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DC Comics: A Visual History



Synopsis

Updated and expanded edition, with 16 new pages to cover 2010-2014! Featuring a new slipcase design along with two NEW prints packed inside. Trace DC's fascinating story: the company's beginnings as National Allied Publications in the 1934, and its subsequent change to Detective Comics, Inc. in 1937. The book details all the major DC publishing landmarks and more, displayed clearly, month by month. Highlighting the debuts of iconic super heroes like Superman and Batman, the geniuses that invented them, and the real-life events, like the Vietnam War, the atom bomb, and the Space Race, that shaped the atmosphere of the times, DC Comics: A Visual History follows the characters' foray into the real world through TV series and blockbuster movies. Foreword by Paul Levitz, former president of DC Comics (2002 - 2009.)

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Customer Reviews

I'm a big comic book and super hero fan, so picking this book up was a no brainer. "A Visual History" is packed with colorful art from throughout all the Comic Book Ages that DC existed in, but this book was also a very interesting account of DC's start in the industry to where they are today, but it doesn't end there. A Visual History is a month-by-month chronicle of DC's major and minor publications rather than a yearly one, and includes all the most important events of their 75 year history. I'm really impressed with everything DK Publications has included in this massive book. Expect to find a huge amount of details about the Golden Age, Silver Age and Modern Age of DC's place in the comic book industry. The publishers of this book didn't just include the largest facts, but the small ones too, which is cool because I like to know all the little things too. Everything in this

book was equally interesting, but another cool fact about this book is that it was written by a team of top comic book historians that used a variety of sources to produce this book that included top collections, DC vaults, and tons of other people's collections. On top of that "A Visual History" comes in a slipcase, but more importantly it looks even better as a display on a coffee table or on the end of a shelf, which really adds to the room. Furthermore, the book also comes with two prints of Batman and Superman that are almost just as big as the book itself, which makes for a very nice extra. Overall if you're a comic book fan or comic book collector then this book is a must own, and if that's the case I'm sure that you will have just as much fun reading this book as I did. There's just so much you can learn about the history, key issues, and the mythology of DC Comics.

What a terrific book! Extremely detailed. Very high quality stock for cover and pages. Very good binding, which is crucial because the content is so detailed and beautiful that the kids are constantly thumbing through it. Note that this is NOT a character encyclopedia. It's a very detailed history of where DC was in the past and how they got where they are today. Really awesome!

Brilliant book! Better than I expected and way bigger & heavier! The illustrations are beautiful and has a vast wealth of awesome information that any DC Comics and / or comics fan will Love! The case that comes with the book is beautiful with the New 52 Justice League drawings by Jim Lee. I just don't know why they cut off FLASH, AQUAMAN & CYBORG from the lineup? Oh well, I HIGHLY recommend this book! A+++

I enjoyed this heavy, 10.5 x 12.5, 376-page book. It's a definitive history of the vast DC empire, showcasing its modest origins, beginning in 1935 before it was DC and presenting its subsequent reinventions and ventures into numerous enterprises including various publishing formats, radio, TV, movies, merchandising, and the Internet. Naming every writer and illustrator of each featured comic slowed the flow of the narrative, but the artwork is fascinating. Strongly recommended. Kelvin L. Reed Author of "Once a Month"

This book is massive and the information is incredible. It is 50% off so you cannot beat the price. Buy 2 and give one as a gift. You will love this book and learn a lot too.

My son saw this book in the store (for twice as much as I paid for it on !) and loved it. This is an AWESOME, huge book! I was so happy to receive it today. He will be getting it for Christmas and I

am sure he will love it. And it came a week early!

Nice book, tons of material and history, though I find it OBSCENE that the name Ira Schnapp appears nowhere in this ginormous tome! No one contributed more to DC's superior graphic design (over at least a 30-year period!) than the amazing Ira Schnapp! (There is a great page about him, if you're interested, on the "Dial B for Blog" website).

Being a fan of TV shows Arrow and Flash, this is a must, since I haven't read these comics since I was a kid. It really brought back memories.

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