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Marvel Comics: 75 Years Of Cover Art



Synopsis

Marvel Comics will celebrate 75 of years of comics excellence in 2014. DK commemorates this special anniversary with *Marvel Comics Cover Art*, a beautiful, large-scale book featuring some of the most impactful, inspiring, and unusual comic cover art to come out of the Marvel vault. With access to the rarest and most interesting cover art in Marvel's 75-year history, DK brings together an unforgettable gallery spotlighting the most iconic covers along with never-before-seen concept art from all over the world. Featuring the likes of Spider-Man, Iron Man, and The Avengers, as well as the writers and artists who gave them life, including Jack Kirby and Stan Lee, this book brings together the beloved Marvel characters like no other has done before. Spreads feature blown-up versions of the beautiful comic art capturing every detail while captioning facts and information about each cover's artist, storyline, and history. *Marvel Comics Cover Art* is the only book of its kind to span the breadth of Marvel's cover art and is an imperative addition to any collection.

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their Marvel "families." So, the Silver Age Avengers titles are placed alongside those featuring Avengers characters. At times, this ordering is broken if a theme, story, or artist unites a selection of covers—*as it is the art that comes first. And it is the artists that this book is dedicated to. They are the real stars of the show and the ones who have helped make Marvel a household name, creating some of the greatest works of art from the last 75 years along the way. Includes two exclusive prints!*

From the Table of Contents: The Golden Age: 1938-1956 The Silver Age: 1956-1970 The Bronze Age: 1970-1986 The Modern Age: 1986-

Iron Man #1, February 1998, Artist: Sean Chen Sean Chen became the regular artist for Iron Man when the title reemerged with the "Heroes Return" stories. Chen's cover for the first issue showcases the Armored Avenger in a new version of his classic red-and-gold costume. It promised a fresh and exciting take on the character. [View larger](#)

Hawkeye #8, April 2013, Artist: David Aja While most comic-book covers often utilize bright visuals, few use one color in such a dominant way as this "Valentine special" issue of Hawkeye. [View larger](#)

The Bronze Age 1970-1986 The Bronze Age was a period of amazing change. A whole host of talented new artists and writers began to make their mark on the industry, and comics started to take on a more realistic approach. [View larger](#)

Avengers #1, September 1963, Artist: Jack Kirby By 1963, the Marvel Age of Comics was well underway, with Jack "King" Kirby proving invaluable as he helped build the Marvel Universe. Kirby's cover to the Avengers' debut issue brought together Marvel's biggest stars in one, all-powerful super-team. [View larger](#)

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