first book to comprehensively examine the multitude of non-Archie teen humor comic books, including girls and boys such as Patsy Walker, Hedy Wolfe, Buzz Baxter and Wendy Parker from Marvel; Judy Foster, Buzzy, Binky and Scribbly from DC; Candy from Quality Comics; and Hap Hazard from Ace Comics. It covers, often for the first time, the history of the characters, who drew them, why (or why not) they succeeded as rivals for the Archie Series, highlights of both unusual and typical stories and much more. The author provides major plotlines and a history of the development of each series. Much has been written about the Archie characters, but until now very little has been told about most of their many comic book competitors.

The Routledge Companion to Media Fandom Melissa A. Click 2017-11-03 The field of fan studies has seen exponential growth in recent years and this companion brings together an internationally and interdisciplinarily diverse group of established scholars to reflect on the state of the field and to point to new research directions. Engaging an impressive array of media texts and formats and incorporating a variety of methodologies, this collection is organized into six main sections: methods and ethics, technologies and practices, identities, race and transcultural fandom, industry, and futures. Each section concludes with a conversation among some of the field's leading scholars and industry insiders to address a wealth of questions relevant to each section topic.

The World of TwoMorrrows John Morrow 2020-04-08 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 TwoMorrrows 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 TwoMorrrows' 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 TwoMorrrows 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!

The Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide Robert M. Overstreet 2011 Presents 2011-2012 pricing information for thousands of comic books, a market review and forecast, tips for grading and maintaining a collection, more than two thousand black and white illustrations, and essays by experts on various topics.

Drawing Dead Pete Hautman 2013-05-07 After losing a poker hand to a sleazy stockbroker, an ex-cop must work to pay off his debt before cocaine, Joe Crow had a wife and a job with the Big River Police Department. Now he has neither—and he's left behind coke, too. Sober, quiet, and reflective, his only vice is poker. One night he gets into trouble, and winds up in debt to the drug-addled slimeball Dickie Wicky. As repayment, Crow agrees to do Dickie a favor. Dickie thinks his wife, a slender young thing called Catfish, is running around on him. He wants Crow to find her lover and pay him to leave her alone. But Catfish has charms and troubles of her own, and she will draw Crow into the underbelly of Minnesota—a world of drugs, murder, and the dangerous business of counterfeit comic books. This girl is one fish that Crow should have thrown back.

The Evolution of the Costumed Avenger: The 4,000-Year History of the Superhero Jess Nevins 2017-01-30 Using a broad array of historical and literary sources, this book presents an unprecedented detailed history of the superhero and its development across the course of human history. • Presents a concise but thorough history of the superhero comic industry, from the

1930s to today • Clearly describes the two main forms of the historical superhero, the Costumed Avenger and the Superman • Suggests a new way in which to evaluate superheroes and explains why this new methodology is important • Identifies and examines the ways in which superheroes have been present in popular literature since the beginning of human history
The Horror Comic Never Dies Michael Walton 2019-01-31 Horror comics were among the first comic books published—ghastly tales that soon developed an avid young readership, along with a bad reputation. Parent groups, psychologists, even the United States government joined in a crusade to wipe out the—and they almost succeeded. Yet the genre survived and flourished, from the 1950s to today. This history covers the tribulations endured by horror comics creators and the broader impact on the comics industry. The genre's ultimate success helped launch the careers of many of the biggest names in comics. Their stories and the stories of other key players are included, along with a few surprises.

Bertrand Russell and the Nature of Propositions Samuel Lebens 2017-05-25 Bertrand Russell and the Nature of Propositions offers the first book-length defence of the Multiple Relation Theory of Judgement (MRTJ). Although the theory was much maligned by Wittgenstein and ultimately rejected by Russell himself, Lebens shows that it provides a rich and insightful way to understand the nature of propositional content. In Part I, Lebens charts the trajectory of Russell's thought before he adopted the MRTJ. Part II reviews the historical story of the theory: What led Russell to deny the existence of propositions altogether? Why did the theory keep evolving throughout its short life? What role did G. F. Stout play in the evolution of the theory? What was Wittgenstein's concern with the theory, and if we can't know what his concern was exactly, then what are the best contending hypotheses? And why did Russell give the theory up? In Part III, Lebens makes the case that Russell's concerns with the theory weren't worth its rejection. Moreover, he argues that the MRTJ does most of what we could want from an account of propositions at little philosophical cost. This book bridges the history of early analytic philosophy with work in contemporary philosophy of language. It advances a bold reading of the theory of descriptions and offers a new understanding of the role of Stout and the representation concern in the evolution of the MRTJ. It also makes a decisive contribution to philosophy of language by demonstrating the viability of a no-proposition theory of propositions.

Comics through Time: A History of Icons, Idols, and Ideas [4 volumes] M. Keith Booker 2014-10-28 Focusing especially on American comic books and graphic novels from the 1930s to the present, this massive four-volume work provides a colorful yet authoritative source on the entire history of the comics medium. • Provides historical context within individual entries that allows readers to grasp the significance of that entry as it relates to the broader history and evolution of comics • Includes coverage of international material to frame the subsets of American and British comics within a global context • Presents information that will appeal and be of use to general readers of comics and supply coverage detailed enough to be of significant value to scholars and teachers working in the field of comics

The American Superhero: Encyclopedia of Caped Crusaders in History Richard A. Hall 2019-02-28 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

New Directions in Print Culture Studies Jesse W. Schwartz 2022-06-16 New Directions in Print Culture Studies features new methods and approaches to cultural and literary history that draw on periodicals, print culture, and material culture, thus revising and rewriting what we think we know about the aesthetic, cultural, and social history of transnational America. The unifying questions posed and answered in this book are methodological: How can we make material, archival objects meaningful? How can we engage and contest dominant conceptions of aesthetic, historical, and literary periods? How can we present archival material in ways that make it accessible to other scholars and students? What theoretical commitments does a focus on material objects entail? New Directions in Print Culture Studies brings together leading scholars to address the methodological, historical, and theoretical commitments that emerge from studying how periodicals, books, images, and ideas circulated from the 19th century to the present. Reaching beyond national boundaries, the essays in this book focus on the different materials and archives we can use to rewrite literary history in ways that highlight not a canon of "major" literary works, but instead the networks, dialogues, and tensions that define print cultures in various moments and movements.

Insider Histories of Cartooning Robert C. Harvey 2014-12-03 Many fans and insiders alike have never heard of Bill Hume, Bailin' Wire Bill, Abe Martin, AWOL Wally, the Texas History Movies, or the Weatherbird at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. And many insiders do not know why we call comic books "comics" even though lots of them are not at all funny. Robert C. Harvey, cartoonist and a veteran comics critic, author of several histories of comics and biographies of cartoonists, tells forgotten stories of a dozen now obscure but once famous cartoonists and their creations. He also includes accounts of the cartooning careers of a groundbreaking African American and a woman who broke into an industry once dominated by white men. Many of the better known stories in some of the book's fourteen chapters are wrapped around fugitive scraps of information that are almost unknown. Which of Bill Mauldin's famous duo is Willie? Which is Joe? What was the big secret about E. Simms Campbell? Who was Funnymen? And why? And some of the pictures are rare, too. Hugh Hefner's cartoons, Kin Hubbard's illustrations for Short Furrows, Betty Swords' pictures for the Male Chauvinist Pig Calendar of 1974, the Far East pin-up cartoon character Babysan, illustrations for Popo and Fifina, and Red Ryder's last bow.

Media Franchising Derek Johnson 2013-03-22 "Johnson astutely reveals that franchises are not Borg-like assimilation machines, but, rather, complicated ecosystems within which creative workers strive to create compelling 'shared worlds.'" This finely researched, breakthrough book is a must-read for anyone seeking a sophisticated understanding of the contemporary media industry. —Heather Hendershot, author of *What's Fair on the Air?: Cold War Right-Wing Broadcasting and the Public Interest* While immediately recognizable throughout the U.S. and many other countries, media mainstays like X-Men, Star Trek, and Transformers achieved such familiarity through constant reincarnation. In each case, the initial success of a single product led to a long-term embrace of media franchising—a dynamic process in which media workers from different industrial positions shared in and reproduced familiar culture across television, film, comics, games, and merchandising. In *Media Franchising*, Derek Johnson examines the corporate culture behind these production practices, as well as the collaborative and creative efforts involved in conceiving, sustaining, and sharing intellectual properties in media work worlds. Challenging connotations of homogeneity, Johnson shows how the cultural and industrial logic of franchising has encouraged media industries to reimagine creativity as an opportunity for exchange among producers, licensees, and even consumers. Drawing on case studies and interviews with media producers, he reveals the meaningful identities, cultural hierarchies, and struggles for distinction that accompany collaboration within these production networks. *Media Franchising* provides a nuanced portrait of the collaborative cultural production embedded in both the media industries and our own daily lives.

The Canadian Alternative Dominick Grace 2017-11-20 Contributions by Jordan Bolay, Ian Brodie, Jocelyn Sakal Froese, Dominick Grace, Eric Hoffman, Paddy Johnston, Ivan Kocmarek, Jessica Langston, Judith Leggett, Daniel Marrone, Mark J. McLaughlin, Joan Ormrod, Laura A. Pearson, Annick Pellegrin, Mihaela Precup, Jason Sacks, and Ruth-Ellen St. Onge This overview of the history of Canadian comics explores acclaimed as well as unfamiliar artists. Contributors look at the myriad ways that English-language, Francophone, Indigenous, and queer Canadian comics and cartoonists pose alternatives to American comics, to dominant perceptions, even to gender and racial categories. In contrast to the United States' melting pot, Canada has been understood to comprise a social, cultural, and ethnic mosaic, with distinct cultural variation as part of its identity. This volume reveals differences that often reflect in highly regional and localized comics such as Paul MacKinnon's Cape Breton-specific *Old Trout Funnies*, Michel Rabagliati's Montreal-based Paul comics, and Kurt Martell and Christopher Merkle's Thunder Bay-specific zombie apocalypse. The collection also considers some of the conventionally "alternative" cartoonists, namely Seth, Dave Sim, and Chester Brown. It offers alternate views of the diverse and engaging work of two very different Canadian cartoonists who bring their own alternatives into play: Jeff Lemire in his bridging of Canadian/US and mainstream/alternative sensibilities and Nina Bunjevac in her own blending of realism and fantasy as well as of insider/outsider status. Despite an upsurge in research on Canadian comics, there is still remarkably little written about most major and all minor Canadian cartoonists. This volume provides insight into some of the lesser-known Canadian alternatives still awaiting full exploration.

Only at Comic-Con Erin Hanna 2019-12-13 Only at Comic-Con examines the relationship between exclusivity and the proliferation of media industry promotion at the San Diego Comic-Con, from the convention's founding in 1970 to its current status as a destination for hundreds of thousands of pop culture fans and a hub of Hollywood hype and buzz.

The Official (Small Size) Price Guide to Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide Companion Robert M. Overstreet 1991-11 The guide every comic collector must have, with all of the updated facts and figures from the ultimate authority on comic book values. And, with its mini-dimensions, it's easy to carry at all times for quick reference. Includes a schedule of comic conventions.

Super Boys Brad Ricca 2013-06-04 In time for the 75th anniversary of the Man of Steel, comes the first comprehensive literary biography of Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel, creators of the DC Comics superhero Superman and the inspiration for Michael Chabon's *Kavalier and Clay*. Drawing on ten years of research in the trenches of Cleveland libraries, boarded-up high schools, and secret, private collections, and a love of comic books, Brad Ricca's *Super Boys* is the first ever full biography about Superman's creators. Among scores of new discoveries, the book reveals the first stories and pictures ever published by the two, where the first Superman story really came from, the real inspiration for Lois Lane, the template for Superman's costume, and much, much more. *Super Boys* also tracks the boys' unknown, often mysterious lives after they left Superman, including Siegel's secret work during World War II and never-before-seen work from Shuster. *Super Boys* explains, finally, what exactly happened with the infamous check for \$130 that pulled Superman away from his creators—and gave control of the character to the publisher. Ricca also uncovers the true nature of Jerry's father's death, a crime that has always remained a mystery. *Super Boys* is the story of a long friendship between boys who grew to be men and the standard that would be impossible for both of them to live up to.

The Official Blackbook Price Guide to United States Coins 2013, 51st Edition Thomas E. Hudgsons, Jr. 2012-06-12 For over fifty years, *The Official Blackbook Price Guide to United States Coins 2013* has been the bestselling sourcebook for collectors. Reflecting the current skyrocketing prices of gold and silver, this guide has all the information you need to become a knowledgeable coin collector. Features include: •Over 18,000 prices •Values for every U.S. coin ever minted •An updated market review that traces current trends in collecting and investing •Hundreds of coin illustrations and a fast-find index for easy identification •Extensive information on buying and selling coins, coins shows, online, and through the mail

Picturing Childhood Mark Heimermann 2017-03-01 Comics and childhood have had a richly intertwined history for nearly a century. From Richard Outcault's Yellow Kid, Winsor McCay's Little Nemo, and Harold Gray's Little Orphan Annie to Hergé's Tintin (Belgium), José Escobar's Zipi and Zape (Spain), and Wilhelm Busch's Max and Moritz (Germany), iconic child characters have given both kids and adults not only hours of entertainment but also an important vehicle for exploring children's lives and the sometimes challenging realities that surround them. Bringing together comic studies and childhood studies, this pioneering collection of essays provides the first wide-ranging account of how children and childhood, as well as the larger cultural forces behind their representations, have been depicted in comics from the 1930s to the present. The authors address issues such as how comics reflect a spectrum of cultural values concerning children, sometimes even resisting dominant cultural constructions of childhood; how sensitive social issues, such as racial discrimination or the construction and enforcement of gender roles, can be explored in comics through the use of child characters; and the ways in which comics use children as metaphors for other issues or concerns. Specific topics discussed in the book include diversity and inclusiveness in Little Audrey comics of the 1950s and 1960s, the fetishization of adolescent girls in Japanese manga, the use of children to build national unity in Finnish wartime comics, and how the animal/child hybrids in *Sweet Tooth* act as a metaphor for commodification.

The MLJ Companion Jon B. Cooke 2016-09-27 *THE MLJ COMPANION* documents the complete history of Archie Comics' super-hero characters known as the "Mighty Crusaders"—The Shield, Black Hood, Steel Sterling, Hangman, Mr. Justice, The Fly, and many others. It features in-depth examinations of each era of the characters' extensive history: The Golden Age (beginning with the Shield, the first patriotic superhero, who pre-dated Captain America by a full year), the Silver Age (spotlighting those offbeat, campy Mighty Comics issues, and The Fly and Jaguar), the Bronze Age (with the Red Circle line, and the Impact imprint published by DC Comics), up to the Modern Age, with its Dark Circle imprint (featuring such fan-favorites series as "The Fox" by Mark Waid and Dean Haspiel). Plus: Learn what "MLJ" stands for! Uncover such rarities as the Mighty Crusaders board game, and the Shadow's short-lived career as a

spandex-clad superhero! Discover the ill-fated Spectrum line of comics, that was abruptly halted due to its violent content! See where the super-heroes crossed over into Archie, Betty, and Veronica's world! And read interviews with Irv Novick, Dick Ayers, Rich Buckler, Bill DuBay, Steve Englehart, Jim Valentino, Jimmy Palmiotti, Kelly Jones, Michael Uslan, and others who chronicled the Mighty Crusaders' exploits from the 1940s to today! By Rik Offenberger, Paul Castiglia, and Jon B. Cooke, with a cover by Rich Buckler and Joe Rubinstein. INCLUDES 60 FULL-COLOR PAGES OF KEY MLJ STORIES!

The Forensic Comicologist Jamie Newbold 2018-02-28 "A childhood comic book fan turned comic book retailer. This book is his tutorial on how to collect wisely and reduce risks. Drawing on skills learned from 20 years with the San Diego Police Department and as a Comic-Con attendee since 1970, he covers the history and culture of collecting comic books"--

Empire of the Superheroes Mark Cotta Vaz 2021-01-05 Superman may be faster than a speeding bullet, but even he can't outrun copyright law. Since the dawn of the pulp hero in the 1930s, publishers and authors have fought over the privilege of making money off of comics, and the authors and artists usually have lost. Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, the creators of Superman, got all of \$130 for the rights to the hero. In *Empire of the Superheroes*, Mark Cotta Vaz argues that licensing and litigation do as much as any ink-stained creator to shape the mythology of comic characters. Vaz reveals just how precarious life was for the legends of the industry. Siegel and Shuster—and their heirs—spent seventy years battling lawyers to regain rights to Superman. Jack Kirby and Joe Simon were cheated out of their interest in Captain America, and Kirby's children brought a case against Marvel to the doorstep of the Supreme Court. To make matters worse, the infant comics medium was nearly strangled in its crib by censorship and moral condemnation. For the writers and illustrators now celebrated as visionaries, the "golden age" of comics felt more like hard times. The fantastical characters that now earn Hollywood billions have all-too-human roots. *Empire of the Superheroes* digs them up, detailing the creative martyrdom at the heart of a pop-culture powerhouse.

Enter the Superheroes Alex S. Romagnoli 2013-06-20 Ever since the first appearances of Superman and Batman in comic books of the late 1930s, superheroes have been a staple of the popular culture landscape. Though initially created for younger audiences, superhero characters have evolved over the years, becoming complex figures that appeal to more sophisticated readers. While superhero stories have grown ever more popular within broader society, however, comics and graphic novels have been largely ignored by the world of academia. In *Enter the Superheroes: American Values, Culture, and the Canon of Superhero Literature*, Alex S. Romagnoli and Gian S. Pagnucci argue that superheroes merit serious study, both within the academy and beyond. By examining the kinds of graphic novels that are embraced by the academy, this book explains how superhero stories are just as significant. Structured around key themes within superhero literature, the book delves into the features that make superhero stories a unique genre. The book also draws upon examples in comics and other media to illustrate the sociohistorical importance of superheroes—from the interplay of fans and creators to unique narrative elements that are brought to their richest fulfillment within the world of superheroes. A list of noteworthy superhero texts that readers can look to for future study is also provided. In addition to exploring the important roles that superheroes play in children's learning, the book also offers an excellent starting point for discussions of how literature is evolving and why it is necessary to expand the traditional realms of literary study. *Enter the Superheroes* will be of particular interest to English and composition teachers but also to scholars of popular culture and fans of superhero and comic book literature.

The Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide Robert M. Overstreet 1993 Since 1970, only one comic book price guide has been dubbed "the Bible" for casual and die-hard collectors alike. While others have come and gone, the *Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide* has maintained its stature as the premiere reference source for the hobby, covering more than a century of comic book history. The essential tool for collectors and investors, the Guide is highly regarded for its well-researched pricing, in-depth historical information, and incomparable insights into the marketplace. If you have a comic book collection or are thinking about starting one, you simply can't do without this book! This 30th Anniversary Edition Includes: The most complete record of existing comic books from the 1800s to the present Redesigned feature sections for greater clarity and easy reference Market reports by Robert M. Overstreet and the Overstreet advisors network Exclusive feature articles on the origin and history of EC Comics, now celebrating the 50th anniversary of the "New Trend" titles, including interviews with Overstreet cover artists Al Feldstein and Al Williamson! Exclusive 30th anniversary feature looking back at the birth of a comic book fan, the first-ever article written for the Guide by Robert M. Overstreet himself! Up-to-date directory of comic book fan websites Tips about collecting, grading and caring for your comics All-new additions to Overstreet Hall of Fame, key sales lists, and exhaustive indices And much, much more!

Empirical Comics Research Alexander Dunst 2018-07-03 This edited volume brings together work in the field of empirical comics research. Drawing on computer and cognitive science, psychology and art history, linguistics and literary studies, each chapter presents innovative methods and establishes the practical and theoretical motivations for the quantitative study of comics, manga, and graphic novels. Individual chapters focus on corpus studies, the potential of crowdsourcing for comics research, annotation and narrative analysis, cognitive processing and reception studies. This volume opens up new perspectives for the study of visual narrative, making it a key reference for anyone interested in the scientific study of art and literature as well as the digital humanities.

Movie Comics Blair Davis 2017-01-03 As Christopher Nolan's Batman films and releases from the Marvel Cinematic Universe have regularly topped the box office charts, fans and critics alike might assume that the "comic book movie" is a distinctly twenty-first-century form. Yet adaptations of comics have been an integral part of American cinema from its very inception, with comic characters regularly leaping from the page to the screen and cinematic icons spawning comics of their own. *Movie Comics* is the first book to study the long history of both comics-to-film and film-to-comics adaptations, covering everything from silent films starring Happy Hooligan to sound films and serials featuring Dick Tracy and Superman to comic books starring John Wayne, Gene Autry, Bob Hope, Abbott & Costello, Alan Ladd, and Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. With a special focus on the Classical Hollywood era, Blair Davis investigates the factors that spurred this media convergence, as the film and comics industries joined forces to expand the reach of their various brands. While analyzing this production history, he also tracks the artistic coevolution of films and comics, considering the many formal elements that each medium adopted and adapted from the other. As it explores our abiding desire to experience the same characters and stories in multiple forms, *Movie Comics* gives readers a new appreciation for the unique qualities of the illustrated page and the cinematic moving image.

Daredevil: Mann ohne Furcht Frank Miller 2016-10-21 Ein einsamer Junge, gemieden, verhöhnt in den rauen Straßen von Hell's Kitchen. Ein alleinerziehender, alternder Boxer, der für seinen Sohn nach einem letzten Strohalm greift. Eigentlich hat Matt Murdock kaum eine Chance. Bis ihm das Schicksal Augenlicht und Vater raubt und seine restlichen Sinne schärft. Die vielleicht beste Marvel-Legende: Die Geschichte von einem Jungen ohne Furcht.

Frozen in Ice: The Story of Walt Disney Productions, 1966-1985 Mark Arnold 2013-10 When Walt Disney died in 1966, many predicted that it might be the end of Walt Disney Productions, but Walt had a number of ideas and concepts that lasted well into the next decade. He also left behind a well-established group of workers that hoped to continually answer the question, "What would Walt do?" with more magical creations that would dazzle and delight. With this book, author and historian Mark Arnold explores the major accomplishments of Walt Disney Productions during the years 1966 – 1985, paying particular attention to their theatrical film output, but also discussing the various new theme park attractions and the TV shows produced during that period. Things went well until the mid-1970s, when ideas started to run thin and repetition set in, causing shrinking box office success. By the 1980s, threats of corporate takeover were knocking at their door, at which time change had become unavoidable if Disney were to survive as an independent company. Disney had to change their already outdated methods of making movies and running a movie studio geared solely towards family entertainment. As a result, Michael Eisner took over and retooled Disney into the mega-empire that it is today. This is the story after Walt and before Michael...