BATMAN FROM BEGINNING TO END



THE LEGEND OF BATMAN

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THE ESSENTIAL **BATMAN** GRAPHIC NOVEL COLLECTION

This classic series of hardback graphic novels builds into an epic collection that tells Batman's life story from beginning to end.

THIS INCREDIBLE SERIES OF CLASSIC STORIES brings Batman's life story together in one place, from the moment Bruce Wayne becomes Batman to his final days in the future.

These are the most important Batman stories ever told and cover **ALL THE KEY MOMENTS** in his life including his **FIRST ENCOUNTERS** with his **GREATEST VILLAINS,** his **LOVE AFFAIRS,** his **TRAGEDIES** and his **TRIUMPHS.**

The collection has been carefully curated to bring you some of the **MOST ACCLAIMED COMIC BOOKS EVER PUBLISHED.**

All the books feature **MODERN ARTWORK AND STORYTELLING** and the collection is packed with **the** work of superstar writers and artists.

EVERY BOOK IS OVER 120 PAGES LONG and is printed on high-quality, glossy paper. It has an introduction that places the story in context, introduces the players, and explains what **MAKES IT SPECIAL.** Many of the books also have bonus features such as variant covers and artist's sketches!







When you put the books on the shelf they are designed to create a single story that starts with Batman's origin in Zero Year and ends with Batman Year 100. But the books are supplied in the most exciting order rather than just chronologically, so as you build your collection you'll start to fill in the gaps in the spine artwork. You'll find the chronological order written on the back of every book.

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ORIGINS! CLASSIC BATTLES! **GREATEST VILLAINS!** TRAGEDIES AND TRIUMPHS! **THE FUTURE OF BATMAN!**

- **FROM ZERO YEAR TO YEAR 100!**
- **MODERN CLASSICS!**
- **SUPERSTAR ARTISTS!**
- **THE STORIES BEHIND THE MOVIES**











AWARD-WINNING STORIES!

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THE STORY OF **BATMAN**

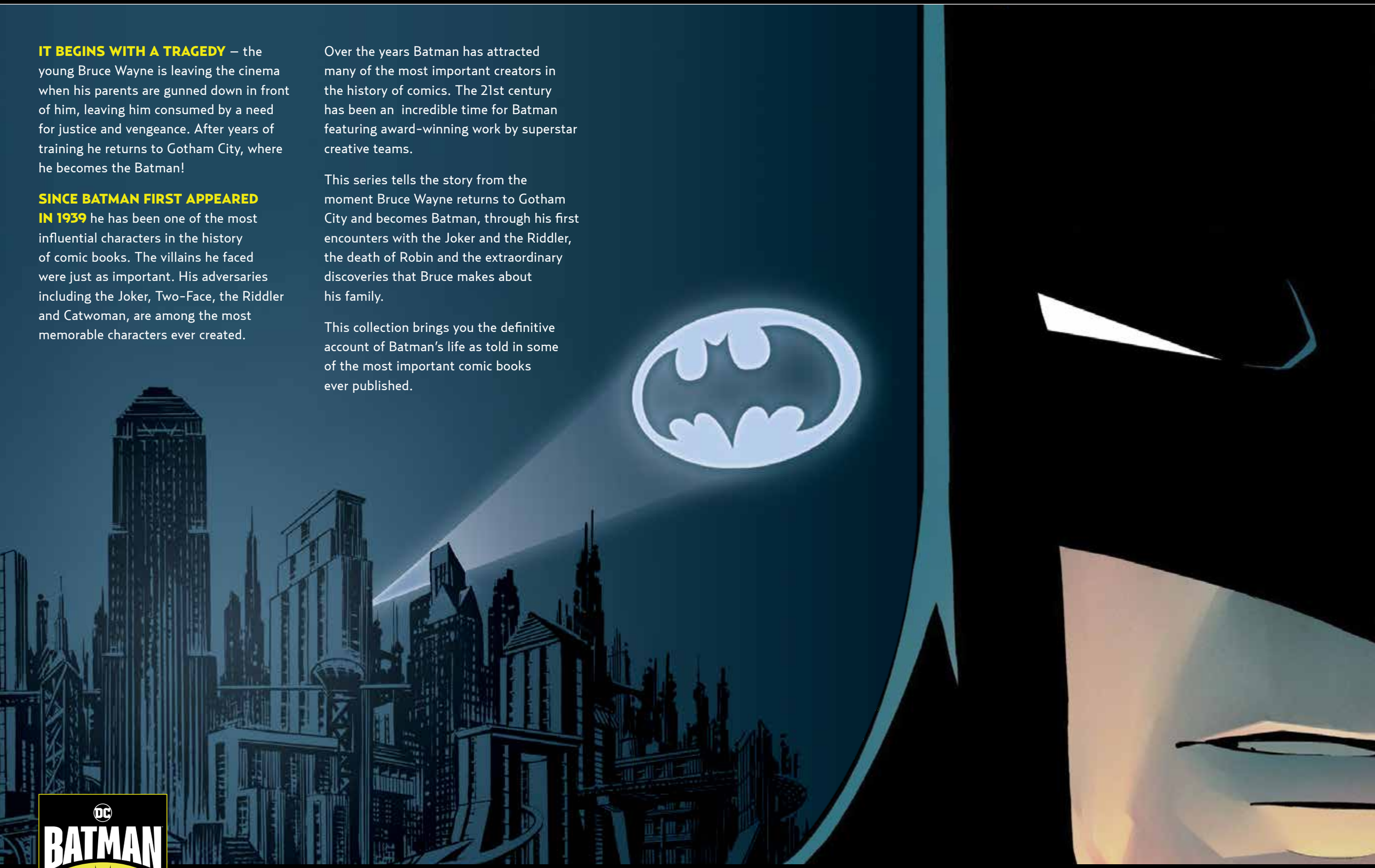
IT BEGINS WITH A TRAGEDY – the young Bruce Wayne is leaving the cinema when his parents are gunned down in front of him, leaving him consumed by a need for justice and vengeance. After years of training he returns to Gotham City, where he becomes the Batman!

SINCE BATMAN FIRST APPEARED IN 1939 he has been one of the most influential characters in the history of comic books. The villains he faced were just as important. His adversaries including the Joker, Two-Face, the Riddler and Catwoman, are among the most memorable characters ever created.

Over the years Batman has attracted many of the most important creators in the history of comics. The 21st century has been an incredible time for Batman featuring award-winning work by superstar creative teams.

This series tells the story from the moment Bruce Wayne returns to Gotham City and becomes Batman, through his first encounters with the Joker and the Riddler, the death of Robin and the extraordinary discoveries that Bruce makes about his family.

This collection brings you the definitive account of Batman's life as told in some of the most important comic books ever published.



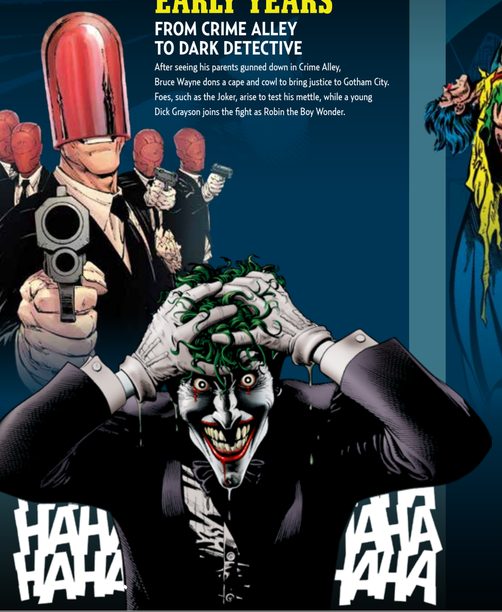
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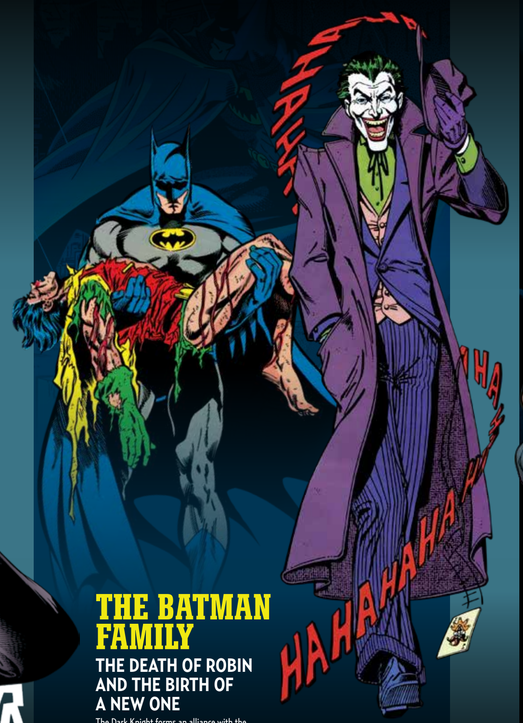


ORIGINS AND EARLY YEARS

FROM CRIME ALLEY TO DARK DETECTIVE

After seeing his parents gunned down in Crime Alley, Bruce Wayne dons a cape and cowl to bring justice to Gotham City. Foes, such as the Joker, arise to test his mettle, while a young Dick Grayson joins the fight as Robin the Boy Wonder.





THE BATMAN FAMILY

THE DEATH OF ROBIN AND THE BIRTH OF A NEW ONE

The Dark Knight forms an alliance with the daughter of the demon, Talia al Ghul, and gains new allies – Batgirl and a new Robin, Jason Todd. The Joker reemerges more lethal than ever and Batman faces his darkest hour.

BROKEN BAT BROKEN CITY

KNIGHTFALL TO NO MAN'S LAND

Exhausted by a wave of villainous attacks, the Dark Knight is incapacitated by the ruthless Bane, and a new vicious Batman briefly takes on the mantle. Gotham City is turned to ruin and isolated following a massive earthquake.





BATMAN AND SON

THE BAT GOES GLOBAL

Batman discovers he is the father of Damian, a child trained to be a assassin. When Bruce Wayne is lost in time, Dick Grayson becomes the Dark Knight before a renewed original Batman returns and launches an international network.

SECRETS AND REVELATIONS

A NEW DAWN BRINGS NEW DANGERS

Following the Flashpoint event, a secret cabal, the Court of Owls, is revealed, ruling Gotham City from the shadows. The Joker returns with a ghoulish new look, intent on dividing Batman from his allies.





THE CAT AND THE BAT

DOES THE WORLD NEED THE BATMAN?

Batman comes closer than ever to finding love and happiness but one of his greatest enemies is manipulating things from behind the scenes. Even if Batman survives he will have to pay a terrible price.



THE FUTURE

THE LEGEND LIVES ON

As has been proved time and time again, Gotham City needs a Dark Knight. With future villains to fight and mysteries to solve, the Batman continues his war on crime with new allies and new technology. How will Batman evolve?

INCLUDING YEAR ZERO ••• BATMAN: YEAR ONE ••• **THE KILLING JOKE** ••• DARK VICTORY ••• **JOKER** ••• KNIGHTFALL ••• **PREY** ••• NO MAN'S LAND ••• **THE RESURRECTION OF RA'S AL GHUL** ••• BATMAN RIP ••• **THE COURT OF OWLS** ••• FACES OF DEATH ••• **DEATH OF THE FAMILY** ••• ENDGAME ••• **THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS** ••• YEAR 100

CLASSIC STORIES BY **SUPERSTAR CREATORS**

The collection has been carefully chosen from thousands of Batman stories to bring you the essential tales by the best creative teams.



A BATMAN FOR OUR AGE

In the last twenty years we have seen some of the greatest Batman stories ever published. First, in 2006 Grant Morrison introduced Batman's son Damian and saw the Dark Knight go international. Then Scott Snyder and artist Greg Capullo took Batman back to his beginnings with Zero Year, uncovered dark secrets about Batman's family before bringing him face to face with the Joker. Between 2016 and 2019 Tom King focused on Batman's love affair with Catwoman and asked if the great detective could ever be truly happy.











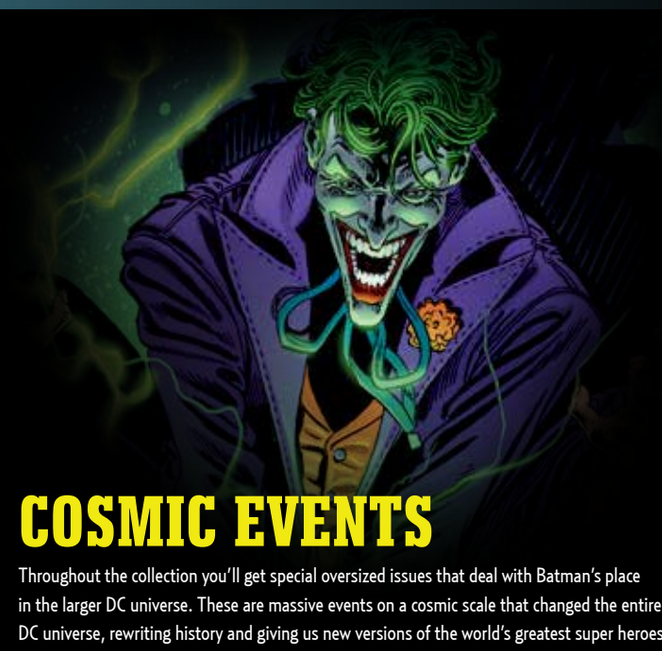


EPIC TALES

Around the turn of the century DC created a series of epic tales that spanned dozens of comics. In Knightfall Batman is defeated by Bane, who breaks his back. With Bruce Wayne out of commission, the increasingly violent Azrael takes his place, revealing that Bruce's Batman is much more than a brutal vigilante. In No Man's Land, which introduced Harley Quinn to the DC Universe, Gotham City is torn to pieces by a devastating earthquake and supervillains take over. These epic stories cover several volumes in the collection.

MODERN MASTERPIECES

The collection wouldnt be complete without three of the most important, and critically-acclaimed Batman stories. The Killing Joke and Batman: Year One deal with the origins of Batman and the Joker and are widely regarded as two of the most significant comic book stories ever published. In Batman: Year One, writer Frank Miller and artist David Mazzuchelli revisited Batman's origin giving it a realistic and noirish spin that reinvented Batman for a new generation. In The Killing Joke, writer Alan Moore and artist Brian Bolland explored the mystery that is the Joker, and his twisted relationship with Batman. Frank Miller also travelled to the future for his most famous take on Batman: The Dark Knight Returns, which finds a retired Bruce Wayne in a future version of Gotham City that is falling apart.



COSMIC EVENTS

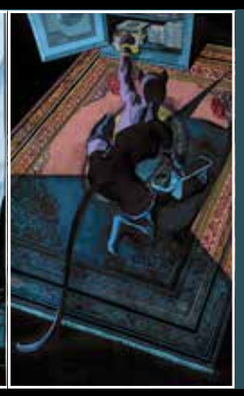
Throughout the collection you'll get special oversized issues that deal with Batman's place in the larger DC universe. These are massive events on a cosmic scale that changed the entire DC universe, rewriting history and giving us new versions of the world's greatest super heroes. These stories feature dozens of DC's heroes, but Batman is always at the center of the action.

TWISTED ORIGINS

The collection includes modern retellings of stories from Batman's early years including his first encounters with his greatest enemies including the Joker, the Riddler, the Scarecrow, Poison Ivy, Two-Face, Mr Freeze and Catwoman.







TALES OF GOTHAM CITY

Other oversized volumes focus on the Batman family and tell vital stories about Catwoman, Batgirl and Robin, exploring their origins and their adventures beyond the Dark Knight.

The world of the Gotham City Police Department is also explored in Gotham Central, an award-winning series that looks at the lives of regular policemen who have to deal with the Dark Knight's insane enemies.

ALL-TIME CLASSICS

In the early 1970s writer Denny O'Neil and revolutionary artist Neal Adams enjoyed one of the greatest runs in Batman's history, bringing him firmly into the modern age and introducing the character of Ra's al Ghul, who would become an essential part of the Batman legend.



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3 ART PRINTS

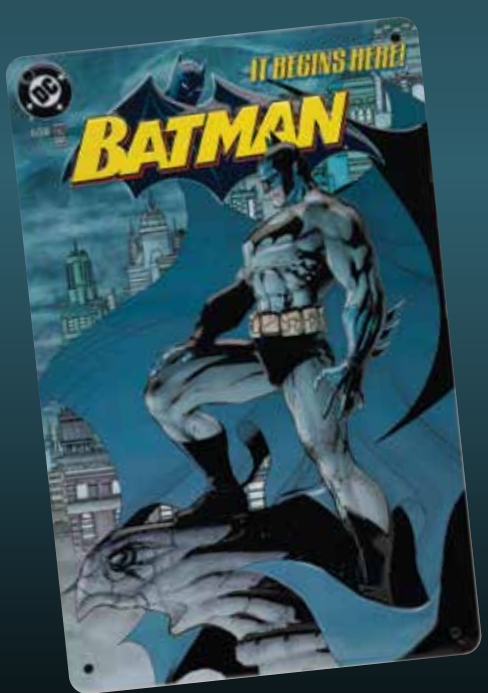
Two art sketches from Batman: Hush, illustrated by Jim Lee, and a black-and-white art piece from Batman: Detective by Simone Bianchi.





TIN MUG

Specially made for the collection, this tin mug features a striking Batman artwork.



TIN COVER

This exclusive embossed tin plate reproduces the cover of Batman #608 from 2002, an image that is already considered a classic.

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