*Comics!!  Reading List #1*

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*PopX1.1: Rise of the Superheroes*

**Below is a select list of some of the best superhero stories. We are starting with DC and Marvel, but we won't stop there.  Treat yourself to a handful of them and dive in before starting the course.**

**(Note: none of these readings are required for the course but all of them are a "must read" for any superhero fan. Start out with a few and go from there. They make great gift suggestions!)**

**If you are a hardcore fan, share your own suggested "must read" lists .**

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, Jasckson 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 Kalus 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 Stacys*, 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