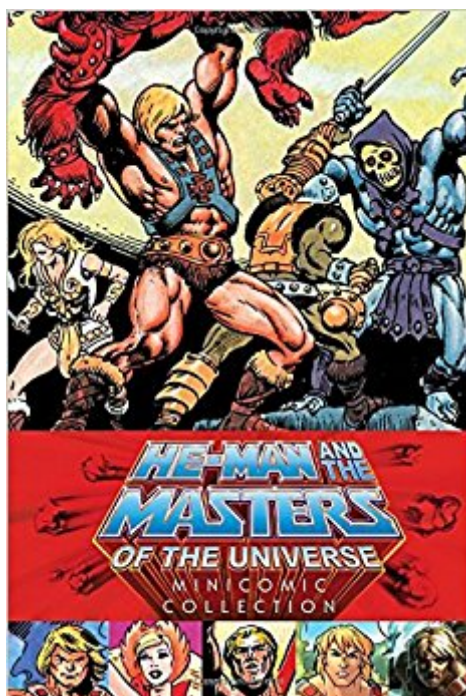


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He-Man And The Masters Of The Universe Minicomic Collection



Synopsis

The toy juggernaut Masters of the Universe and its subsequent action figure lines featured memorable pack-in minicomics that aided in playtime for children across the world. This oversized hardcover collection features sixty-eight U.S. releases, including all minicomics from the '80s Masters of the Universe line, the '80s Princess of Power line, and the '80s and '90s He-Man line, plus an introduction to the minicomics in the current Masters of the Universe Classics toy line. Relive the illustrated adventures that fueled your imagination! Over 1000 pages of minicomics collected for the first time featuring interviews with the original comics creators!

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Customer Reviews

The first 11 minicomics that produced were made by DC Comics, who later produced a 5-issue comic series. All other minicomics, from 1984 and on, were produced solely by Mattel. The DC minicomics were drawn by Mark Texieram and Bruce Timm. The author lives in Various.

Coming from a life long Masters fan, who grew up on the original toy line and cartoon, this hardcover collection is a dream come true! I can't tell you how great it feels, to have ALL of the original mini comics from He-Man, She-Ra, and New Adventures, in one high quality book, bigger, and better than ever before. You even get some 200X and MOTUC thrown in. They aren't "mini" comics anymore, but are now more or less the regular size of your standard comic book. The art and text don't suffer from being blown up however, matter of fact, they look better than ever. The page quality is top notch here, as well as the binding. The book also includes its own bookmark,

attached to the book. If you're a He-Man fan, this is a MUST have!

For many fans of the "Masters of the Universe", it all began with getting toy as a Christmas present or for their Birthday or maybe it was just a Tuesday. With said toy action figures came little pack-in Mini-Comics that opened an entire new world mixed in with fantasy and sci-fi. The Collection book published by Dark Horse has in its 1232 pages...- 49 Masters of the Universe minicomics.- 11 Princess of Power minicomics (+ Fantastic Fashions).- 04 He-Man (the new adventures) minicomics.- 03 Masters of the Universe Classics minicomics.- 02 Booklets "Power of Point Dread/Danger at Castle Grayskull" and "The Power of the Evil Horde".- The 2002 Target exclusive He-Man and Skeletor comic.- Two previously unpublished comics ("Return From Terror Island" & 2003 Smash Blade He-Man/Spin Blade Skeletor comic).- Never-before-seen vintage minicomic script "Ring of Dreams".- Dozen Interviews as well as some Trivia-notes

SPECS At first you'll notice it's a heavy book but the binding is solid and paper quality is excellent so you don't have to worry about it breaking apart. The minicomics are placed one page per page in the book for more natural reading, instead of having two or four images in a single page. The oversized images are roughly 1.5x bigger from vintage minicomics.

CONTENTS Sadly there aren't really in existence original full minicomics hidden in some dark vault to be utilized. Some b&w pages have come to light from art collectors during the years, so Dark Horse and team of dedicated fans did an amazing job with scanning and restoring the old minicomics. For example if you've seen the 2001 Commemorative series reproduced minicomics, the quality in this new book is much better.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL One of the best things with this Collection Book is for fans to have a chance to read unpublished materials. Especially "Return From Terror Island" is a great addition thanks to James Eatock contributing it. So even to the most hardcore fans and collectors who have spent years acquiring the minicomics, there is something new to discover here. And the 2003 infamous Smash Blade and Spin Blade variants that were planned to have a comic pack-in too, is here for the first time fully (previously only one page was seen in "The Art of He-Man and the Masters of the Universe"). The Interviews are something where I always hope to learn more and they succeed in that. I would wish even more interviews from creators.

REVIEWS Simply put, personally as a fan I've wanted for the vintage minicomics to be collected in one coffee table-book for over 20 years now. So this is highly recommended for any fan who grew up with He-Man and She-Ra. And especially if you didn't own all that many minicomics when you were younger, you can immerse yourself to the worlds of Eternia and Etheria with this book. For the price/page-count ratio, I recommend this book. It looks great on a bookshelf. :-)

***Final note. I did contribute to the book the little trivia footnotes

(though couple lines have errors which happens with a book this massive). So you can consider me biased but I truly think the book came out great, even if you would remove my contribution from it. The work that was done speaks for itself.

I didn't realize this was hard cover, which makes it awesome. It's thick, over 1,000 pages. It has tons of content that'll take me forever to consume. I currently collect the He-man comics from DC, but have always been curious about the mini comics. Now I have them and I'm enjoying them to the fullest.

I was amazed when this arrived in the mail. I had no idea how large and how heavy this book would be! At over 1,000 pages, this is not going to be a book you're going to go through over a weekend. As a kid, I remember reading the mini-comics that came packaged with the Masters of the Universe action figures back in the 80's. They were read once, forgotten about, and promptly thrown away by either mom or dad, so at best I was left with only vague memories of the stories. Re-reading them again in this collected edition has been a treat! The stories are on par with any comic written back then, and the artwork is very good. Please disregard the preview has for this book - only the first few pages are like that and afterwards, the stories are presented in a more traditional comic format. For the price, I can not recommend this book enough. If you're a He-Man fan, this is a no-brainer to purchase.

I need a couple of extra stars to express my satisfaction with this book. Its made well, the paper is excellent and the colors are as vibrant as they could be, and true to the original mini-comics. The nostalgia I felt while first looking through this is hard to put into words. Some of these images I hadn't seen in 30 years. I was born in 79, so Masters of the Universe was my first love in the toy world. I had a huge collection, and so had seen many of these mini-comics before (but not all). The first four mini-comics in particular are works of high art in my opinion. These concepts of the early Masters, while muddled in some respects (Teela and The Goddess - different or one and the same?), is of more interest to me than what Filmation ended up doing with the animated series. I grew up with the cartoon, loved it and respect the decisions they had to make to give it wide appeal and make it child friendly, but they took a lot of the original bite out of the early Masters as reflected in these mini-comics. Eventually the mini-comics adapted the Prince Adam alter ego, and the Sorceress, even Orko (unfortunately) but its amusing that they just wouldn't give Man-At-Arms that moustache - which in my opinion he looks better with. I was surprised to see the comic for "The

Power of Point Dread and Danger at Castle Greyskull" which came with a record (I still own the original). Also the rare "Power of the Evil Horde" story that originally came with a cassette in the Hordak/Grizzlor action figure two pack is great artwork (it reminds me of what I would call the Jehovah Witness "Watchtower" style - some probably know what I am talking about). The She-Ra comics are - well not quite my thing, but they had to be part of this. The later comics are also terrific. This is overall a Masterful production. I highly recommend it to anyone who is into He-Man, but as for me, give me my original He-man from the unnamed tribe who had two different power suits, over the Prince Adam He-man any day.

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