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Join Billy - plus the extended Marvel family of Mr Talky Tawny, Mary Marvel, Captain Marvel Jr. and even Hoppy - as they battle evil in some of their greatest adventures. With villains including the malevolent scientist Dr Sivana and super-intelligent caterpillar Mr Mind, they'll have their work cut out!

Billy Batson is a good kid. He helps his friends, loves his family, and tries to do the right thing. But Billy is about to have a run-in with the most dangerous serial killer in existence, and the Batman Who Laughs wants Billy to be bad. Spinning out of the events of Batman/Superman and "Year of the Villain," it's the tale of a hero whose soul has been turned black, and who has something to prove to the old guard. Buckle in for Shazam's journey to punch a bunch of so-called "gods" in the face and show the establishment exactly what the future looks like...

Presents the adventures of Robby Reed, a teenager who can change into a superhero by dialing the letters H-E-R-O on a phone dial he found in a cave, but who never knows which type of hero he will become nor what type of powers he will have.

After a night battling robots across the globe, Billy Batson finds out not everyone loves superheroes when one of his teachers unleashes a lecture on the ethics of unchecked power and privilege. It'll take more than just the wisdom of Solomon for the teen hero to figure this one out.

No one's seen Billy Batson in years-not since the incident known as the Final Battle of Titans Island. Now leading a small band of heroes, even his allies have begun to ask who's controlling Earth's Mightiest Mortal. In a story set years after the events of Future State: Teen Titans, learn the truth behind the sacrifice Billy made to imprison an ultimate evil even he couldn't destroy.

The Tiny Titans seek the help of Billy Batson to see if they can build their new treehouse on magical Mount Olympus! But what happens to the Tiny Titans when they say Billy's magic word?

This oversized hardcover edition collects six stories by Dini, the Emmy Award-winning producer of "Batman Beyond" and

"The New Batman/Superman Adventures." Recommended for all readers.

Describes and lists the values of popular collectible comics and graphic novels issued from the 1950s to today, providing tips on buying, collecting, selling, grading, and caring for comics and including a section on related toys and rings.

Superman may be faster than a speeding bullet, but even he can't outrun copyright law. Since the dawn of the pulp hero in the 1930s, publishers and authors have fought over the privilege of making money off of comics, and the authors and artists usually have lost. Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, the creators of Superman, got all of \$130 for the rights to the hero. In *Empire of the Superheroes*, Mark Cotta Vaz argues that licensing and litigation do as much as any ink-stained creator to shape the mythology of comic characters. Vaz reveals just how precarious life was for the legends of the industry. Siegel and Shuster—and their heirs—spent seventy years battling lawyers to regain rights to Superman. Jack Kirby and Joe Simon were cheated out of their interest in Captain America, and Kirby's children brought a case against Marvel to the doorstep of the Supreme Court. To make matters worse, the infant comics medium was nearly strangled in its crib by censorship and moral condemnation. For the writers and illustrators now celebrated as visionaries, the "golden age" of comics felt more like hard times. The fantastical characters that now earn Hollywood billions have all-too-human roots. *Empire of the Superheroes* digs them up, detailing the creative martyrdom at the heart of a pop-culture powerhouse.

Collects *Amazing Spider-Man* (1963) #224-237, Annual (1964) #16. The Marvel Masterworks are proud to present one of the greatest eras in Spider-Man history: Roger Stern and John Romita Jr.'s AMAZING SPIDER-MAN! These two all-time greats raised Spidey to new heights while recapturing the compelling tone and character-driven focus that made the web-slinger world-famous! Stern and JRJR returned classic villains like the Vulture to the fore, explored a disturbing fate for the Tarantula, told the definitive Juggernaut story and made J. Jonah Jameson a bigger

pain than ever before. And that was just their warm-up! This incomparable volume also features the first appearance of Monica Rambeau (A.K.A. Captain Marvel), a mountain of character profiles from the OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE, an in-depth intro by Roger Stern and more!

In the latest chapter of *Shazam and the Seven Magic Lands*, the kids visit the Gamelands, a colorful world of races and games where all that matters are your high scores! But as good as Pedro and Eugene are with their arcade cred, can they score high enough to survive it?

"Remarkable . . . a comic book that can be savored and admired by everyone from kids to the most sophisticated graphic novel devotee." - Entertainment Weekly Jeff Smith, the award-winning creator of *BONE*, tells the story of young orphan Billy Batson who finds himself transformed into the World's Mightiest Mortal whenever he says the magic word "Shazam!" Billy must use these extraordinary abilities to face an invasion of alien creatures as well as stop mad scientist Dr. Sivana and his Monster Society of Evil from taking over the world!

When Billy Batson speaks the name of an ages-old wizard, he is transformed into the World's Mightiest Mortal—Shazam! Billy Batson's parents died when he was still a baby. The orphaned child believed he had no one to rely on and had to fend for himself. But one day, he was guided to the Rock of Eternity, where the ancient wizard Shazam waited. The world needed heroes and the boy became the wizard's new champion, able to transform himself into an adult superhero by calling down a magical bolt of lightning. Now, whenever evil must be stopped or people are in need of help, Earth can rely on the power of Shazam! *The Power of Shazam! Book 2: The Worm Turns* collects "Playing with Fire" from Showcase '96, *Superboy Plus* #1, *Supergirl Plus* #1, *Superman: The Man of Tomorrow* #4 (1996), *The Power of Shazam!* #13-23 (1996), and *The Power of Shazam!* Annual (1996).

Lists prices for more than 75,000 publishers from 1961 to the present.

The legendary 1980s fantasy series is collected at last! Collects *LEGION OF SU-*

PER-HEROES #298, AMETHYST, PRINCESS OF GEMWORLD #1-12, AMETHYST ANNUAL #1, DC COMICS PRESENTS #63 and AMETHYST #1-11.

Revealing his devious plans, Mr. Mind attacks Billy Batson and the entire Shazam family! Pushed to the limit by a fierce battle against both Black Adam and the Monster Society, can Shazam turn the tide and save himself and his adopted family of friends and fellow heroes?

Young orphan Billy Batson has bounced from foster home to foster home, but he's far from the ideal child. Brash and rude, Billy is a troubled teen that just can't seem to find a calling. But after a fateful night on a subway car, that all will change. Brought to the feet of the magical wizard Shazam at the Rock of Eternity, Billy is imbued with powers beyond any mortal man. By shouting the wizard's name—Shazam!—the young teen is mystically transformed into the powerhouse known as Shazam! Now given abilities that make him Earth's Mightiest Mortal at the utterance of a simple phrase, will Billy make the right choices and do what it takes to become a hero? Or will he succumb to the poor choices of youth—and the villainous Black Adam! Geoff Johns and Gary Frank, the team behind the New York Times #1 best-selling graphic novel *Batman: Earth One*, unite to re-invent Captain Marvel as a part of DC Comics' The New 52. Collected here for the first time ever is the series of back-ups that ran in the pages of Johns' critically acclaimed *Justice League*. Collects *Justice League* #0, 21 and stories from *Justice League* #7-11, 14-16, 18-20.

Billy and his family have seen so many marvelous things in their journey through the Magiclands, while facing tough opponents and even tougher questions about family, loyalty, and integrity. Now they're about to face an onslaught of all their greatest foes! Will they have the wherewithal to triumph? Find out in the penultimate chapter of "Shazam and the Seven Magic Lands"!

Wonder Woman, Harley Quinn, Shuri, and Black Widow. These four characters portray very different versions of women: the superheroine, the abuse victim, the fourth wave princess, and the spy, respectively. In this in-depth analysis of female characters in superhero media, the author begins by identifying ten eras of superhero media defined by the way they portray women. Following this, the various archetypes of superheroines are classified into four categories: boundary crossers, good girls, outcasts, and those that reclaim power. From Golden Age comics through today's hottest films, heroines have been surpris-

ingly assertive, diverse, and remarkable in this celebration of all the archetypes.

Billy Batson discovers a secret in a forgotten subway tunnel. There the young man meets a wizard who offers a precious gift: a magic word that will transform the newsboy into a hero. When Billy says, "Shazam!", he becomes Captain Marvel, the World's Mightiest Mortal, one of the most popular comic book characters of the 1940s. This book tells the story of that hero and the writers and artists who created his magical adventures. The saga of Captain Marvel is also that of artist C. C. Beck and writer Otto Binder, one of the most innovative and prolific creative teams working during the Golden Age of comics in the United States. While Beck was the technician and meticulous craftsman, Binder contributed the still, human voice at the heart of Billy's adventures. Later in his career, Beck, like his friend and colleague Will Eisner, developed a theory of comic art expressed in numerous articles, essays, and interviews. A decade after Fawcett Publications settled a copyright infringement lawsuit with Superman's publisher, Beck and Binder became legendary, celebrated figures in comic book fandom of the 1960s. What Beck, Binder, and their readers share in common is a fascination with nostalgia, which has shaped the history of comics and comics scholarship in the United States. Billy Batson's America, with its cartoon villains and talking tigers, remains a living archive of childhood memories, so precious but elusive, as strange and mysterious as the boy's first visit to the subway tunnel. Taking cues from Beck's theories of art and from the growing field of memory studies, *Captain Marvel and the Art of Nostalgia* explains why we read comics and, more significantly, how we remember them and the America that dreamed them up in the first place.

Neron returns to test Billy Batson's resolve! Now confronted with the truth about fellow Titans Academy student Dane's lineage, Billy Batson must decide whether he can trust the person who brought him to hell as they searched for the missing Rock of Eternity. But as the duo grows closer to the Rock and the power of Shazam, a new threat that Billy knows all too well emerges—Neron, the demonic lord of the underworld.

Shazam made his debut in *Whiz Comics* in 1940, and outsold his biggest competitor, Superman, by 14 million copies a month. It wasn't long before a variety of merchandise was licensed--secret decoders, figurines, buttons, paper rockets, tin toys, puzzles, costumes--and a fan club was cre-

ated to keep up with the demand. These collectibles now sell for outrageous prices on eBay and in comic book stores and conventions. Seventy years later, an unprecedented assortment of these artifacts are gathered together by award-winning writer/designer Chip Kidd and photographer Geo Spear. Join Kidd, Spear, and the World's Mightiest Mortal in this first, fully authorized celebration of ephemera, artwork, and rare, one-of-a-kind toys, and recapture the magic that was Shazam!

Attract comic book collectors like a magnet Packed with nearly 100,000 classic and contemporary comics and more than 1,000 illustrations, collectors will find updated listings and prices for *Acclaim*, *Classics Illustrated*, *Dark Horse*, *D.C.*, *Marvel* and much more. Special sections are devoted to the highly collectible *Golden Age*, *Color Comics*, *Black & White Comics*, and *Underground Comics*. Each listing is cross-referenced and includes issue number, title, date, artist and current collector value in US dollars. Collectors can accurately evaluate and value their collections with the grading guide, current market report and tips for buying, selling, and preserving comic books.

A word is spoken, lightning strikes, and out emerges young Billy Batson with the powers of Solomon, Hercules, Atlas, Zeus, Achilles, and Mercury--SHAZAM! Captain Marvel faces off against menaces both inside...and outside...Fawcett City! Captain Marvel's work won't end in Fawcett City though! When astronauts are marooned in space, Captain Marvel is ready to step up and save them! In space, he'll have to confront one of his deadliest foes, Mr. Mind! And he'll have to team up with someone unlikely in order to prevent Mr. Mind from invading Earth! Follow these tales and more in *The Power of Shazam! Book 2: The Worm Turns*, collecting *The Power of Shazam! #13-23*, *Superman: The Man of Tomorrow #4*, *Showcase '96 #7*, *The Power of Shazam! Annual #1*, *Superboy Plus #1*, and *Supergirl Plus #1*.

On an unnamed, uncharted Pacific island, members of the U.S. Armed Forces find themselves armed only with standard issue weapons against the deadliest predators ever to roam the Earth, dinosaurs.

Once inside the Rock of Eternity, Shazam comes face to face with an old acquaintance...who is also a complete stranger. Confused? So is Billy! The questions keep piling up as the stakes mount, leaving him with an impossible life-and-death decision on which the futures of his best friend, the Teen Titans Academy, and the entirety of existence now hinges!

Hell is full of temptations and distractions

as Billy Batson searches for the missing Rock of Eternity, alongside his guide from Teen Titans Academy, the mystical and mysterious Dane. Earth's Mightiest Mortal must face demons and would-be kings of the underworld. But even with the power of Shazam, Billy finds himself outwitted and outmatched, until Dane reveals a secret that will change his relationship with Billy and the new Teen Titans Academy forever.

After years as the World's Mightiest Mortals, Billy and Mary Batson no longer wield the power of SHAZAM. But when Blaze, the current ruler of Hell, offers them a chance to regain the power they lost, will they take it—even at the cost of their friend and current Shazam Freddie Freeman?

Offers collectors detailed guidelines on how to grade the conditions of comic books, explaining a new ten-point grading system and offering close-up photographs of comic books of every grade and condition.

The authors of the international bestseller *Business Model Generation* explain how to create value propositions customers can't resist. *Value Proposition Design* helps you tackle the core challenge of every business — creating compelling products and services customers want to buy. This highly practical book, paired with its online companion, will teach you the processes and tools you need to create products that sell. Using the same stunning visual format as the authors' global bestseller, *Business Model Generation*, this sequel explains how to use the "Value Proposition Canvas" to design, test, create, and manage products and services customers actu-

ally want. *Value Proposition Design* is for anyone who has been frustrated by new product meetings based on hunches and intuitions; it's for anyone who has watched an expensive new product launch fail in the market. The book will help you understand the patterns of great value propositions, get closer to customers, and avoid wasting time with ideas that won't work. You'll learn the simple process of designing and testing value propositions, that perfectly match customers' needs and desires. In addition the book gives you exclusive access to an online companion on Strategyzer.com. You will be able to assess your work, learn from peers, and download pdfs, checklists, and more. *Value Proposition Design* is an essential companion to the "Business Model Canvas" from *Business Model Generation*, a tool embraced globally by startups and large corporations such as MasterCard, 3M, Coca Cola, GE, Fujitsu, LEGO, Colgate-Palmolive, and many more. *Value Proposition Design* gives you a proven methodology for success, with value propositions that sell, embedded in profitable business models." The 1970s adventures of Shazam—now the star of his very own movie—are collected in color for the first time! These new adventures combined the cartoony art of C.C. Beck, the original artist from the best-selling comics of the 1940s, with the modern, tongue-in-cheek sensibility of writers including Dennis O'Neil as the entire Marvel family reunite for all-new adventures. *Collects SHAZAM! #1-18.*

The superstar team of writer Geoff Johns and artist Dale Eaglesham reunite to launch the first all-new SHAZAM! monthly title set in the DC Universe in almost 20

years! (What took you guys so long?!) Teenager turned super-hero Billy Batson struggles to balance school and superheroics! (Guess which one is more fun?) But when Shazam unlocks a shocking secret deep within the Rock of Eternity, it challenges everything he knows about the worlds of magic and his family's future as its champions! Also, witness the bizarre team-up of Dr. Sivana and Mr. Mind as they set off to build a society all their own! Don't miss the start of an epic run in the making as "Shazam and the Seven Realms" begins!

Billy Batson came to Titans Academy looking for answers. Why was the rest of his adopted family cut off from the power of Shazam? Why are his own powers becoming increasingly unreliable? The answers send Billy on an outrageous adventure that'll not only change him but have an immense impact on the school and other students on Titans Island.

When the original Starman's old foe The Mist continues an old vendetta, Jack Knight is forced into a role he's spent his whole life denying...Jack will have to pick up Starman's Cosmic Rod. When Jack Knight is forced to pick up the Starman's Cosmic Rod, he finds himself flung into a life he never wanted for himself...but it just might be his destiny! Watch Starman go up against The Mist, The Shade, and even Captain Marvel! *Starman Compendium One* collects: *Starman #0-42*, *Starman 80--Page Giant #1*, *Starman Annual #1*, *Starman Annual #2*, *Starman Secret Files #1*, *Showcase '95 #12*, *Showcase '96 #4*, *Showcase '96 #5*, *The Power of Shazam! #35*, *The Power of Shazam! #36*, and *The Shade #1-4*