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UPDATE #2

## THE PACIFIC COMICS COMPANION

by STEPHAN FRIEDT with JON B. COOKE

Author STEPHAN FRIEDT shares the story of the meteoric rise of the Schanes brothers' California-based imprint PACIFIC COMICS, which published such legends as JACK KIRBY, SERGIO ARAGONÉS, STEVE DITKO, NEAL ADAMS, MIKE GRELL, BERNIE WRIGHTSON, and DAVE STEVENS. From its groundbreaking 1981 arrival in the fledgling direct sales market, to a catastrophic, precipitous fall after only four years, THE PACIFIC COMICS COMPANION reveals the inside saga, as told to Friedt by BILL and STEVE SCHANES, DAVID SCROGGY, and many of the creators themselves. It also focuses on the titles and the amazing array of characters they introduced to an unsuspecting world, including THE ROCKETEER, CAPTAIN VICTORY, MS. MYSTIC, GROO THE WANDERER, STARSAYER, and many more. Written with the editorial assist of Eisner Award-winning historian JON B. COOKE, this retrospective is the most comprehensive study of an essential publisher in the development of the creator's rights movement. Main cover illustration by DAVE STEVENS. **SHIPS NOVEMBER 2023!**

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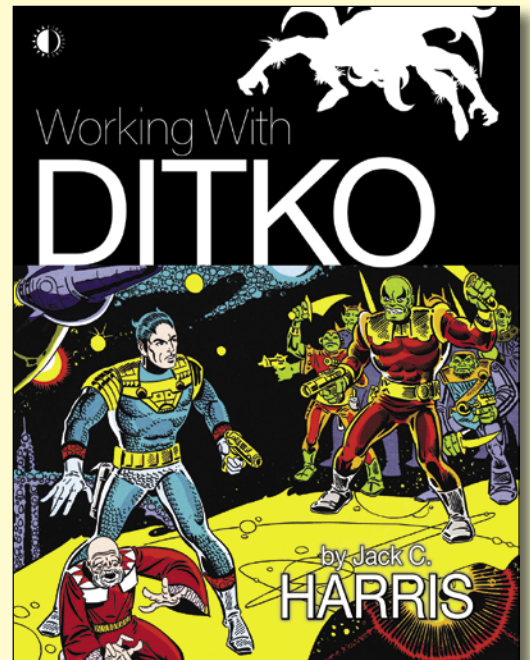
## WORKING WITH DITKO

by JACK C. HARRIS

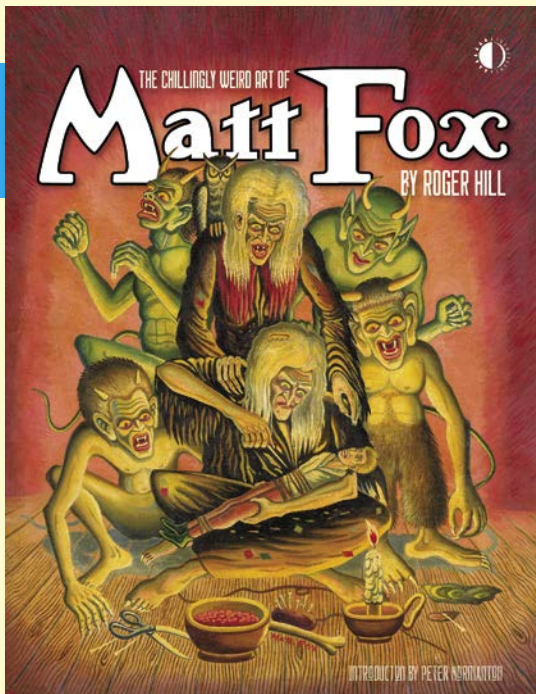
WORKING WITH DITKO takes a unique and nostalgic journey through comics' Bronze Age, as editor and writer JACK C. HARRIS recalls his numerous collaborations with legendary comics master STEVE DITKO! It features never-before-seen preliminary sketches and pencil art from Harris' tenure working with Ditko on THE CREEPER, SHADE THE

CHANGING MAN, THE ODD MAN, THE DEMON, WONDER WOMAN, LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, THE FLY, and even Ditko's unused redesign for BATMAN! Plus, it documents their work on numerous independent properties, and offers glimpses of original characters from Ditko's drawing board that have never been viewed by even his most avid fans! This illustrated volume is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience the creative comic book process by one of the industry's most revered creators, as seen through the eyes of one of his most frequent collaborators! **SHIPS OCTOBER 2023!**

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## THE CHILLINGLY WEIRD ART OF MATT FOX

by ROGER HILL

MATT FOX (1906–1988) first gained notoriety for his jarring cover paintings on the pulp magazine WEIRD TALES from 1943 to 1951. His almost primitive artistry encompassed ghouls, demons, and grotesqueries of all types, evoking a disquieting horror vibe that no one since has ever matched. Fox suffered with chronic pain throughout his life, and that anguish permeated his classic 1950s cover illustrations and his lone story for CHILLING TALES, putting them at the top of all pre-code horror comic enthusiasts' want lists. He brought his evocative storytelling skills (and an almost BASIL WOLVERTON-esque ink line over other artists) to ATLAS/MARVEL horror comics of the 1950s and '60s, but since Fox never gave an interview, this unique creator remained largely unheralded—until now! Comic art historian ROGER HILL finally tells Fox's life story, through an informative biographical essay, augmented with an insightful introduction by FROM THE TOMB editor PETER NORMANTON. This FULL-COLOR HARDCOVER also showcases all of the artist's WEIRD TALES covers and interior illustrations, and a special Atlas Comics gallery with examples of his inking over GIL KANE, LARRY LIEBER, and others. Plus, there's a wealth of other delightfully disturbing images by this grand master of horror—many previously unpublished and reproduced from his original paintings and art—sure to make an indelible imprint on a new legion of fans. **SHIPS SEPTEMBER 2023!**

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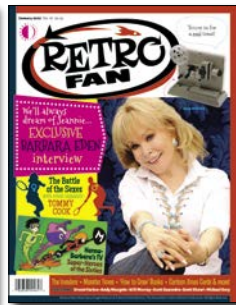
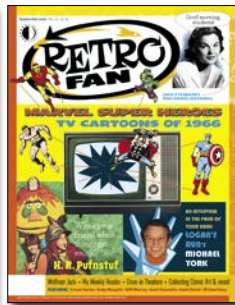
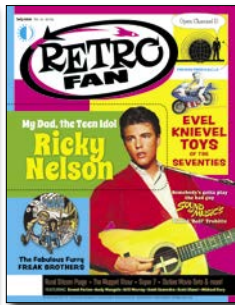
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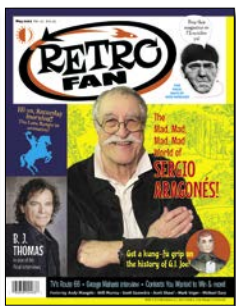
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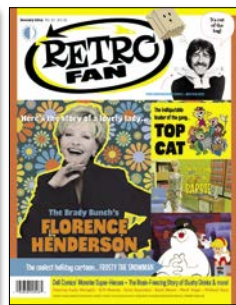
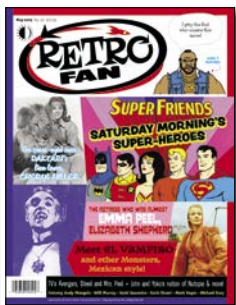
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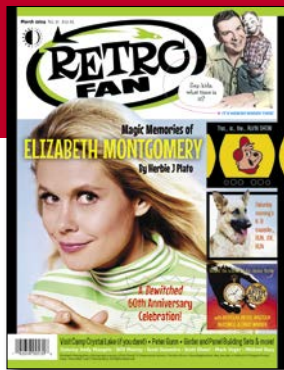
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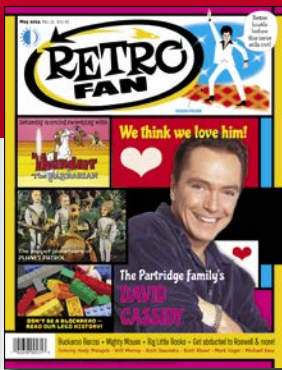




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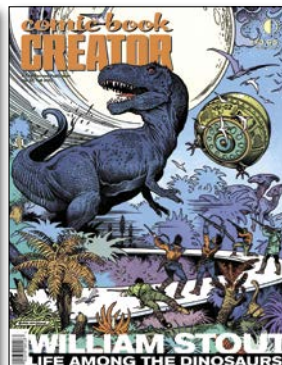
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**WHAT IF KIRBY...** hadn't been stopped by his rejected Spider-Man presentation? DC's abandonment of the Fourth World? The ill-fated Speak-Out Series? **FREDRIC WERTHAM**'s anti-comics crusade? The CIA's involvement with the Lord of Light? Plus a rare Kirby interview, **MARK EVANIER** and our other columnists, a classic Simon & Kirby story, pencil art gallery, and more! Cover inks by **DAMIAN PICKADOR ZAJKO**!

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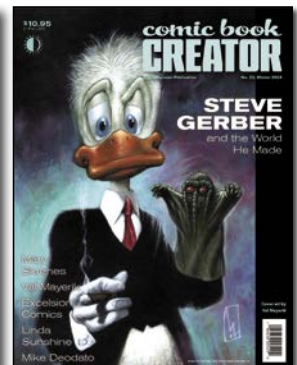
**COMIC BOOK CREATOR #31**  
Career-spanning interview with Bane's co-creator **GRAHAM NOLAN**! Plus, **STAN LEE**'s Carnegie Hall debacle of 1972, the Golden Age Quality Comics' work of **FRANK BORTH** (Phantom Lady, Spider Widow), and **GREG BIGA** talks with ex-DC Comics co-publisher **DAN DIDIO** on his current career as writer/creator on the **FRANK MILLER PRESENTS** comics line, as well as that new comics line's publisher!

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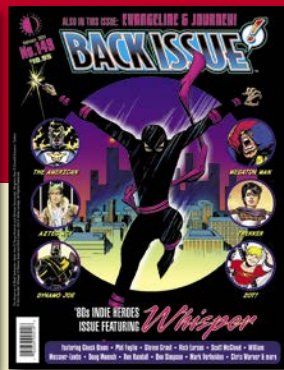
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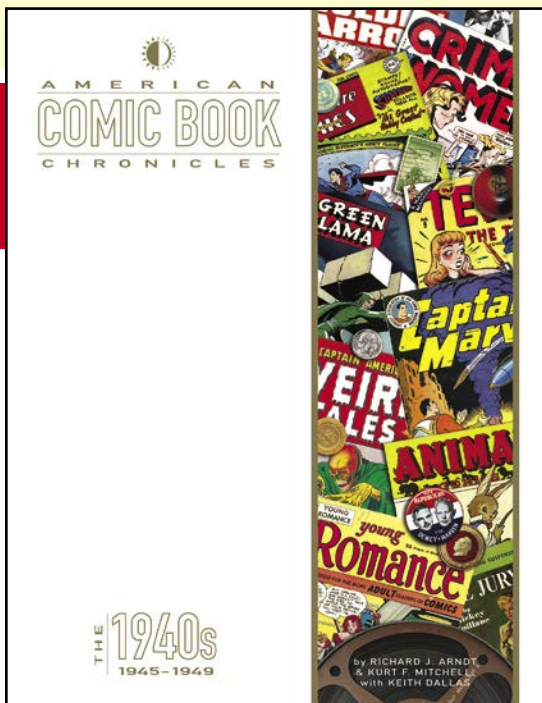
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