

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU... IN MAY!

45 years ago on May 25th, 1977, sci-fi fandom — and indeed many other facets of fandom including comic books, toy collecting, CosPlay (which didn't even have a proper name yet), and more — changed forever. George Lucas' STAR WARS debuted, and no one would look at the many facets of fandom (and life in general) in the same way again.

STAR WARS changed the face of reality... it captured the imaginations of those who followed sci-fi as well as average moviegoers who had never seen its like before (or had they?). It changed how we went to the movies, the age of the blockbuster was upon us in full force (no pun intended), launched two years earlier by Lucas' friend and fellow filmmaker Steven Spielberg with his adaptation of Peter Benchley's JAWS. And it was just the start...

It changed the ways we bought and collected toys. When STAR WARS premiered, there were no action figures available for the holidays, just a cardboard envelope with the promise of action figures by mail in the New Year. And those "Early Bird" envelopes sold and sold. Eventually, "Mint on Card" became a thing thanks to the hundreds of action figures that followed over the decades. Rare Boba Fett figures with a working missile launcher are the rarest of rare STAR WARS collectibles and can fetch prices of more than 200K!

And now this month, it feels like STAR WARS has returned once again with the highly anticipated new Disney+ series, OBI-WAN KENOBI. This new series tells the story of Obi-Wan as he guarded the life of young Luke Skywalker, deposited with his Aunt Beru and Uncle Owen on Tatooine. The series is set roughly a decade before A NEW HOPE, and we can expect some exciting moments

when the first two episodes drop on May 27th... rescheduled from its original May 25th release date — but now dropping TWO episodes in one day!

Inside this issue, we have a lot of great new STAR WARS merchandise, from the films, from the Disney+ series, the Expanded Universe, and more.

May is also *Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month*, when we recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. We have a great batch of graphic novels and books from which to choose throughout the issue and have highlighted some of the standouts on pages 212-213... including a bust of Fennec Shand from THE BOOK OF BOBA FETT, as played by Asian American actress Ming-Na Wen of *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* and *Mulan* fame!

Lastly, don't forget to head to your local comic shop for FREE COMIC BOOK DAY on Saturday, May 7th! There's going to be a bunch of great new titles that will be available, FREE of charge, from participating shops! Be sure to check out our Free Comic Book Day 2022 section to double-check your list of must-have freebies for this year!

Your Pal @ **PREVIEWS**,



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AAPIH MONTH

**Head to
your local
comic shop
this month for
FREE COMICS!**

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IN MAY!**

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Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a month-long celebration recognizing the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

This month, **PREVIEWS** celebrates AA/PIH Month for the first time, and hopefully we can introduce you to some amazing Asian/Pacific Islander writers, artists, and characters with our suggested items this month. And be sure to look for the AA/PIH icon throughout this issue for more!

**THE GREEN HORNET:
BRUCE LEE AS KATO
DELUXE ACTION FIGURE**

Diamond Select Toys

Featuring the Likeness of
Actor Bruce Lee!

STL232907 \$24.99



**STAR WARS:
THE MANDALORIAN—
FENNEC SHAND
1/6TH SCALE
MINI-BUST**

Diamond Select Toys

Featuring the Likeness of
Actress Ming-Na Wen!

STL232916 \$120.00



**THE BEST WE COULD DO:
AN ILLUSTRATED MEMOIR SC
(NEW PRINTING)
Abrams ComicArts
From Writer/Artist Thi Bui!
STL229799 \$19.99**



**MECH CADET YU VOL. 1 TP
BOOM! Studios
From Writer Greg Pak!
JAN181343 \$14.99**



**RED SONJA & VAMPIRELLA
MEET BETTY & VERONICA GN
Dynamite Entertainment
From Writer Amy Chu!
NOV191173 \$19.99**



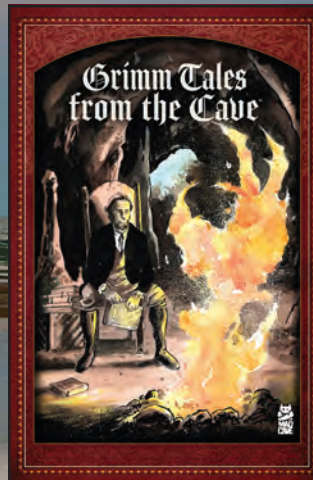
**MAGICAL BOY VOL. 1 GN
Graphix
From Writer/Artist The Kao!
NOV211458 \$15.99**



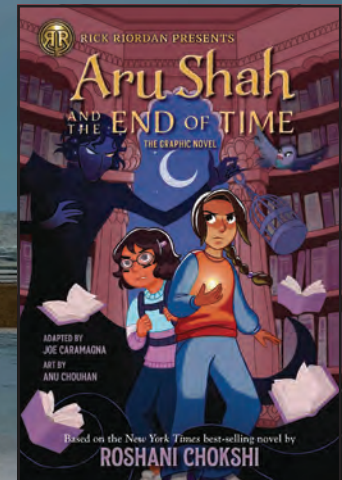
**MONSTRESS
VOL. 1 HC (MR)
Image Comics
From Writer Marjorie Liu &
Artist Sana Takeda!
APR190054 \$49.99**



**THEY FELL FROM THE SKY TP
Mad Cave Studios
From Writer Liezl Buenaventura!
JUN211638 \$14.99**



**GRIMM TALES FROM
THE CAVE GN
Mad Cave Studios
AUG211887 \$19.99**



**ARU SHAH AND
THE END OF TIME GN
Rick Riordan Presents
From Writer Roshani Chokshi!
FEB221663 \$12.99**

**MARVEL: THE BIG BOOK OF FUN AND GAMES SC**

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The ultimate fun-filled, full-color Marvel activity book for the whole family, featuring legendary Super Heroes & Villains! Can you solve riddles with the genius of Iron Man? Spot the Invisible Woman before she disappears? Crack Nick Fury's secret codes? Hulk-smash through every challenge and help your favorite Marvel characters conquer the most head-scratching, pulse-pounding puzzles and games in the Multiverse. Journey through Doctor Strange's mystic maze, unscramble Spider-Man's word webs, weather Storm's seek-and-find, fly through word searches faster than Falcon, and learn to conjure the Scarlet Witch—all you need is a pencil. Featuring crosswords, mazes, word searches, trivia, drawing tutorials, connect-the-dots, and more from *Marvel's Fun and Games* this a-maze-ing compendium is a throwback to classic comics and an activity-packed adventure perfect for Marvel fans young and old. (STL229797) Item has been previously solicited in *New to Order*. (C: 0-1-1)

PUZZLE BOOK

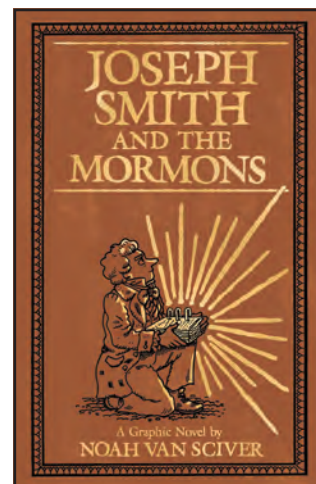
SC, 8x11, 144pgs, FC\$14.99

**THE BEST WE COULD DO: AN ILLUSTRATED MEMOIR SC (NEW PRINTING)**

(W/A/CA) Thi Bui

Exploring the anguish of immigration and the lasting effects that displacement has on a child and her family, Thi Bui documents the story of her family's daring escape after the fall of South Vietnam in the 1970s, and the difficulties they faced building new lives for themselves. At the heart of Bui's story is a universal struggle: While adjusting to life as a first-time mother, she ultimately discovers what it means to be a parent — the endless sacrifices, the unnoticed gestures, and the depths of unspoken love. Despite how impossible it seems to take on the simultaneous roles of both parent and child, Bui pushes through. With haunting, poetic writing and breathtaking art, she examines the strength of family, the importance of identity, and the meaning of home. (STL229799) (C: 0-1-0)

SC, 6.5x9, 344pgs\$19.99

**JOSEPH SMITH AND THE MORMONS GN**

(W/A/CA) Noah Van Sciver

In *Joseph Smith and the Mormons*, author and illustrator Noah Van Sciver, who was raised a Mormon, covers one of history's most controversial figures, Joseph Smith—who founded a religion which is practiced by millions all over the world. The book discusses all of the monumental moments during Smith's life, including the anti-Mormon threats and violence which caused his followers to move from New York to Ohio, Smith's receiving the divine commandment of plural marriage, his imprisonment, his announcement to run for president of the United States, and his ultimate murder by an angry mob in 1844 at the young age of 38. With a respectful and historical approach, and strikingly illustrated, this graphic novel is perfect for those curious about the origins of the Mormon faith and the man who started it all. (STL229796) (C: 0-1-1)

HC, 6x9, 464pgs, FC\$29.99

ABRAMS COMICARTS**FEATURED ITEM****FANTASTIC FOUR: FULL CIRCLE — ALEX ROSS SLIPCASE EDITION HC**

(W/A/CA) Alex Ross

A PREVIEWS Exclusive!

It's a rainy night in Manhattan, and not a creature is stirring except for... Ben Grimm. When an intruder suddenly appears inside the Baxter Building, the Fantastic Four — Mister Fantastic

(Reed Richards), the Invisible Woman (Susan Storm Richards), the Human Torch (Johnny Storm), and The Thing (Ben Grimm) — find themselves surrounded by a swarm of invading parasites. These carrion creatures composed of Negative-Energy come to Earth using a human host as a delivery system. But for what purpose? And who is behind this untimely invasion?

The Fantastic Four have no choice but to journey into the Negative Zone, an alien universe composed entirely of anti-matter, risking not just their own lives but the fate of the cosmos! *Fantastic Four: Full Circle* is the first longform work written and illustrated by acclaimed artist Alex Ross, who revisits a classic Stan Lee-Jack Kirby story from the 1960s and introduces the storyline for a new generation of readers. With bold, vivid colors and his trademark visual storytelling, Ross takes Marvel's first team of super heroes to places only he can illustrate.

Welcome to the Negative Zone. And introducing Marvel Arts — an exciting new graphic novel collaboration between Marvel Comics and Abrams ComicArts — where nothing is impossible and anything can happen! story from the 1960s and introduces the storyline for a new generation of readers.

This **PREVIEWS** exclusive limited run of 3,000 copies includes a bonus removable Alex Ross *Fantastic Four: Full Circle* print in a special slipcase. Please see the June **PREVIEWS** for the regular edition, scheduled for an August on sale date. (STL227337)

HC, 8x11, 64pgs, FC\$40.00

SPOTLIGHT ON**UNCANNY X-MEN TRADING CARDS: THE COMPLETE SERIES HC**

(W) Bob Budiansky

(A/CA) Jim Lee

In 1992, Marvel Entertainment commissioned Jim Lee, the superstar penciller behind *X-Men* (1991) no. 1, the bestselling single-issue comic book of all time, to create all of the art for a new set of 105 trading cards—a set that would go on to become one of the most celebrated in Marvel history and the gold standard for non-sports trading-card artwork and design. Fans of the chart-topping comics could turn to the cards for further insight into their favorite characters, as Marvel writers and editors included bios, stats, and trivia for each hero and villain. The *Uncanny X-Men Trading Cards: The Complete Series* collects, for the first time, the front and back of each collectible card in the set along with select scans of Lee's original and digitally remastered art. It also includes an introduction by and original interviews conducted by writer and set editor Bob Budiansky, with the Marvel staff who helped assemble, design, and create these iconic trading cards. (STL227820) (C: 0-1-1)

REFERENCE BOOK

HC, 7x6, 272pgs, FC\$24.99

