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Read Comics recommended by the Smithsonian (see back)

Comics Recommended by SmithsonianX: PopX1.1: Rise of the Superheroes

Below is a select list of some of the best superhero stories; all of them are a "must read" for any superhero fan.

DC Comics

- * *Superman: The Greatest Stories Ever Told* Volume 1, by various
- * *Superman Birthright* by Mark Waid and Leinil Yu
- * *Death of Superman*, by Dan Jurgens, Jerry Ordway, Louise Simonson, and Roger Stern, illustrated by Jon Bogdanov, Tom Grummett, Jackson Guice and Dan Jurens
- * *Superman: Red Son* by Mark Millar, Illustrated by Dave Johnson and Killian Plunkett
- * *Batman: A Celebration of 75 Years*, by various
- * *Batman: Year One*, by Frank Miller and David Mazzucchelli
- * *The Joker: A Celebration of 75 Years*, by various
- * *Batman: The Killing Joke*, by Alan Moore and Brian Bolland
- * *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns*, by Frank Miller, illustrated by Kalu Janson and Lynn Varley
- * *Batman: The Long Halloween*, by Jeff Loeb, illustrated by Tim Sale
- * *Wonder Woman: The Greatest Stories Ever Told*, by various
- * *The Flash: A Celebration of 75 Years*, by various
- * *Shazam! A Celebration of 75 Years*, by various
- * *Green Lantern/Green Arrow*, by Dennis O'Neill, illustrated by Neal Adams
- * *DC: The New Frontier Deluxe Edition*, by Darwyn Cooke
- * *Identity Crisis* by Brad Meltzer, illustrated by Rags Morales and Michael Bair
- * *Watchmen*, by Alan Moore, illustrated by Dave Gibbons

Marvel Comics

- * *Amazing Spider-Man Epic Collection: Great Power*, by Stan Lee, illustrated by Steve Ditko
- * *Spider-Man Death of the Stacy's*, by Stan Lee, illustrated by Gerry Conway, Gil Kane, and John Romita, Jr.
- * *X-Men Days of Future Past*, by Chris Claremont, illustrated by John Byrne
- * *X-Men The Dark Phoenix Saga*, by Chris Claremont, illustrated by John Byrne
- * *Fantastic Four Epic Collection: Worlds Greatest Comic Magazine*, by Stan Lee, illustrated by Jack Kirby
- * *Marvel Masterworks: The Invincible Iron Man* Volume 1, by Stan Lee, illustrated by Don Heck, Jack Kirby, and Steve Ditko
- * *Iron Man: Demon in a Bottle*, by Paul Jenkins, illustrated by Ramon Bachs
- * *Marvel Masterworks: Captain America* Volume 1, by Stan Lee, illustrated by Jack Kirby
- * *The Death of Captain America: the Complete Collection*, by Ed Brubaker, illustrated by Mike Perkins, Steve Epting, Jackson Guice, Robert De La Torre, and Lee Weeks
- * *Thor Epic Collection: The God of Thunder*, by Stan Lee, illustrated by Jack Kirby, Joe Sinnott, and Don Heck
- * *Marvel Masterworks: The Incredible Hulk* Volume 1, by Stan Lee, illustrated by Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko
- * *Planet Hulk*, by Greg Pak, illustrated by Carlo Pagulayan, Aaron Lopresti, Juan Santacruz, Gary Frank, and Takeshi Miyazawa
- * *World War Hulk*, by Greg Pak, illustrated by John Romita, Jr.
- * *Avengers Epic Collection: Earth's Mightiest Heroes*, by Stan Lee, illustrated by Larry Lieber, Larry Ivie, Jack Kirby, Don Heck, and Dick Ayers
- * *Avengers Kree/Skrull War*, by Roy Thomas, illustrated by Sal Buscema, John Buscema, and Neal Adams
- * *Marvel Infinity Gauntlet*, by Jim Starlin, illustrated by George Perez and Ron Lim
- * *Marvel Civil War*, by Mark Millar, illustrated by Steve McNiven
- * *Marvel Secret Wars*, by Jim Shooter, illustrated by Mike Zeck and Bob Layton

Other critically acclaimed and popular comic books:

Various Independent Publishers

Young Adult

- * *Archie* by Mark Waid and Fiona Staples
- * *Kevin Keller* by Dan Parent
- * *The Plain Janes* by Cecil Castellucci and Jim Rugg
- * *Janes in Love* by Cecil Castellucci and Jim Rugg
- * *Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi
- * *Re-Gifters* by Mike Carey
- * *Rust* by Royden Lepp
- * *American Born Chinese* Gene Luen Yang
- * *Level Up* by Gene Luen Yang and Thien Pham
- * *HowToons* by Fred Van Lente and Jordie Bellaire
- * *Lumberjanes* by Noelle Stevenson and Brooke A Allen

Superheroes

- * *The Spirit* by Darwyn Cooke and J. Bone
- * *Scott Pilgrim* by Bryan Lee O'Malley and Nathan Fairbairn
- * *The Shadow Hero* by Gene Luen Yang and Sonny Liew

Histories/Biographies/Historical Fiction

- * *Sentences: The Life of M. F. Grimm* by Percy Carey and Ronald Wimberly
- * All of the Rick Geary Mysteries
- * *9-11 Artists Respond* by various
- * *9-11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation* by Sid Jacobson and Ernie Colon
- * *The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation* by Jonathan Hennessey and Aaron McConnell
- * *A People's History of American Empire: A Graphic Adaptation* by Howard Zinn and Mike Konopacki
- * *Laika* by Nick Abadzis
- * *March* Books 1-3 by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
- * *Town of Evening Calm, Country of Cherry Blossoms* by Fumiyo Kouno
- * *Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss & What I Learned* by Judd Winick
- * *The Complete Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi
- * *Boxers and Saints* by Gene Luen Yang and Lark Pien

Literary

- * *Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Mystery and Madness* by Edgar Allan Poe and Gris Grimly
- * *Gris Grimly's Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley and Gris Grimly
- * *A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel* by Madeleine L'Engle and Hope Larson
- * *Ms. Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children: The Graphic Novel* by Ransom Riggs and Cassandra Jean
- * *The Sigh* by Marjane Satrapi
- * *Daytripper* by Gabriel Ba and Fabio Moon

Marvel Comics

Literary

- * *Pride and Prejudice* (Marvel Illustrated) by Nancy Butler and Hugo Petrus
- * *Northanger Abby* (Marvel Classics) by Nancy Butler and Janet Lee
- * *Sense and Sensibility* (Marvel Illustrated) by Nancy Butler and Sonny Liew
- * *Emma* (Marvel Classics) by Nancy Butler and Janet Lee

Historical Fiction

- * *Pride of Baghdad* by Brian K. Vaughan and Niko Henrichon

Superheroes

- * *Runaways* by Brian K. Vaughan and Adrian Alphona
- * *Marvel: 1602* by Neil Gaiman and Andy Kubert
- * *Marvel 1872* by Gerry Duggan and Roy Thomas
- * *Ms. Marvel* by G. Willow Wilson and Adrian Alphona
- * *Thor: Goddess of Thunder* by Jason Aaron and Russell Dauterman

- * *Thor: The Mighty Avenger* by Roger Langridge and Chris Samnee
- * *Hawkeye* by Matt Fraction and David Aja
- * *Spider-Man: Election Day* by Marc Guggenheim and John Romita
- * *Spider-Men* by Brian Michael Bendis and Sara Pichelli
- * *Captain America: Truth* by Robert Morales and Kyle Baker
- * *She-Hulk* by Dan Slott, Juan Bobillo, and Greg Horn
- * *Young Avengers* by Kieron Gillen and Jamie McKelvie
- * *Wolverine and the X-Men* by Jason Aaron, Chris Bachalo, Duncan Rouleau, and Matteo Scalera
- * *All New X-Men* by Brian Michael Bendis and Stuart Immonen
- * *Avengers Arena* by Dennis Hopeless and Alessandro Vitti
- * *Avengers Forever* by Kurt Busiek and Carlos Pacheco
- * *JLA/Avengers* by Kurt Busiek and George Perez

DC Comics

Superheroes

- * *Wonder Woman* by Brian Azzarello and Cliff Chiang
- * *The Flash* by Francis Manapul and Brian Buccellato
- * *Flashpoint* by Geoff Johns and Andy Kubert
- * *Flash: Rebirth* by Geoff Johns and Ethan Van Scriver
- * *Green Lantern: Rebirth* by Geoff Johns and Ethan Van Scriver
- * *All-Star Superman* by Grant Morrison and Frank Quitely
- * *Batgirl* by Brenden Fletcher, Cameron Stewart and Babs Tarr
- * *Robin : Year One* by Chuck Dixon, Scott Beatty, and Marcos Martin
- * *Catwoman* by Darwyn Cooke and Ed Brubaker
- * *Batman* by Scott Snyder and Greg Capullo
- * *Batman: A Death in the Family* by Jim Starlin, Marv Wolfman
- * *Batman: Arkham Asylum* by Grant Morrison and Dave McKean
- * *Batgirl: Year One* by Scott Beatty and Chuck Dixon
- * *Batman: Ego and Other Tails* by Darwyn Cooke
- * *Batman: A Lonely Place of Dying* by Marv Wolfman, George Perez, and Jim Aparo
- * *Batman: Year One* by Frank Miller and David Mazzucchelli
- * *Superman vs. Batman: The Greatest Battles* by various
- * *Trinity* by Matt Wagner
- * *Green Arrow and Black Canary* by Judd Winick
- * *Superman Family Avengers* by Art Baltazar and Franco
- * *Tiny Titans* by Art Baltazar and Franco
- * *Cosmic Odyssey* by Jim Starlin
- * *Crisis on Infinite Earths* by Marv Wolfman and George Perez

Literary

- * *Unwritten* by Mike Carey and Peter Gross
- * *Fables* by Bill Willingham and Mark Buckingham