



PUBLISHING TRENDSETTER

The Beginner's Guide to Comics Publishers: Notable Sellers in the American Market

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Archie Comics Publications	Archie Action, Archie Horror, Dark Circle Comics	Pelham, NY	Founded in 1939 as a publisher of superhero comics; Archie franchise was launched in 1941s	<i>Archie, Jughead, Josie and the Pussycats</i>	archiecomics.com	@ArchieComics
Boom! Studios	BOOM!, KaBOOM!, Archaia, BOOM! Box	Los Angeles, CA	Founded in 2005 by Hollywood comic book marketing veterans; publishes original series and adaptations of licensed properties	<i>Lumberjanes, Adventure Time, Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers</i>	boom-studios.com	@boomstudios
Dark Horse Comics	Dark Horse Manga, DH Press, M Press, Dark Horse Digital, DH Deluxe	Milwaukie, OR	Founded in 1986 as an offshoot to the comics retail chain Things From Another World; one of a few comics publishers never to display the Comics Code Authority seal	<i>Sin City, Predator, Buffy the Vampire Slayer</i>	darkhorse.com	@DarkHorseComics
DC Comics	DC, Mad Magazine, DC Archive Editions, Johnny DC, Mad Books, Vertigo, Will Eisner Library, Young Animal	Burbank, CA	Founded in 1934 as National Allied Publications; one of the largest and oldest comic book companies in America	<i>Superman, Justice League, Watchmen</i>	dccomics.com	@DCComics

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Drawn & Quarterly	n/a	Montreal, Quebec	Founded in 1990; influential publisher of alternative comics and known for high-quality book production	<i>Blankets, One! Hundred! Demons!, You're All Just Jealous of My Jetpack</i>	drawnandquarterly.com	@DandQ
Dynamite Entertainment	n/a; is itself an imprint of Dynamic Forces, a leading producer of comic book memorabilia	Mt. Laurel, NJ	Founded in 2005; focuses primarily on adaptations of existing properties	<i>Army of Darkness, The Twilight Zone, Xena: Warrior Princess</i>	dynamite.com	@DynamiteComics
Fantagraphics	Eros Comix, Ignatz Series	Seattle, WA	Founded in 1976; publisher of alternative comics and manager of the Harvey Award	<i>Ghost World, Love and Rockets, Palestine</i>	fantagraphics.com	@fantagraphics
IDW Publishing	Blue Dream Studios, The Library of American Comics, Worthwhile Books, Yoe Books, Top Shelf Productions	San Diego, CA	Founded in 2000 as the publishing arm of IDW, a company formed by entertainment executives to develop products related to film, TV, etc.	<i>30 Days of Night, Orphan Black, Star Trek</i>	idwpublishing.com	@IDWPublishing
Image Comics	Highbrow Entertainment, ShadowLine, Skybound, Todd McFarlane Productions, Top Cow Productions, Joe's Comics, MVCreations	Portland, OR	Founded in 1992 as a publisher for creators who wanted to retain the copyrights to their characters; publishes both superhero and indie/alternative comics	<i>Saga, The Walking Dead, Chew</i>	imagecomics.com	@ImageComics
Marvel Comics	Disney Kingdoms, Marvel Comics, Marvel Press, Icon Comics, Infinite Comics	New York, NY	Founded in 1939 as Timely Comics and took off as Marvel in 1961 with the launch of The Fantastic Four	<i>Spider-Man, X-Men, The Avengers</i>	marvel.com/comics	@Marvel

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Titan Comics	n/a; is itself an imprint of Titan Publishing Group	London, UK	Parent group founded in 1981; holds a backlist of over one thousand graphic novels	<i>Doctor Who</i> , <i>Sandman</i> , <i>Bloodthirsty: One Nation Under Water</i>	titan-comics.com	@ComicsTitan
Valiant Comics	n/a	New York, NY	Founded in 1989 by a former Marvel exec and restarted in 2005; innovated comic book marketing in the 1990s	<i>Rai</i> , <i>Quantum</i> , <i>Bloodshot</i>	valiantentertainment.com	@ValiantComics
Viz Media	unlisted	San Francisco, CA	Founded in 1986, merged with ShoPro Entertainment in 2005; specializes in anime and manga	<i>Shonen Jump</i> , <i>Pokémon</i> , <i>InuYasha</i>	viz.com	@VIZMedia