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Professional Profile

A writer of books and comic books with over twenty years of experience. Well-versed in working in a variety of different writing mediums, from comic book scripts to screenplays, from children's books to adult fiction, from non-fiction prose to poetry and magazine articles. Well-known comic book historian with an insider's knowledge of the behind-the-scenes cartooning industry. Takes pride in never missing a deadline and earning repeat work whenever possible from the vast majority of clients.

Comic Book Work

2003-date

Freelance Writer

1. *Defenders of Freedom*, ACLU Press.
2. *EOD Soldiers: Go Slow*, Capstone.
3. *EOD Soldiers: The List*, Capstone.
4. *EOD Soldiers: The Mist*, Capstone.
5. *EOD Soldiers: Two Sides*, Capstone.
6. *Moko to the Rescue: Heroic Dolphin of New Zealand*, Capstone.
7. *Scarlett Braves the Flames: Heroic Cat to the Rescue*, Capstone.
8. *Trakr Searches for Survivors: Heroic Police Dog of 9/11*, Capstone.
9. *Batman #700*, DC Comics.
10. *Batman: 80 Page Giant 2010 #1*, DC Comics.
11. *The Batman Strikes #'s 10, 15, 24, 31, 40, and 49*, DC Comics.
12. *Batman/Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Adventures #'s 1-6*, IDW Publishing and DC Comics.
13. *Beware the Batman #'s 2 and 6*, DC Comics.
14. *DC vs. Vampires: All-Out War #4*, DC Comics.
15. *Justice League Adventures #'s 14 and 33*, DC Comics.
16. *Legion of Super-Heroes in the 31st Century #'s 10, 12, and 16*, DC Comics.
17. *Looney Tunes #'s 153, 161, and 221*, DC Comics.
18. *Scooby-Doo: Where Are You? #'s 44 and 56*, DC Comics.
19. *Sensation Comics Featuring Wonder Woman #12*, DC Comics.
20. *Teen Titans Go! #'s 27, 31, and 35*, DC Comics.
21. *Pirates of the Caribbean: Six Sea Shanties #1*, Disney Publishing (unpublished due to likeness rights dispute between Disney and lead actor).
22. *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*, Graphic Revolve.
23. *The Fall of the House of Usher*, Graphic Revolve.
24. *Marvel Action: Avengers #'s 1-12*, IDW Publishing and Marvel Comics.
25. *Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #'s 0-5*, IDW Publishing.
26. *Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Sound Off #'s 1-3*, IDW Publishing.
27. *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: New Animated Adventures #'s 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, and 24*, IDW Publishing.
28. *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Amazing Adventures #'s 3, 4, 9, and 10, 12, 13, and 14*, IDW Publishing.
29. *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Universe #20*, IDW Publishing.
30. *Marvel Romance Redux: I Should Have Been A Blonde! #1*, Marvel Comics.
31. *Spider-Man: Unlimited #7*, Marvel Comics.
32. *Untitled Spider-Man Wall Comic*, Marvel Comics with Madame Tussauds New York (wrote script for a Spider-Man comic to appear on three walls of the Marvel Comics exhibit).
33. *John Carpenter's Tales of Science Fiction: Pause #'s 1-6*, Storm King Comics.
34. *Jetta Raye Adventures*, Totally Galactic Comics.

Book Work

2007-date

Freelance Author

1. *The Book of the Vishanti: A Magical Exploration of the Marvel Universe*, Abrams.
2. *The Flash: The Secret Files of Barry Allen*, Abrams.
3. *Supergirl: The Secret Files of Kara Danvers*, Abrams.
4. *The Batman Files*, Andrews McMeel Publishing.
5. *The Superman Files*, Andrews McMeel Publishing.
6. *Guide to Groot: A Sound Book*, Becker&Mayer.
7. *Spider-Man: A History and Celebration of the Web-Slinger, Decade by Decade*, Becker&Mayer.
8. *The Bug Brigade*, Capstone.
9. *Can You Find the Knights Templar Treasure?*, Capstone.
10. *Can You Uncover the Oak Island Mystery Pit?*, Capstone.
11. *Can You Survive the 1918 Flu Pandemic?*, Capstone.
12. *Can You Survive the 1925 Tri-State Tornado?*, Capstone.
13. *Scooby-Doo and the Mayhem Mansion*, Capstone.
14. *Scooby-Doo and the Mystery of the Mist Monster*, Capstone.
15. *Scooby-Doo and the Secret of the Haunted Cave*, Capstone.
16. *Scooby-Doo: The Salem Witch Showdown*, Capstone.
17. *Strong: Tony Hawk: Live2Skate*, Capstone.
18. *Tony Hawk's 900 Revolution: Volume 8: Lockdown*, Capstone.
19. *U.S. Special Forces: Ghosts of the Night*, Capstone.
20. *Xander and the Rainbow-Barfing Unicorns: Fairies Hate Ponies*, Capstone.
21. *Xander and the Rainbow-Barfing Unicorns: Magic Smells Awful*, Capstone.
22. *Xander and the Rainbow-Barfing Unicorns: One Trick Pony*, Capstone.
23. *Xander and the Rainbow-Barfing Unicorns: Return to Pegasia*, Capstone.
24. *Xander and the Rainbow-Barfing Unicorns: The Search for Stalor*, Capstone.
25. *Xander and the Rainbow-Barfing Unicorns: Who Turned Off the Colors*, Capstone.
26. *The Amazing Spider-Man Storybook Collection*, Disney Publishing.
27. *Artemis Fowl: A Fowl Adventure*, Disney Publishing.
28. *Artemis Fowl: How to Be a LEPrecon*, Disney Publishing.
29. *Avengers' Encyclopedia*, DK Publishing.
30. *Batman: Arkham Universe: The Ultimate Visual Guide*, DK Publishing.
31. *Batman Character Encyclopedia*, DK Publishing.
32. *Batman: The Ultimate Guide – New Edition*, DK Publishing.
33. *Batman: A Visual History*, DK Publishing.
34. *DC Comics: A Visual History*, DK Publishing.
35. *DC Comics Encyclopedia*, DK Publishing.
36. *DC Comics Encyclopedia – New Edition*, DK Publishing.
37. *DC Comics: Year by Year: A Visual Chronicle*, DK Publishing.
38. *Hulk: The Incredible Guide: Updated Edition*, DK Publishing.
39. *Iron Man: The Ultimate Guide to the Armored Super Hero*, DK Publishing.
40. *Marvel Chronicle*, DK Publishing.
41. *Marvel Heroes: Greatest Battles*, DK Publishing.
42. *Marvel: Year by Year: A Visual Chronicle*, DK Publishing.
43. *Spider-Man Chronicle*, DK Publishing.
44. *Spider-Man: Inside the World of Your Friendly Neighborhood Hero – Updated Edition*, DK Publishing.
45. *Spider-Man: The Ultimate Guide: Updated Edition*, DK Publishing.
46. *Wolverine: Inside the World of the Living Weapon*, DK Publishing.
47. *The Art of the Walking Dead Universe*, Image Comics/Skybound.
48. *Batman Hardcover Ruled Journal*, Insight Editions.
49. *Batman: The Multiverse of the Dark Knight*, Insight Editions.
50. *DC Comics: Anatomy of a Metahuman*, Insight Editions.

51. *Deadpool: Drawing the Merc With A Mouth*, Insight Editions.
52. *Exploring Gotham City*, Insight Editions.
53. *Harley Quinn Ruled Journal*, Insight Editions.
54. *IncrediBots: Batman*, Insight Editions.
55. *IncrediBots: Spider-Man*, Insight Editions.
56. *IncrediBuilds: DC Comics: Superman: Daily Planet Deluxe Book and Model Set*, Insight Editions.
57. *The Joker Hardcover Ruled Journal*, Insight Editions.
58. *Sideshow: Fine Art Prints*, Insight Editions.
59. *The World According to the Joker*, Insight Editions.
60. *The World According to Wolverine*, Insight Editions.
61. *The World According to Wonder Woman*, Insight Editions.
62. *The Art of Captain America*, Marvel Comics.
63. *The Art of Thor*, Marvel Comics.
64. *Marvel Storybook Collection*, Marvel Press.
65. *World of Reading: This is Doctor Strange and Scarlet Witch*, Marvel Press.
66. *World of Reading: This is Shang Chi*, Marvel Press.
67. *Batman: Chronicles of the Dark Knight* (four book set), Running Press.
68. *Batman: Deluxe Cowl and Illustrated Book*, Running Press.
69. *Batman: Metal Die-Cast Bat-Signal and Illustrated Book*, Running Press.
70. *Batman: Talking Bust and Illustrated Book*, Running Press.
71. *The Batman Vault*, Running Press.
72. *Iron Man: Behind the Iron Mask*, Running Press.
73. *The Joker Talking Bust and Illustrated Book*, Running Press.
74. *Jurassic World: Die-Cast Metal Projector and Illustrated Book*, Running Press.
75. *The Marvel Vault* (Updated Edition), Running Press.
76. *Scooby-Doo! and the Mystery of the Haunted Library: A Mystery Inc. Picture Book*, Running Press.
77. *Wonder Woman: Magnet, Pin, and Book Set*, Running Press.
78. *Wonder Woman: Tiara Bracelet and Illustrated Book*, Running Press.
79. *Wonder Woman: Talking Figure and Illustrated Book*, Running Press.
80. *Batman: Gotham City's Guardian*, Scholastic.
81. *Batgirl: New Hero of the Night*, Scholastic.
82. *Batman: Catwoman's Nine Lives*, Stone Arch Books.
83. *Batman: Scarecrow, Doctor of Fear*, Stone Arch Books.
84. *Batman Tangles With Terror*, Stone Arch Books.
85. *Batman: Two-Face's Double Take*, Stone Arch Books.
86. *Black Adam: An Origin Story*, Stone Arch Books.
87. *Cheetah: An Origin Story*, Stone Arch Books.
88. *Cyborg: An Origin Story*, Stone Arch Books.
89. *The Dark Knight: Scarecrow's Flock of Fear*, Stone Arch Books.
90. *Drone Academy: Operation Copycat*, Stone Arch Books.
91. *Drone Academy: Operation Foxhunt*, Stone Arch Books.
92. *Drone Academy: Operation Runaway*, Stone Arch Books.
93. *Drone Academy: Operation Stargazer*, Stone Arch Books.
94. *Flash: The Attack of Professor Zoom!*, Stone Arch Books.
95. *Flash Races the Rogues*, Stone Arch Books.
96. *Ghosts of the Night (U.S. Special Ops)*, Stone Arch Books.
97. *Green Lantern: An Origin Story*, Stone Arch Books.
98. *Justice League: The League of Laughs*, Stone Arch Books.
99. *Justice League: The Ultimate Weapon*, Stone Arch Books.
100. *The Man of Steel: Superman and the Poisoned Planet*, Stone Arch Books.
101. *Superman: Apokolips Invasion*, Stone Arch Books.
102. *Superman Battles the Billionaire Bully*, Stone Arch Books.
103. *Superman: An Origin Story*, Stone Arch Books.
104. *Superman: Little Green Men*, Stone Arch Books.

105. *Wonder Woman Wrestles Circe's Sorcery*, Stone Arch Books.
106. *Wonder Woman: Amazon. Hero. Icon.*, Universe Publishing (first chapter only).

Other Work

2001-date Freelance Writer, Journalist, Poet, and Screenwriter

- Over twenty Amazon Rapids digital short stories, Amazon.
- *The Bear Deluxe* (Poetry) issue #19.
- Monthly Feature and Business Profile articles for *Biltmore Living Magazine*, Best Version Media.
- *God-In-A-Can* (Short Film), Biamonte Productions.
- *Daily Planet* Faux Newspaper Articles, DC Comics 52 website.
- Series of Marvel Activity Books, Disney Publishing.
- 19 Various DC and Marvel Chess Collection Magazines, Eaglemoss Publishing.
- 16 Various DC *Batman Universe: Collector's Busts* Magazines, Eaglemoss Publishing.
- 2 Various *DC All-Stars* Magazines, Eaglemoss Publishing.
- "We Will Ride" digital comic, Pop Culture Classroom.
- *Rosebud Magazine* (Poetry) issue #26.
- *Variety Magazine* (Bob Kane article), Vol. 329, issue #15 (October 20, 2015).
- *Words* (Poetry) #'s 53 and 54, (Novel Excerpt) #61, Visual Arts Press.
- *Writers' Journal* (Poetry) volume #24, issue #2.

Education

1997-2001 School of Visual Arts

- Bachelor of Fine Arts with a major in Cartooning.
- President of the student body/Visual Arts Student Association.

Other Accomplishments

- Published book and/or comic work has received acclaim in: *People Magazine*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Men's Fitness*, *Comic Buyer's Guide*, *The Washington Times*, *Publishers Weekly*, *BookPage.com*, *Comicvine.com*, *IGN.com*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Denver Post*, *The Dayton Daily News*, *ComicMix.com*, *ComicsWorthReading.com*, *ComicsBulletin.com*, *Comics in the Classroom.net*, and *The Westerly Sun*.
- Has served as a key speaker at various events including: the New York Comic Convention, the Museum of Cartoon and Comic Art in Manhattan, Brooklyn's King Con, NC Comicon, Heroes Con, SC Comicon, Asheville Comic Expo, Beer City Comic Con, Incredible Con, RobCon, Michigan's Gallery 194, and at New York City's Sci-Fi Screening Room's Batman Night.
- Participated in special guest signings at venues including: Barnes & Noble, Midtown Comics, Jim Hanley's Universe, the MoCCA Festival, the San Diego Comic Convention, the New York Comic Convention, the NC Comicon, the SC Comicon, Heroes Con, Incredible Con, Tidewater Comic Con, Asheville Comic Expo, Smoky Mountain Geek Expo, Bank Square Books, Comic Envy, Haywood Comics, Asheville Comics, Tangled Web Comics, and Rocketship Comics.