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Modern Mythology

Super Heroes A Modern Mythology

**The popular figure known as
the superhero has exerted
such a strong and**

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mushrooming influence upon society, morality, and politics that a mythology now pervades our culture. This phenomenon, begun in the 1930s, had its roots in comic books. In recent times the

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extremely successful movies about Superman and Batman have made these two individual superheroes, created by the comic book muse, as familiar worldwide as any characters ever created.

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**Here is a study of this
superhuman creation,
revealed as a proliferating
symbol whose dimensions
over sixty years of comic book
history have been rendered to
satisfy the demands and**

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expectations of the popular audience. This fascinating book shows how the superhero has become a vivid figure in the mainstream of modern culture. For the first time in a decade, a

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**compilation of the very best in
science fiction, from a world
authority on the genre. For
decades, the Year's Best
Science Fiction has been the
most widely read short
science fiction anthology of its**

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kind. Now, after thirty-five annual collections comes the ultimate in science fiction anthologies. In The Very Best of the Best, legendary editor Gardner Dozois selects the finest short stories for this

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landmark collection, including short fiction from authors such as Charles Stross, Michael Swanwick, Nancy Kress, Greg Egan, Stephen Baxter, Pat Cadigan, and many many more.

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William Marston was an unusual man—a psychologist, a soft-porn pulp novelist, more than a bit of a carny, and the (self-declared) inventor of the lie detector. He was also the creator of Wonder Woman, the

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comic that he used to express two of his greatest passions: feminism and women in bondage. Comics expert Noah Berlatsky takes us on a wild ride through the Wonder Woman comics of the 1940s,

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**vividly illustrating how
Marston's many quirks and
contradictions, along with the
odd disproportionate
composition created by
illustrator Harry Peter,
produced a comic that was**

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radically ahead of its time in terms of its bold presentation of female power and sexuality. Himself a committed polyamorist, Marston created a universe that was friendly to queer sexualities and

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**lifestyles, from kink to
lesbianism to cross-dressing.
Written with a deep affection
for the fantastically pulpy
elements of the early Wonder
Woman comics, from invisible
jets to giant multi-lunged**

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space kangaroos, the book also reveals how the comic addressed serious, even taboo issues like rape and incest. Wonder Woman: Bondage and Feminism in the Marston/Peter Comics 1941-1948 reveals how

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illustrator and writer came together to create a unique, visionary work of art, filled with bizarre ambition, revolutionary fervor, and love, far different from the action hero symbol of the feminist

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**movement many of us recall
from television.**

**Drawings and sequential
images are an integral part of
human expression dating back
at least as far as cave
paintings, and in**

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**contemporary society appear
most prominently in comics.
Despite this fundamental part
of human identity, little work
has explored the
comprehension and cognitive
underpinnings of visual**

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narratives-until now. This work presents a provocative theory: that drawings and sequential images are structured the same as language. Building on contemporary theories from linguistics and cognitive

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psychology, it argues that comics are written in a visual language of sequential images that combines with text. Like spoken and signed languages, visual narratives use a lexicon of systematic patterns stored

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in memory, strategies for combining these patterns into meaningful units, and a hierarchic grammar governing the combination of sequential images into coherent expressions. Filled with

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**examples and illustrations,
this book details each of these
levels of structure, explains
how cross-cultural differences
arise in diverse visual
languages of the world, and
describes what the newest**

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**neuroscience research reveals
about the brain's
comprehension of visual
narratives. From this emerges
the foundation for a new line
of research within the
linguistic and cognitive**

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sciences, raising intriguing questions about the connections between language and the diversity of humans' expressive behaviours in the mind and brain.

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Alan Moore

Superman on the Couch

What is a Superhero?

**Introduction to the Structure
and Cognition of Sequential
Images.**

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**New Edition with Full Color
Illustrations**

Empire of the Superheroes

Something really 'higher' is
occasionally glimpsed in mythology:
Divinity, the right to power, the due
of worship; in fact 'religion.'"

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Inspired by these and other words
of J. R. R. Tolkien and his great
contemporary, C.S.Lewis,
IMITATING THE SAINTS explores
our greatest modern mythology-
superheroes-from a rigorously
philosophical, Christian

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perspective. Moving effortlessly through the pantheons of the DC and Marvel universes, this book has chapters on the major superheroes-from Superman to Spider-Man-and explores these mythical figures in ways that

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highlight their deep, lasting, and ever-growing appeal. "Drawing on both classical philosophy and biblical traditions, Barkman shows how stories about superheroes provide us mere mortals with models to emulate, warnings to

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heed, and arguments worth examining, offering not only counsel regarding right conduct and living well, but also supplying guidance in our ascent toward an understanding of the divine.
Astonishing Incredible Amazing "

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Travis D. Smith, Associate
Professor of Political Science,
Concordia University "Barkman
wakes for us the deep religious
rhythms long dormant in our icons,
comics, and superheroes. In a time
of supposed secularity, of crisis,

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and of emergency, this book brings us face to face with the sacred saints of society. It denies that sacred myth has ever been absent in western culture, and begs our saints for resurrection and inspiration again." Robert Joustra,

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Senior Editor Comment magazine
"Once you're finished with this
book, like Robin, you'll be saying,
'Holy Saint Peter and Saint Paul,
Batman What a great read '" Rob
Arp, author of What's Good on TV:
Understanding Ethics through

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Television Adam Barkman is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Redeemer University College, and the author and editor of half a dozen books, most recently *The Culture and Philosophy of Ridley Scott*.

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The comic book that started it all.
Superman's very first appearance!
In Action Comics #1 Jerry Seigel
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one of the longest running comic
book series of all time, they also
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comic book world with a bang, kicking off the golden era of superheroes, paving the way for the hundreds if not thousands of super-powered heroes who have come since. As a distant planet takes its final breath, a scientist places his

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NATIONAL BESTSELLER What Masked Vigilantes, Miraculous Mutants, and a Sun God from Smallville Can Teach Us About Being Human Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Iron Man, and the X-Men—the list of names as

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familiar as our own. They are on our movie and television screens, in our videogames and in our dreams. But what are they trying to tell us? For Grant Morrison, one of the most acclaimed writers in the world of comics, these heroes are powerful

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archetypes who reflect and predict the course of human existence: Through them we tell the story of ourselves. In this exhilarating work of a lifetime, Morrison draws on art, archetypes, and his own astonishing journeys through this

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shadow universe to provide the first true history of our great modern myth: the superhero. Now with a new Afterword.

A semiotic and cultural anthropological interrogation of popular North American superhero

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narratives, such as those of Superman, Spider-Man, and Batman, provides insight into how media's messages influence the culture's ethical values. Since emerging in the late 1930s, the superhero has become a pervasive

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figure in North American popular culture. As an extension of ideas presented by Friedrich Nietzsche, Joseph Campbell, and Umberto Eco, this dissertation argues that superhero tales must be regarded as modern mythology. It follows

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that people observe and learn social norms of justice from such narratives, since these ideals are intrinsic to the tales. In investigating the superhero's role as a contemporary figure of myth, this project focuses primarily on three

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areas: an account of the history of the superhero from 1938 to present; an examination of the cultural functions of contemporary superhero narratives; and, an interrogation of vigilantism, responsibility, and justice in these

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narratives and how those concerns further relate to ideologies and practices in North American culture.

Jules Feiffer

Supergods

The Mythology of the Superhero

Griffin's Feather

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35 Years of The Year's Best
Science Fiction

Ink-stained Amazons and
Cinematic Warriors

Marvel Superheroes and Everyday
Faith

Why are so many of the

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**superhero myths tied up
with loss, often violent, of
parents or parental figures?
What is the significance of
the dual identity? What
makes some superhuman
figures "good" and others**

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"evil"? Why are so many of the prime superheroes white and male? How has the superhero evolved over the course of the 20th and early 21st centuries? And how might the myths be

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changing? Why is it that the key superhero archetypes - Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Spider-Man, the X-Men - touch primal needs and experiences in everyone? Why has the

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superhero moved beyond the pages of comics into other media? All these topics, and more, are covered in this lively and original exploration of the reasons why the superhero - in comic

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**books, films, and TV - is
such a potent myth for our
times and culture.>**

**The editorial cartoonist
examines the American art
form which produced comic
book heroes such as**

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**Batman, Superman, and
Captain Marvel in the
nineteen-thirties and forties.
From "Wonder Woman" to
Buffy Summers, Emma Peel
to Sydney Bristow, "Charlie's
Angels" to "The Powerpuff**

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Girls", Superwomen are more than just love interests or sidekicks who stand by their Supermen. In her new book, Stuller shows how the female hero in modern mythology has broken

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**through the boy's club
barrier of tradition and
reveals the pivotal role of
high-heeled crime fighters
in popular culture. Featuring
spies and sexuality, daddy's
girls and super-mothers, this**

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**is a comprehensive,
engaging and thought-
provoking guide to female
detectives, meta-humans
and action heroines, as well
as their creators, directors,
performers, and consumers.**

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The book also includes a glossary of modern mythic women, from Aeon to Zoe, as well as a foreword by acclaimed cultural commentator Roz Kaveney, author of "Superheroes!"

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**Capes and Crusaders in
Comics and Films"
(published by I.B. Tauris,
April 2008).**

**After an argument with his
family, Buddy Baker heads
to the desert for some time**

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**to think, but there he meets
an usual creature: a wily
coyote with the bizarre
ability to survive brutally
fatal attacks.**

**What Masked Vigilantes,
Miraculous Mutants, and a**

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**Sun God from Smallville Can
Teach Us About Being
Human**

**Superwomen in Modern
Mythology**

Hail Hydra

Action Comics (1938-2011)

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**Black Superheroes,
Milestone Comics, and Their
Fans**

**The Secret History of Comic
Book Heroes**

Captain America: Steve

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Rogers Vol. 1

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

This new edition of *Anthology of Classical Myth* offers selections

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from key Near Eastern texts—the Babylonian Epic of Gilgamesh, Epic of Creation (Enuma Elish), and Atrahasis; the Hittite Song of Emergence; and the flood story from the book of Genesis—thereby enabling students to explore the

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many similarities between ancient Greek and Mesopotamian mythology and enhancing its reputation as the best and most complete collection of its kind.

The work provides a unique study of superheroes and gods in literature,

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popular culture, and ancient myth. The author selects a number of mythological figures (e.g., Babylonia's Gilgamesh and Enkidu), ancient gods (e.g., Greece's Eros and Tartarus), and modern superheroes (e.g., the United States' Superman

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and Captain Marvel) and identifies the often striking similarities between each unique category of characters. The author contends that the vast majority of mythological superheroes follow the same archetypal character patterns,

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regardless of each hero's unique time period or culture. Each of the first nine chapters examines the heroes and gods of a particular region or country, while the final chapter examines modern descendants of the hero prototype like Batman and

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Spiderman and several infamous anti-heroes (for example, Dracula and The Hulk).

As the nation seems to yearn for redemption from the evils that threaten its tranquility, the authors maintain that Joseph Campbell's

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monomythic hero is alive and well,
but significantly displaced, in
American popular culture.

The Ultimate Encyclopedia of
Comic-Book Icons and Hollywood
Heroes
Jerusalem

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Capes, Cowls, and the Creation of
Comic Book Culture

Superheroes and Excess

The Superhero Book

Watching Films with Wisdom &
Discernment

Science Fiction, Superhero Comics,

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and the Paranormal

Om tegneseriernes super-
helte.

Superheroes have been an
integral part of popular society
for decades and have given
rise to a collective mythology

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familiar in popular culture worldwide. Though scholars and fans have recognized and commented on this mythology, its structure has gone largely unexplored. This book provides a model and lexicon

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for identifying the superhero mythos. The author examines the myth in several narratives—including Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Green Arrow and Beowulf—and discusses such diverse characters as

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Batman, Wolverine, Invincible
and John Constantine.

Marvel Studios' approach to
its Cinematic

Universe--beginning with the
release of Iron Man
(2008)--has become the

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template for successful management of blockbuster film properties. Yet films featuring Marvel characters can be traced back to the 1940s, when the Captain America serial first appeared

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on the screen. This collection of new essays is the first to explore the historical, textual and cultural context of the larger cinematic Marvel universe, including serials, animated films, television

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movies, non-U.S. versions of
Marvel characters, films that
feature characters licensed by
Marvel, and the contemporary
Cinematic Universe as
conceived by Kevin Feige and
Marvel Studios. Films

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analyzed include Transformers (1986), Howard the Duck (1986), Blade (1998), Planet Hulk (2010), Iron Man: Rise of Technovore (2013), Elektra (2005), the Conan the Barbarian franchise

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(1982-1990), Ultimate
Avengers (2006) and Ghost
Rider (2007).

Explore the philosophical
depths of Batman, Superman,
Captain America, and your
other favorite

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Behind the cool costumes,
special powers, and unflagging
determination to fight evil
you'll find fascinating
philosophical questions and
concerns deep in the hearts

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and minds of your favorite comic book heroes. Why doesn't Batman just kill the Joker and end everyone's misery? Does Peter Parker have a good life? What can Iron Man teach us about the

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role of technology in society?
Bringing together key chapters
from books in the Blackwell
Philosophy and Pop Culture
series, this free superhero
sampler engages the
intellectual might of big

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thinkers like Aristotle and Kant to answer these questions and many others, giving you new insights on everything from whether Superman is truly an American icon to whether Wolverine is

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Philosophy, Spider-Man and
Philosophy, and Superman and
Philosophy Includes
superheroes from both the DC
and Marvel universes: the
Avengers, Batman, Captain
America, Green Lantern, Iron

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Man, Spider-Man, Superman, Thor, Watchmen, and the X-Men Gives you a perfect introduction to the Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture series (learn more at www.andphilosophy.com) FOR

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philosophical principles.

Imitating the Saints

The Best of Philosophy and
Pop Culture

Primary Sources in Translation

America's Comic Book

Creators and the Making of a

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Billion-Dollar Industry
Christian Philosophy and
Superhero Mythology
Harnessing Our Power to
Change the World
The Visual Language of
Comics

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Alan Moore: Portrait of an Extraordinary Gentleman contains comic strips, illustrations, essays, articles, anecdotes and other pieces contributed by top American, English, and international comics creators paying tribute to the master of comic book writing, Alan Moore (creator of Watchmen and From Hell), as he celebrates his 50th

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year. Over a hundred contributors include Neil Gaiman, Will Eisner, Bill Sienkiewicz, Dave Gibbons, Denis Kitchen, David Lloyd, Jim Valentino, Sergio Toppi, Bryan Talbot, Steve Parkhouse, Mark Millar, Howard Cruse, James Kochalka, Jos é Villarrubia, Sam Kieth, Dave Sim, Oscar Zarate, DJ Paul Gambaccini, and novelist Darren Shan, to

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name just a few. The book jacket will feature a new photograph by Piet Corr and other features will include interviews, biographies, and new and rare photographs.

The super hero has been the staple of the modern comic book since the late 1930s.

The phenomenally successful movies Superman and Batman have made these two

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comic book super heroes as familiar worldwide as any characters ever created. Yet to relatively few aficionados are they known at first hand from their appearances in comic books. "Super Heroes: A Modern Mythology" explores the origins of the super hero by documenting how heroes emerged from the comic book genre and are defined

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both by its history and by audience expectations. To show some of the most influential and paradigmatic figures, this study focuses on the texts of three comic books in the genre "The X-Men," "The Dark Knight Returns," and "Watchman," It examines ways in which the comics mythologize both the role of the hero and

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the nature of consensus, authority, and moral choice. Blending academic scholarship with specialized knowledge of the comic book medium, "Super Heroes: A Modern Mythol

Praise for The Violent Century “ The Violent Century is a very sophisticated blend of fantasy and real life. Of flawed

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superheroes engaging with key events in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Lavie Tidhar is a veteran of seamlessly weaving an intriguing blend of fiction into world changing historical events. ” —Strange Alliances “ The Violent Century is a wonderfully constructed, crafted work that bears a great emotional weight even as it

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raises more intellectual questions. It ' s the kind of work that lingers in the mind long after the reading. ” —Fantasy Literature

“ Heart, a sly sense of humour, great action set-pieces and a range of fascinating supporting players. ” —Newtown Review of Books “ A brilliantly etched phantasmagoric reconfiguring of that most

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sizzling of eras—the twilight 20th . . . a torrid tour de force. ” —James Ellroy, author of L.A. Confidential and Blood ’ s a Rover

“ A brilliant novel of ideas. ” — B&N Book Blog “ The Violent Century is admirably plotted and well paced, with an atmosphere of menace throughout, I ’ m puzzled as to why this wasn ’ t on any award

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shortlist for its year. ” —Jack Deighton, author of A Son of the Rock “ Like Watchmen on crack. ” —io9 “ If Nietzsche had written an X-Men storyline whilst high on mescaline, it might have read something like The Violent Century. ” —Adam Roberts, author of Jack Glass “ Pack your bags and go home; the superhero genre is

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now completed . . . if John le Carre wrote a superhero novel about the Cold War, it might be this good. ” —Charles Stross, author of Neptune ’ s Brood: A Space Opera “ The Violent Century is a brilliant story of superheroes and spies and secret histories. It stands with Alan Moore ’ s Watchmen as an examination of the myths

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that we made in the 20th Century and the ways they still haunt us now. it ' s as dramatic and vital as the best comic books and as beautifully written and evocative as any literary novel today. Read it. You ' ll see. ” — Christopher Farnsworth, author of Blood Oath and Flashmob “ An alternative history tour-de-force. Epic, intense and

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authentic. Lavie Tidhar reboots the 20th century with spies and superheroes battling for mastery—and the results are electric. ”
—Tom Harper, author of *The Lost Temple*
“ A stunning masterpiece ” —The Independent
“ Tidhar synthesises the geeky and the political in a vision of world events that breaks new superhero ground. ” —The

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Guardian “ It ’ s hard, but not impossible as Alan Moore, Neil Gaiman, Mike Carey and others have shown, to create a morally complex, artistically ambitious story based on characters whose origins are not that far removed from the simplicity of Superman, Spiderman, and their ilk. Tidhar has succeeded brilliantly in this task. ” —LA

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Review of Books “ A sophisticated, moving and gripping take on 20th century conflicts and our capacity for love and hate, honour and betrayal. ” —The Daily Mail “ A love story and meditation on heroism, this is an elegiac espionage adventure that demands a second reading. ” —Metro “ Could keep anyone, regardless of the types of stories

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they regularly enjoy, interested and engaged. Tidhar has created a book that oozes excellence in both characterisation and storytelling. ” —The Huffington Post [STARRED REVIEW]"This study in heroism, love, revenge, and violence will be in demand by lovers of complex, intelligent sf and alternative history. Anyone who

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enjoys stories of people with supernatural abilities will thrive reading Tidhar ' s world. ” —Library Journal “ A terrifically told tale of heroism and enduring friendship that captures our imaginations from the very first page. ” —Booklist “ If you love Philip K. Dick, Lavie Tidhar should be your new favorite writer . . . an unforgettable read. ”

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—The Jewish Standard “ He ’ s dealing with the grandest schemes on the largest of backdrops in time and place, and this level of awe-inspiring craft places him firmly within the highest tier of writers working today, no longer an emerging writer, but a master. ” —British Fantasy Society
“ Intense and evocative. ” —SFX

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“ Gripping, imaginative and moving. ”
—Sci Fi Now “ The sort of thing Quentin
Tarantino did as bloody wish-fulfillment in
Inglourious Basterds, multiplied by several
orders of magnitude. ” —Locus “ This is a
novel that can break your heart and then,
ever so subtly, include a cameo by Stan Lee.
Tidhar clearly knows as much about

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supermen of all kinds as he does about the circumstances that produce them. ”

—Strange Horizons “ The Violent Century is an excellent novel that demonstrates, once again, the impressive versatility of its author. ” —Interzone “ A masterful example of alternate universe science fiction and can only add to its author ’ s rapidly

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growing reputation. ” — The Los Angeles Review of Books “ An original, engrossing fusion of noir-ish super-heroes and gritty espionage thriller . . . a fantastic novel ” —Civilian Reader “ Lavie Tidhar is no longer a rising star in the genre, but one burning bright. ” —Staffer ’ s Book Review Praise for the Campbell Award and

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Amazon Featured Best Science Fiction &
Fantasy Book A Tor.com Best Book of 2016
A Guardian Best SF & Fantasy Book of 2016
A Publishers Weekly Staff Pick A Kirkus
Best Science Fiction and Fantasy pick British
Science Fiction Award, shortlist Arthur C.

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Clarke Award, shortlist “ It is just this side of a masterpiece — short, restrained, lush — and the truest joy of it is in the way Tidhar scatters brilliant ideas like pennies on the sidewalk. ” —NPR Books [STARRED REVIEW] "Readers of all persuasions will be entranced. ” —Publishers Weekly [STARRED REVIEW] “ . . . a fascinating

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future glimpsed through the lens of a tight-knit community. Verdict: Tidhar (A Man Lies Dreaming; The Violent Century) changes genres with every outing, but his astounding talents guarantee something new and compelling no matter the story he tells. ” —Library Journal, starred review "A sprawling hymn to the glory and mess of

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cultural diversity. ” —Guardian ” Quietly
enthraling and subtly ingenious. ”

—Asimov's Science Fiction “ Beautiful,
original, a shimmering tapestry of
connections and images - I can't think of
another SF novel quite like it. Lavie Tidhar is
one of the most distinctive voices to enter
the field in many years. ” —Alastair

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Reynolds, author of the Revelation Space series “ If you want to know what SF is going to look like in the next decade, this is it. ” —Gardner Dozois, editor of the bestselling Year ’ s Best Science Fiction series “ A dazzling tale of complicated politics and even more complicated souls. Beautiful. ” —Ken Liu, author of The Paper

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Menagerie “ Central Station is masterful: simultaneously spare and sweeping—a perfect combination of emotional sophistication and speculative vision. Tidhar always stuns me. ” —Kij Johnson, author of *At the Mouth of the River of Bees* “ A unique marriage of Philip K. Dick, William Gibson, C. L. Moore, China Mi é ville, and

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Larry Niven with 50 degrees of compassion and the bizarre added. An irresistible cocktail. ” —Maxim Jakubowski, author of the Sunday Times bestselling Vina Jackson novels Praise for Unholy Land “ Lavie Tidhar does it again. A jewelled little box of miracles. Magnificent. ” —Warren Ellis, author of Gun Machine “ [STARRED

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REVIEW] Readers of all kinds, and particularly fans of detective stories and puzzles, will enjoy grappling with the numerous questions raised by this stellar work. ” —Publishers Weekly “ It ’ s precisely what we ’ ve come to expect of Tidhar, a writer who just keeps getting better. ” —Angela Slatter, author of the

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World Fantasy Award-winning The Bitterwood Bible “ There are SFF writers. There are good SFF writers. And there is Lavie Tidhar . . . Bold and witty and smoky, [Unholy Land] plays games and coquetries, makes dark dalliances and will leave you dazzled and delighted. ” —Ian McDonald, author of Time Was and Luna: Wolf Moon

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"A genius, dreamlike fantasy for those who slip across might-have-been worlds. "

—Saad Z. Hossain, author of *Escape from Baghdad!* “ *Unholy Land* is a stunning achievement. ” —The Speculative Shelf

“ Lavie Tidhar has given us a mystically charged, morally complex vision of Theodor Herzl ’ s famous Jewish state that

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might have been. ” —James Morrow,
author of *The Last Witchfinder* and
Shambling Towards Hiroshima “ Lavie
Tidhar ’ s daring *Unholy Land* brilliantly
showcases one of the foremost science
fiction authors of our generation. ” — Silvia
Moreno-Garcia, World Fantasy Award-
winning editor and author of *Certain Dark*

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Things “ Unholy Land is probably better than Michael Chabon ’ s Yiddish Policeman ’ s Union. ” —Bradley Horner, author of the Darkside Earther series
It's easy to name a superhero--Superman, Batman, Thor, Spiderman, the Green Lantern, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Rorschach, Wolverine--but it's not so easy

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to define what a superhero is. Buffy has superpowers, but she doesn't have a costume. Batman has a costume, but doesn't have superpowers. What is the role of power and superpower? And what are supervillains and why do we need them? In *What is a Superhero?*, psychologist Robin Rosenberg and comics scholar Peter Coogan explore

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this question from a variety of viewpoints, bringing together contributions from nineteen comic book experts--including both scholars in such fields as cultural studies, art, and psychology as well as leading comic book writers and editors. What emerges is a kaleidoscopic portrait of this most popular of pop-culture figures.

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Writer Jeph Loeb, for instance, sees the desire to make the world a better place as the driving force of the superhero. Jennifer K. Stuller argues that the female superhero inspires women to stand up, be strong, support others, and most important, to believe in themselves. More darkly, A. David Lewis sees the indestructible

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superhero as the ultimate embodiment of the American "denial of death," while writer Danny Fingeroth sees superheroes as embodying the best aspects of humankind, acting with a nobility of purpose that inspires us. Interestingly, Fingeroth also expands the definition of superhero so that it would include characters like John McClane

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of the Die Hard movies: "Once they dodge ridiculous quantities of machine gun bullets they're superheroes, cape or no cape." From summer blockbusters to best-selling graphic novels, the superhero is an integral part of our culture. What is a Superhero? not only illuminates this pop-culture figure, but also sheds much light on the fantasies and beliefs

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of the American people.

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The Great Comic Book Heroes

Seven Spiritual Laws of Superheroes

A Comparative Study from Babylonia to
Batman

Anthology of Classical Myth

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Wonder Woman

He's back! The original Sentinel of Liberty returns, with a new shield, a new team, and a new mission! And he's not the only one who's back! Like the saying goes-- cut off one

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Captain America: Steve Rogers 1-6,
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(Captain America) 1
"Account of how comic book heroes
have helped their creators and fans

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alike explore and express a wealth of paranormal experiences ignored by mainstream science. Delving deeply into the work of major figures in the field--from Jack Kirby's cosmic superhero sagas and Philip K. Dick's futuristic head-trips to Alan Moore's

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sex magic and Whitley Strieber's communion with visitors--Kripal shows how creators turned to science fiction to convey the reality of the inexplicable and the paranormal they experienced in their lives. Expanded consciousness

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found its language in the metaphors of sci-fi--incredible powers, unprecedented mutations, time-loops and vast intergalactic intelligences--and the deeper influences of mythology and religion that these in turn drew from; the

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wildly creative work that followed
caught the imaginations of millions.
Moving deftly from Cold War
science and Fredric Wertham's
anticomics crusade to gnostic
revelation and alien abduction,
Kripal spins out a hidden history of

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American culture, rich with mythical themes and shot through with an awareness that there are other realities far beyond our everyday understanding." --Jacket.
From occult underground to superhero! Was Superman's arch

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nemesis Lex Luthor based on
Aleister Crowley? Can Captain
Marvel be linked to the Sun gods on
antiquity? In *Our Gods Wear
Spandex*, Christopher Knowles
answers these questions and brings
to light many other intriguing links

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between superheroes and the enchanted world of estherica. Occult students and comic-book fans alike will discover countless fascinating connections, from little known facts such as that DC Comics editor Julius Schwartz started his career as

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H.P. Lovecraft's agent, to the tantalizingly extensive influence of Madame Blavatsky's Theosophy on the birth of comics, to the mystic roots of Superman. The book also traces the rise of the comic superheroes and how they relate to

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several cultural trends in the late 19th century, specifically the occult explosion in Western Europe and America. Knowles reveals the four basic superhero archetypes--the Messiah, the Golem, the Amazon, and the Brotherhood--and shows

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how the occult Bohemian
underground of the early 20th
century provided the inspiration for
the modern comic book hero. With
the popularity of occult comics
writers like Invisibles creator Grant
Morrison and V for Vendetta

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creator Alan Moore, the vast ComiCon audience is poised for someone to seriously introduce them to the esoteric mysteries. Chris Knowles is doing just that in this epic book. Chapters include:
Ancient of Days, Ascended Masters,

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God and Gangsters, Mad Scientists and Modern Sorcerers, and many more. From the ghettos of Prague to the halls of Valhalla to the Fortress of Solitude and the aisles of BEA and ComiCon, this is the first book to show the inextricable link

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between superheroes and the enchanted world of esoterica. Marcus Barber is an immortal Roman Centurion working for the deities of the ancient world as a bounty hunter in modern-day San Antonio.

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The Violent Century

75 Years of Marvel Comics

The Flash (1987-2009) #174

Super Heroes

From the Golden Age to the Silver
Screen

The Myth of the American

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Superhero

Superheroes and Gods

What do the comic book figures
Static, Hardware, and Icon all
have in common? Black
Superheroes, Milestone Comics,
and Their Fans gives an answer

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that goes far beyond “tights and capes,” an answer that lies within the mission Milestone Media, Inc., assumed in comic book culture. Milestone was the brainchild of four young black creators who wanted to part from the mainstream and do their stories

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their own way. This history of Milestone, a “creator-owned” publishing company, tells how success came to these mavericks in the 1990s and how comics culture was expanded and enriched as fans were captivated by this new genre. Milestone

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focused on the African American heroes in a town called Dakota. Quite soon these black action comics took a firm position in the controversies of race, gender, and corporate identity in contemporary America. Characters battled supervillains

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and sometimes even clashed with more widely known superheroes. Front covers of Milestone comics often bore confrontational slogans like “Hardware: A Cog in the Corporate Machine is About to Strip Some Gears.” Milestone's creators aimed for exceptional

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stories that addressed racial issues without alienating readers. Some competitors, however, accused their comics of not being black enough or of merely marketing Superman in black face. Some felt that the stories were too black, but a large cluster

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of readers applauded these new superheroes for fostering African American pride and identity. Milestone came to represent an alternative model of black heroism and, for a host of admirers, the ideal of masculinity. Black Superheroes, Milestone

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Comics, and Their Fans gives details about the founding of Milestone and reports on the secure niche its work and its image achieved in the marketplace. Tracing the company's history and discussing its creators, their works, and the

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fans, this book gauges Milestone alongside other black comic book publishers, mainstream publishers, and the history of costumed characters.

Finding the superhero genre in need of further investigation from philosophical standpoints that

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value excess as a creative drive, rather than denigrate it as a problem to be resolved, this book opens up discussions that highlight different approaches to 'the creative excess of being' as expressed through the genre. While superheroes are an

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everyday, culturally dominant phenomena, philosophical methods and investigations have a reputation for lofty superiority. Across thirteen chapters, this book facilitates a collision between the superhero genre and the discipline of philosophy,

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resulting in a voyage of exploration where each illuminates the other. The contributions in this book range from new voices to recognized scholars, offering superhero studies a set of critical interventions that are unusual,

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conceptually diverse,
theoretically grounded and varied
in practice. These chapters
consider 'excessive' traits of
superheroes against schools of
thought that have attempted to
conceptualize and understand
excess by analysing texts and

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figures across a variety of mediums, such as The Fantastic Four, Captain America, The Vision, Logan, Black Panther and Super Hero Girls. With its unique approach to the superhero genre, this book will be an invaluable read for students and scholars

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working on comic studies,
transmedia studies, cultural
studies, popular culture, and
superhero studies.

Despite their commercial appeal
and cross-media reach,
superheroes are only recently
starting to attract sustained

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scholarly attention. This groundbreaking collection brings together essays and book excerpts by major writers on comics and popular culture. While superhero comics are a distinct and sometimes disdained branch of comics creation, they are

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integral to the development of the North American comic book and the history of the medium. For the past half-century they have also been the one overwhelmingly dominant market genre. The sheer volume of superhero comics that have been

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published over the years is staggering. Major superhero universes constitute one of the most expansive storytelling canvases ever fashioned.

Moreover, characters inhabiting these fictional universes are immensely influential, having

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achieved iconic recognition around the globe. Their images and adventures have shaped many other media, such as film, videogames, and even prose fiction. The primary aim of this reader is twofold: first, to collect in a single volume a sampling of

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the most sophisticated
commentary on superheroes, and
second, to bring into sharper
focus the ways in which
superheroes connect with larger
social, cultural, literary, aesthetic,
and historical themes that are of
interest to a great many readers

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both in the academy and beyond. Appealing to the casual comic book reader as well as the hardcore graphic novel fan, this ultimate AtoZ compendium describes everyone's favorite participants in the eternal battle between good and evil. With

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nearly 200 entries examining more than 1,000 heroes, icons and their place in popular culture, it is the first comprehensive profile of superheroes across all media, following their path from comic book stardom to radio, television, movies, and novels.

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The best-loved and most historically significant superheroes—mainstream and counterculture, famous and forgotten, best and worst—are presented with numerous full-color illustrations, including dozens of classic comic covers.

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Animal Man (1988-1995) #5

Marvelous Myths

Marvel Comics into Film

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What Superheroes Really Tell Us
about Ourselves and Our Society
The Very Best of the Best
Hollywood Worldviews
The Superhero Reader
The New York Times
bestseller from the author of

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Watchmen and V for Vendetta finally appears in a one-volume paperback. Begging comparisons to Tolstoy and Joyce, this "magnificent, sprawling cosmic epic" (Guardian) by

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Alan Moore—the genre-defying, “groundbreaking, hairy genius of our generation” (NPR)—takes its place among the most notable works of contemporary English

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literature. In decaying
Northampton, eternity loiters
between housing projects.
Among saints, kings,
prostitutes, and derelicts, a
timeline unravels: second-
century fiends wait in urine-

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scented stairwells,
delinquent specters
undermine a century with
tunnels, and in upstairs
parlors, laborers with golden
blood reduce fate to a
snooker tournament.

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Through the labyrinthine streets and pages of Jerusalem tread ghosts singing hymns of wealth and poverty. They celebrate the English language, challenge mortality post-Einstein, and

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insist upon their slum as
Blake's eternal holy city in
"Moore's apotheosis, a
fourth-dimensional
symphony" (Entertainment
Weekly). This "brilliant . . .
monumentally ambitious"

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What makes someone a

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hero? In the early 1960's, the image of a superhero was someone with a square jaw, a muscular build, and a quick smile whose biggest personal problem was trying to keep their girlfriends from

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guessing their secret identities. Then writer Stan Lee and artists Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko created a group of superheroes who revolutionized comics. These heroes, including The

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Fantastic Four, The
Incredible Hulk, Spider-man,
The X-men, Iron Man,
Captain America and others,
were not perfect heroes
living in a perfect world, but
fallible people with physical

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ailments and personal problems like our own. While the authors and artists who created them did not intend to write explicitly religious stories, their tales of imperfect heroes who try to

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do the right thing despite the many challenges they face, provide us with the opportunity to reflect on our own faith journeys as we strive to live heroic lives in the real world. Each chapter

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which God calls us. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection or group study. Superman, Batman, Spider-Man, Iron Man, Wonder Woman, the Avengers, the X-Men, Watchmen, and more:

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ever assembled between two
covers: down from the
heavens—Superman and the
Mighty Thor—or swinging
over rooftops—the Batman
and Spider-Man; star-

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spangled, like Captain America and Wonder Woman, or clad in darkness, like the Shadow and Spawn; facing down super-villains on their own, like the Flash and the Punisher or gathered

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together in a team of
champions, like the
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ending battle of the comic book industry, its greatest creators, and its greatest creations. Covering the effect of superheroes on American culture—in print, on film and television, and in

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book panels, covers, sketches, photographs of both essential and rare artwork, Superheroes is the definitive story of this powerful presence in pop culture.

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An Analysis of Popular
Culture's Modern Myths
Mutants and Mystics
Superheroes
Our Gods Wear Spandex
Essays on Adaptations Since
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Portrait of an Extraordinary
Gentleman

A Philosophical Adventure

***Do you watch movies with your eyes
open? You buy your tickets and
concessions, and you walk into the
theater. Celluloid images flash at***

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twenty-four frames per second, and the hypnotic sequence of moving pictures coaxes you to suspend disbelief and be entertained by the implausible. Unfortunately, many often suspend their beliefs as well, succumbing to subtle lessons in how

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to behave, think and even perceive reality. Do you find yourself hoping that a sister will succeed in seducing her sibling's husband, that a thief will get away with his crime, that a serial killer will escape judgment? Do you, too, laugh at the bumbling

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*priest and seethe at the intolerant
and abusive evangelist? Do you
embrace worldviews that infect
your faith and then wonder, after
your head is clear, whether your
faith can survive the infection? In
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*Top, Pied Piper and Captain Cold.
And Barry reveals his secret identity
to Iris.*

*A mighty history: Building the
House of Ideas From the very first
issue of pulp impresario Martin
Goodman's Marvel Comics in 1939,*

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the comic book creators of Marvel's Golden Age flipped the traditional fantasy script by placing the inhuman and the invincible into the real world. With the likes of the fiery android Human Torch, vengeful sea prince Sub-Mariner,

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*and pip-squeak-turned-paragon
Captain America, Marvel created a
mythological universe grounded in
a world that readers recognize as
close to their own, brimming with
humor and heartache. In the early
1960s, this audacious approach*

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launched the creation of heroes who have since become household names—Spider-Man, The Incredible Hulk, the Fantastic Four, Iron Man, the Avengers, Thor, the X-Men—the list goes on. Fans still celebrate it as the Marvel

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Age of comics, an era populated by a pantheon of bickering heroes, misunderstood monsters, and noble villains. In celebration of Marvel's 75th anniversary, TASCHEN presents a magnum opus of the most influential comic book publisher

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today, with an inside look not only at its celebrated characters, but also at the "bullpen" of architects whose names are almost as familiar as the protagonists they brought to life—Stan “the Man” Lee, Jack “King” Kirby, along with a roster

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characters who continue to fight the good fight in comics, movies, and toy aisles of the world. The XL-format book includes: • More than 700 pages of near 2,000 images including vintage comic books, one-of-a-kind original art, behind-the-

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*scenes photographs and film stills,
as well as rare toys and collectibles*

*• A four-foot accordion-fold
timeline, suitable for framing! •*

*Biographies of more than 300
artists, writers, editors, and famous
fans who helped shape Marvel's*

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time, and offer us a vision of a world that can change. By exploring the boundaries of energy and awareness, superheroes can help us save the planet in a very real way. From Buddha's search for truth, to Batman's struggle with his dark

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side, from Wolverine exposing his greatest fears, to Hanuman's divine gifts of inspiration, bestselling author Deepak Chopra and his son Gotham, author and co-founder of Liquid Comics, decode the essential laws that govern the realm of

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superheroes. As they explain the importance of these seven transformative laws and how they can help us all to achieve greater happiness and courage, balance and creativity, they also reveal how each law has the potential to awaken us

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*to our own superpowers. Together,
they offer the potential to change
our lives and the world around us.*