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"Batman created by Bob Kane with Bill

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*Finger; Preston Payne created by Len
Wein."*

*Some of Batman's most memorable
early 1990s adventures are back in
this new collection! With the Ghost
Dragon gang committing daring
warehouse robberies, Batman and
Robin chase the gang's lieutenant*

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Lynx, through the streets. When Robin discovers that an old nemesis-the Ghosts' dead leader, King Snake-might be alive and out for his head, the stakes only get higher. Plus, Batman travels to Rio de Janeiro to track a serial killer known as the Queen of Hearts and battles through a bizarre

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dimension known as the Idiot Zone!

Collects Batman #466-473 and

Detective Comics #639-640.

Batman takes on a new partner, and

it's the Penguin? After rejecting

Bane's crime-boss co-op, Cobblepot

finds himself in the crosshairs of some

very teed-off villains. The feathered

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felon turns to his old foe to snitch on Bane's scheme, but has to prove his intentions to avoid a Bat-beatdown. Along the way, this Gotham odd couple begins to bond—could there be a new bird joining the Bat-Family? Not if Bane has anything to say about it. A New York Times Notable Book Filled

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with beautiful full-color art, dynamic storytelling, and insightful analysis, Hillary Chute reveals what makes one of the most critically acclaimed and popular art forms so unique and appealing, and how it got that way. "In her wonderful book, Hillary Chute suggests that we're in a blooming,

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expanding era of the art... Chute's often lovely, sensitive discussions of individual expression in independent comics seem so right and true." — New York Times Book Review Over the past century, fans have elevated comics from the back pages of newspapers into one of our most

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celebrated forms of culture, from Fun Home, the Tony Award–winning musical based on Alison Bechdel’s groundbreaking graphic memoir, to the dozens of superhero films that are annual blockbusters worldwide. What is the essence of comics’ appeal? What does this art form do that others

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can't? Whether you've read every comic you can get your hands on or you're just starting your journey, Why Comics? has something for you. Author Hillary Chute chronicles comics culture, explaining underground comics (also known as "comix") and graphic novels, analyzing their

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evolution, and offering fascinating portraits of the creative men and women behind them. Chute reveals why these works—a blend of concise words and striking visuals—are an extraordinarily powerful form of expression that stimulates us intellectually and emotionally.

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Focusing on ten major themes—disaster, superheroes, sex, the suburbs, cities, punk, illness and disability, girls, war, and queerness—Chute explains how comics get their messages across more effectively than any other form. “Why Disaster?” explores how comics

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are uniquely suited to convey the scale and disorientation of calamity, from Art Spiegelman's representation of the Holocaust and 9/11 to Keiji Nakazawa's focus on Hiroshima. "Why the Suburbs?" examines how the work of Chris Ware and Charles Burns illustrates the quiet joys and

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struggles of suburban existence; and “Why Punk?” delves into how comics inspire and reflect the punk movement’s DIY aesthetics—giving birth to a democratic medium increasingly embraced by some of today’s most significant artists. Featuring full-color reproductions of

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more than one hundred essential pages and panels, including some famous but never-before-reprinted images from comics legends, Why Comics? is an indispensable guide that offers a deep understanding of this influential art form and its masters.

Dark Moon Rising

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Otto Binder

Batman: The Caped Crusader Vol. 5

Batman, the Golden Age

*DC Comics novels - Batman: The
Court of Owls*

A showdown in Burnside

leaves both Batman and the

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Gotham borough reeling. As the community rallies together behind Harvey Dent, can Bruce find a way forward for both Batman and the city?

The first in-depth, behind-the-scenes book treatment of

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the rivalry between the two comic book giants. THEY ARE THE TWO TITANS OF THE COMIC BOOK INDUSTRY--the Coke and Pepsi of superheroes--and for more than 50 years, Marvel and DC have been locked in an epic battle for

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spandex supremacy. At stake is not just sales, but cultural relevancy and the hearts of millions of fans. To many partisans, Marvel is now on top. But for much of the early 20th century, it was DC that was the

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undisputed leader, having launched the American superhero genre with the 1938 publication of Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel's Superman strip. DC's titles sold millions of copies every year, and its iconic

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characters were familiar to nearly everyone in America. Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman--DC had them all. And then in 1961, an upstart company came out of nowhere to smack mighty DC in the chops. With the publication

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of Fantastic Four #1, Marvel changed the way superheroes stories were done. Writer-editor Stan Lee, artists Jack Kirby, and the talented Marvel bullpen subsequently unleashed a string of dazzling new creations,

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including the Avengers, Hulk, Spider-Man, the X-Men, and Iron Man. Marvel's rise forever split fandom into two opposing tribes. Suddenly the most telling question you could ask a superhero lover became

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"Marvel or DC?" Slugfest, the first book to chronicle the history of this epic rivalry into a single, in-depth narrative, is the story of the greatest corporate rivalry never told. Complete with

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interviews with the major names in the industry, Slugfest reveals the arsenal of schemes the two companies have employed in their attempts to outmaneuver the competition, whether it be stealing ideas, poaching

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employees, planting spies, or launching price wars. The feud has never completely disappeared, and it simmers on a low boil to this day. With DC and Marvel characters becoming global icons worth billions, if

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anything, the stakes are higher now than ever before. Bruce Wayne is out of commission, but Batman must continue! A new era begins as a new Batman arrives in Gotham City. Bruce Wayne, battle-broken and

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unavailable for field duty after an epic showdown with Bane, has appointed a new Dark Knight as his temporary surrogate. Jean-Paul Valley (a.k.a. Azrael) has assumed the role of the Caped Crusader, but without his

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mentor's integrity and experience, he quickly spins out of control. His undisciplined behavior is especially worrisome to both Robin and Commissioner Gordon. The fourth installment of the Batman:

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Knightfall saga, *Batman: Knightquest: The Crusade Vol. 1* collects *Detective Comics* #667-670, *Robin* #1-2, *Batman: Shadow of the Bat* #19-20, *Batman* #501-504 and *Catwoman* #6-7, plus bonus material!

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An epic battle is taking place in Gotham City...below the city streets?! Batman and MR. WORTH are locked in a deadly duel involving a rocket launcher, a micro-cave subterranean system, and a whole lot of bloody

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*finally ready to make his
move!*

*Whatever Happened to the
Caped Crusader?*

*Batman/Superman: Authority
Special (2021) #1*

*Batman: Three Jokers (2020-)
#1*

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*An Original Prose Novel by
Greg Cox*

*Comic Book Superheroes and
American Society, 1938 to
the Present*

Batman (2016-) #60

Light the Bat-Signal, because

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Detective Comics #1027 is here! In honor of Batman's first appearance in Detective Comics #27, this special, book-size celebration brings you the biggest names in comics as they chronicle the most epic

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Batman adventures Gotham City and the DC Universe have ever seen! The World's Greatest Detective has a mountain of cases to crack: Who murdered Gotham's most corrupt police officer?

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What does The Joker's annual visit mean for Bruce Wayne? And most importantly, what WayneTech mystery will sow the seeds of the next epic Batman event? All this and more await you within the

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pages of the biggest Batman
issue of them all!

A celebration of Superman's
life and history—in time for his
75th birthday How has the Big
Blue Boy Scout stayed so
popular for so long? How has

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he changed with the times,
and what essential aspects of
him have remained constant?
This fascinating biography
examines Superman as a
cultural phenomenon through
75 years of action-packed

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adventures, from his early years as a social activist in circus tights to his growth into the internationally renowned demigod he is today.

Chronicles the ever-evolving Man of Steel and his world—not

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just the men and women behind the comics, movies and shows, but his continually shifting origin story, burgeoning powers, and the colorful cast of trusted friends and deadly villains that

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surround him Places every iteration of the Man of Steel into the character's greater, decades-long story: From Bud Collyer to Henry Cavill, World War II propagandist to peanut butter pitchman, Super Pup to

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Super Friends, comic strip to Broadway musical, Lori Lemaris to Lois & Clark—it's all here Affectionate, in-depth analyses of the hero's most beloved adventures, in and out of the comics—his most iconic

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Golden Age tales, goofiest
Silver Age exploits, and the
contemporary film, television,
and comics stories that keep
him alive today Written by
NPR book critic, blogger, and
resident comic book expert,

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Glen Weldon

The first full-fledged history
not just of the Man of Steel but
of the creators, designers,
owners, and performers who
made him the icon he is today,
from the New York Times

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bestselling author of Satchel and Bobby Kennedy "A story as American as Superman himself."—The Washington Post Legions of fans from Boston to Buenos Aires can recite the story of the child

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born Kal-El, scion of the doomed planet Krypton, who was rocketed to Earth as an infant, raised by humble Kansas farmers, and rechristened Clark Kent. Known to law-abiders and

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evildoers alike as Superman, he was destined to become the invincible champion of all that is good and just—and a star in every medium from comic books and comic strips to radio, TV, and film. But

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behind the high-flying legend lies a true-to-life saga every bit as compelling, one that begins not in the far reaches of outer space but in the middle of America's heartland. During the depths of the Great

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Depression, Jerry Siegel was a shy, awkward teenager in Cleveland. Raised on adventure tales and robbed of his father at a young age, Jerry dreamed of a hero for a boy and a world that

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desperately needed one.

Together with neighborhood chum and kindred spirit Joe Shuster, young Siegel conjured a human-sized god who was everything his creators yearned to be:

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handsome, stalwart, and brave, able to protect the innocent, punish the wicked, save the day, and win the girl. It was on Superman's muscle-bound back that the comic book and the very idea of the

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superhero took flight. Tye chronicles the adventures of the men and women who kept Siegel and Shuster's "Man of Tomorrow" aloft and vitally alive through seven decades and counting. Here are the

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savvy publishers and visionary writers and artists of comics' Golden Age who ushered the red-and-blue-clad titan through changing eras and evolving incarnations; and the actors—including George

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Reeves and Christopher Reeve—who brought the Man of Steel to life on screen, only to succumb themselves to all-too-human tragedy in the mortal world. Here too is the poignant and compelling

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history of Siegel and
Shuster's lifelong struggle for
the recognition and rewards
rightly due to the architects of
a genuine cultural
phenomenon. From two-fisted
crimebuster to über-patriot,

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social crusader to spiritual savior, Superman—perhaps like no other mythical character before or since—has evolved in a way that offers a Rorschach test of his times and our aspirations. In this deftly

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realized appreciation, Larry Tye reveals a portrait of America over seventy years through the lens of that otherworldly hero who continues to embody our best selves.

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The Dark Knight is breaking through the bad dreams and coming out the other side. But is he ready for the culprit waiting through the veil of terror? And what lasting effects might this whole ordeal

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have on Bruce Wayne's psyche? With artist Yanick Paquette (WONDER WOMAN: EARTH ONE) jumping on board to tackle the art, "Nightmares" comes to a shocking close. This will be

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the strangest issue yet. A no-holds-barred journey through Batman's psyche via the inner workings of Arkham Asylum, setting up the next big chapter of Tom King's epic BATMAN tale. Batman's

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future starts now!

Many Lives of Catwoman

The Boy Who Couldn't Sleep

and Never Had To

Batman

Batman: Knightquest: The

Crusade Vol. 1

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The Chalice

Batman and the Rise of Nerd
Culture

"Since his debut in Detective
Comics #27, Batman has been
many things: a two-fisted
detective; a planet-hopping

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gadabout; a campy Pop Art sensation; a pointy-eared master spy; and a grim ninja of the urban night. Yet, despite these endless transformations, he remains one of our most revered cultural icons. [In this

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book, Weldon provides a] look at the cultural history of Batman and his fandom"--Amazon.com.

"As a form of popular literature, superhero narratives have closely mirrored and

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molded social trends and changes, influencing and reflecting political, social, and cultural events. This study provides a decade by decade chronicle of American history from 1938 to 2010 through the

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lens of superhero comics"--Provided by publisher. This new collection of 1990s Batman stories includes the earliest days of Tim Drake as Robin, with Tim risking it all when Batman and Vicki Vale

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are captured by the Scarecrow. As Batman decides whether he is ready to fight crime with a partner by his side once again, Commissioner Gordon rekindles an old flame. Then, Batman heads west, as the

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murder of an old friend leads him to San Francisco. Collects Batman #455-465 and Batman Annual #15.

Thomas Wayne's son receives an old box from a strange man, and the contents of the box

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soon make him the target of
villains and mercenaries alike.

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The Felonious History of a
Feline Fatale

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The Caped Crusade

*Confessions of a Caped Crusader
(CCC) takes the superhero genre
and reimagines it for the social*

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media age. Filled with sex, violence, and droll sarcasm, CCC is an unflinching look at the man behind the mask. Confessions is the unfiltered journal of the flawed hero that has inspired some of today's greatest pop culture

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icons. (Synopsis) In the aftermath of a massive prison break, the caped hero must battle a rogues' gallery of his most dangerous foes.

Complicating matters, he has been poisoned by an unseen enemy and only has days to find the antidote.

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A series of events has been set in motion that will force the masked avenger to confront his inner demons and come to terms with his own mortality.

Both friends and enemies of the deceased Batman gather around

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his coffin and tell their different stories of the Batman they once knew.

Following Mongul's brazen attack on Earth, Superman's world has been turned upside down: conflict between Atlantis and the surface

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*world, the discovery of an
immensely powerful new element,
dead refugees with mysterious ties
to Krypton, and expulsion from the
Justice League! When Superman re-
forms the experimental,
antiestablishment Authority to join*

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him in liberating Warworld, Batman comes to them with a request: join him for one unorthodox, off-the-books mission first, one he could never ask the Justice League to be a part of...and one he doesn't expect everyone to

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come back from.

The first of two six-issue miniseries by Matt Wagner under the heading Dark Moon Rising that revisit stories from Golden Age Batman comics. This series focuses on Batman's first encounter with the

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*villian Hugo Strange and
chronologically takes place
between Batman: Year One and
Batman: The Man Who Laughs.
Batman and the monster men
Catwoman: Lonely City (2021-) #1
The Life and Work of a Comic Book*

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*and Science Fiction Visionary
Slugfest*

*The Caped Crusader's Golden Age
The Dark Knight Strikes Again*

Graphic novel. Follows The dark
knight returns.

The iconic anthology series returns

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with a brand-new slate of comics ' most exciting and innovative storytellers to explore the Batman mythos in stark black-and-white! In this debut issue: • James Tynion IV and Tradd Moore explore the world of Ra ' s al Ghul and the League of

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Assassins • J.H. Williams III returns to DC Comics for a trip through the Dark Knight ' s history • Emma Rios explores the eternal struggle of the Dark Knight • Paul Dini and Andy Kubert pit Batman against an infestation of ninja Man-Bats in the

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Batcave • G. Willow Wilson and Greg Smallwood portray Batman in his strangest standoff ever with Killer Croc With a lineup this strong and a cover by legendary Batman artist Greg Capullo, you won ' t want to miss the start of this tremendous

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collection of Batman tales by some of comics ' top creators!

The Caped Crusade Batman and the Rise of Nerd Culture Simon and Schuster

For more than 75 years, Catwoman has forged her own path in a clear-

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cut world of stalwart heroes, diabolical villains, and damsels in distress. Her relentless independence across comic books, television, and film set her apart from the rest of the superhero world. When female-led comics

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were few and far between, Catwoman headlined her own series for over 20 years. But her unique path had its downsides as well. Her existence on the periphery of the superhero world made her expendable, and she was prone to

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lengthy absences. Her villainous origins also made her susceptible to sexualized and degrading depictions from her primarily male creators in ways that most conventional heroines didn't face. For good and ill, Catwoman serves

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as a stark counterpart to the typical evolution of the history of women in comics, and in popular culture generally. Her adventures have charted an inimitably varied journey of empowerment and exploitation. Exploring the many incarnations of

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this cultural icon offers a new perspective on the superhero genre and showcases the fierce resiliency that has made Catwoman a fan favorite for decades.

Batman Masterpiece Edition
Inside the Epic, 50-year Battle

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between Marvel and DC

The High-Flying History of

America's Most Enduring Hero

From Underground to Everywhere

Batman Black & White (2020-) #1

A Memoir

"A roaring getaway car of guilty

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pleasures” (The New York Times Book Review), Glen Weldon’s The Caped Crusade is a fascinating, critically acclaimed chronicle of the rises and falls of one of the world’s most iconic superheroes and the fans who love him—now with a new afterword. Since his

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debut in Detective Comics #27, Batman has been many things: a two-fisted detective; a planet-hopping gadabout; a campy Pop Art sensation; a pointy-eared master spy; and a grim ninja of the urban night. Yet, despite these endless transformations, he

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remains one of our most revered cultural icons. In this “smart, witty, and engrossing” (The Wall Street Journal) cultural critique, NPR contributor and book critic Glen Weldon provides “a sharp, deeply knowledgeable, and often funny look at the cultural history

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*of Batman and his fandom”
(Chicago Tribune) to discover
why it is that we can’t get
enough of the Dark Knight. For
nearly a century, Batman has
cycled through eras of dark
melodrama and light comedy and
back again. How we perceive his*

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*character, whether he's
delivering dire threats in a raspy
Christian Bale growl or trading
blithely homoerotic double
entendres with Robin the Boy
Wonder, speaks to who we are
and how we wish to be seen by
the world. It's this endless*

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adaptability that has made him so lasting, and ultimately human.

But it's also Batman's fundamental nerdiness that uniquely resonates with his fans and makes them fiercely protective of him. As Weldon charts the evolution of Gotham's

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Guardian from Bob Kane and Bill Finger's hyphenated hero to Christopher Nolan's post-9/11 Dark Knight, he reveals how this symbol of justice has made us who we are today and why his legacy remains so strong. The result is "possibly the most

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erudite and well-researched fanboy manifesto ever” (Booklist). Well-researched, insightful, and engaging, The Caped Crusade, with a new afterword by the author, has something for everyone: “If you’re a Bat-neophyte, this is an

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accessible introduction; if you're a dyed-in-the-Latex Bat-nerd, this is a colorfully rendered magical history tour redolent with nostalgia" (The Washington Post).

A new collection featuring the legendary 1980s Batman epics

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"Ten Nights of the Beast" and "A Death in the Family", never before collected! This new collection of 1980s Batman tales includes the legendary story "A Death in the Family," in which the Joker ends up killing the second Robin, Jason Todd. It all

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begins with the story "Ten Nights of the Beast," which introduced the deadly post-Soviet villain known as the KGBeast. Following that, a series of stories concerning organized crime in the streets of Gotham City leads into "A Death in the Family," in

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which Robin follows a trail to find his birth mother, who is in cahoots with the Joker. Collects BATMAN #417-430 and BATMAN ANNUAL #12.

What do God and the Caped Crusader have in common? While Batman is a secular superhero

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patrolling the fictional streets of Gotham City, the Caped Crusader is one whose story creates multiple opportunities for believers to talk about the redemptive spiritual truths of Christianity. While the book touches on Batman's many

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incarnations over the last 70 years in print, on television, and at the local Cineplex for the enjoyment of Batman fans everywhere, it primarily focuses on Christopher Nolan's two wildly popular and critically acclaimed movies—movies that

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not only introduced a new generation to a darker Batman, but are also loaded with spiritual meaning and redemptive metaphors.

Ten years ago, the massacre known as Fools' Night claimed the lives of Batman, The Joker,

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Nightwing, and Commissioner Gordon...and sent Selina Kyle, the Catwoman, to prison. A decade later, Gotham has grown up-it's put away costumed heroism and villainy as childish things. The new Gotham is cleaner, safer...and a lot less

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*free, under the watchful eye of
Mayor Harvey Dent and his
Batcops. It's into this new city
that Selina Kyle returns, a
changed woman...with her mind
on that one last big score: the
secrets hidden inside the
Batcave! She doesn't need the*

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*money-she just needs to
know...who is "Orpheus"?
Visionary creator Cliff Chiang
(Wonder Woman, Paper Girls)
writes, draws, colors, and letters
the story of a world without
Batman, where one woman's
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controlled Gotham for**

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**centuries using murder and
money. Beware the Court of
Owls, that watches all the time
Ruling Gotham from a
shadowed perch, behind
granite and lime They watch
you at your hearth, they watch**

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**you in your bed Speak not a
whispered word about them,
or they'll send the Talon for
your head. --a nursery rhyme
The Court of Owls is a criminal
secret society that has existed
in Gotham City since the**

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1600s, led by some of the city's wealthiest and most influential families. They employ deadly trained assassins known as Talons, taken as children from circuses such as the one

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where Dick Grayson's parents were killed. These children are trained to become the assassins known as Talons. Bruce Wayne came to the Court's attention when he announced plans to

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**reinvigorate Gotham,
threatening their control. They
sentenced him to death,
bringing themselves to the
attention of Batman. Though
they suffer defeats, the Court
continues to fight to retake**

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**control of the city's
underworld - a fight that has
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reexamines the myth of who,
or what, The Joker is and what**

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Batman: The Killing Joke**

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**Prince of Crime. It's a mystery
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faced!**

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many things: a two-fisted
detective; a planet-hopping**

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gadabout; a campy Pop Art sensation; a pointy-eared master spy; and a grim ninja of the urban night, cycling through eras of dark melodrama and light comedy and back again. He is

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Nolan's post-9/11 Dark Knight,
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raspy Christian Bale growl,

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Captain Marvel, and Superman comics. As the originator of the first sentient robot in literature ("I, Robot," published in Amazing Stories in 1939 and predating Isaac Asimov's collection of the same name), Binder's effect on science

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fiction was profound. Within the world of comic books, he created or co-created much of the Superman universe, including Smallville; Krypto, Superboy's dog; Supergirl; and the villain Braniac. Binder is also credited with writing many of

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the first "Bizarro" storylines for DC Comics, as well as for being the main writer for the Captain Marvel comics. In later years, Binder expanded from comic books into pure science writing, publishing dozens of books and articles on the

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