

So You Want to Read...

SUPERHERO

...Comics

SPIDER-MAN



THE X-MEN



MARVEL

Originally founded as Timely Comics in 1939, Marvel Comics has prevailed as one of the largest producers of superhero comics to date. Elevated by the stories and art of Stan Lee, Steven Ditko, and Jack Kirby in the early '60s, Marvel found its place among the greats with characters like Spider-Man and the X-Men. Check these volumes out if you want to jump into the world of Marvel.



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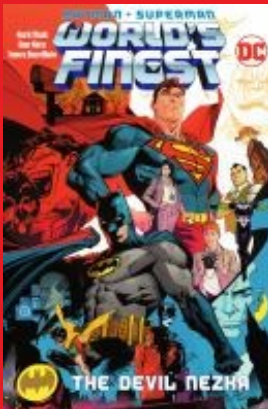
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SUPERMAN



BATMAN



Founded in 1935 under the name National Allied Publications, DC Comics is credited with starting the boom in popularity of Superhero Comics with the introduction of Superman in Action Comics #1 in 1938. Followed up by the introduction of Batman in Detective Comics #27 in 1939, DC has maintained its position as one of the oldest, largest, and most beloved comic book publishers in the US. Check these stories out if you want to learn more about the Man of Steel or the Dark Knight.

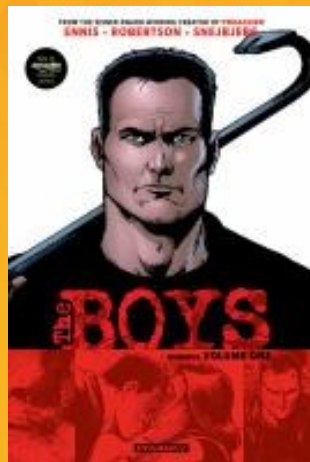
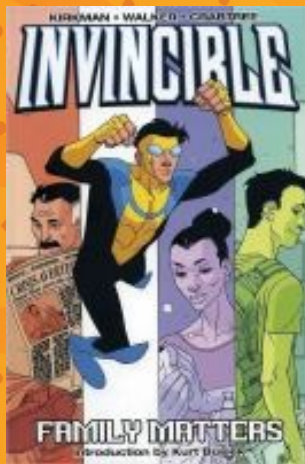




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For as long as comics have existed, the Indie Comic scene has thrived, releasing their own superhero stories under the banners of companies like Image Comics (the third largest comic publisher in the US,) Boom!, and Dark Horse. Here are a few of the most famous Indie superhero comics on the market, all of which have also been developed into their own hit TV Shows. Check these out if your interested in reading some more varied depictions of superheroes.

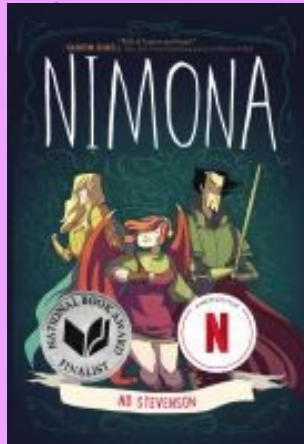
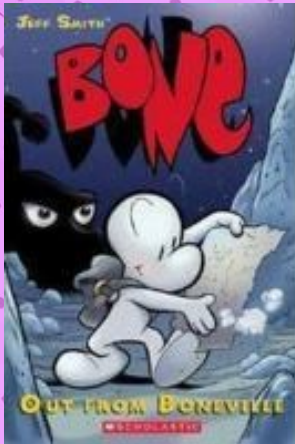
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sci-fi/fantasy

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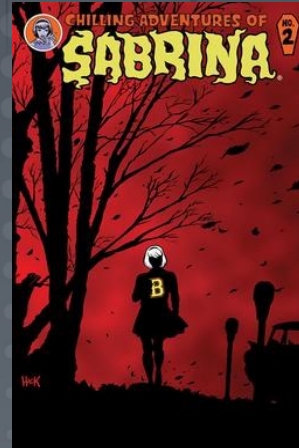
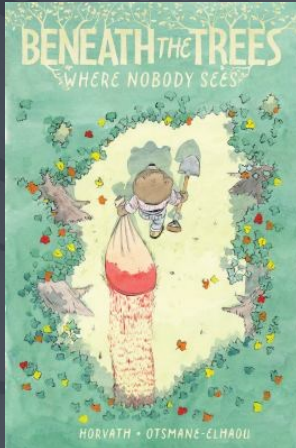


Sci-Fi and Fantasy comics have long been the focus of many popular comic series outside of the Superhero genre. Especially popular in the Indie Comics scene, some of the most popular comics of the last decade like Saga or long-time classics like Bone have brought the genre to the forefront. Many of these comics are now being developed into popular TV Shows and movies. Check these out if you like epic adventure stories and fantastical worlds!

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HORROR

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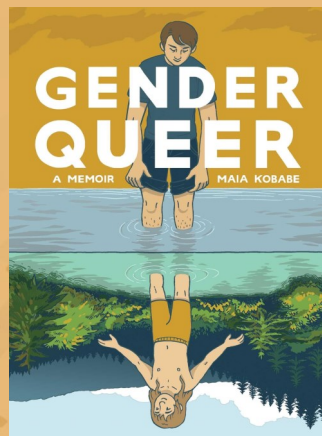
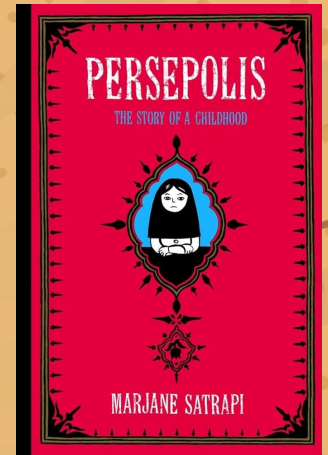
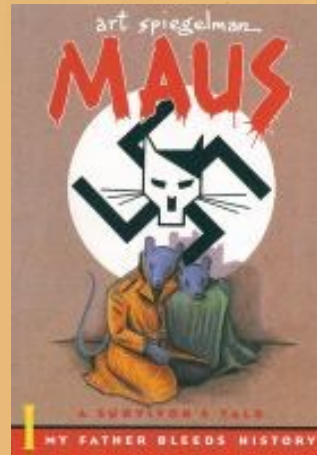
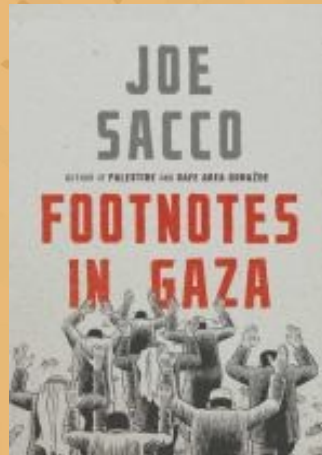
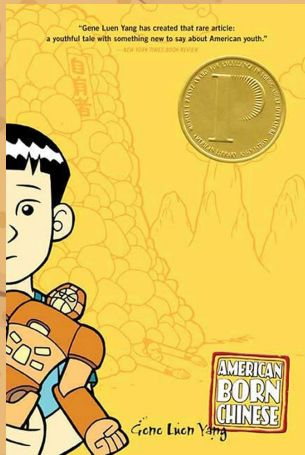
Similar to the Superhero genre, Horror comics found their footing in the late '30s to early '50s until the establishment of the infamous Comics Code Authority in 1954. The most prominent titles came out of EC Comics, which is most well known for Tales from the Crypt. The genre blossomed in the underground comics scene, surging back into popularity in the '70s. To date, horror comics still continue to be one of the most popular and influential Comic Book genres. Check these stories out if you like a good scare!



So You Want to Read...

Non-Fiction

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Prior to the late '80s, when Art Spiegelman's Maus was released, comics were not measured on equal footing with other art forms outside of fan spaces. They were "for children," or were seen as lesser by others instead of as an artistic form of storytelling. While untrue, some of these beliefs still permeate today. Many people continue to argue about whether or not reading comics and graphic novels counts as "reading," but the argument in favor of comics is made stronger by award-winning nonfiction stories like those presented here.