# SUPERHEROES

# **1922-2018** COMMEMORATIVE EDITION A CELEBRATION OF STAN LEE

A COLLECTION OF LIMITED EDITION ART OF ICONIC COMIC BOOK COVERS

"I WANT THE WORK THAT MY FATHER STARTED TO CONTINUE, THAT'S WHAT HE WOULD WANT AND THAT IS WHAT I WANT TO CARRY FORWARD." - JC LEE





### STAN LEE 1922-2018

Often credited with transforming the industry forever, the late Stan Lee was an American comic book writer, editor, former president and Chairman Emeritus of Marvel Comics.

Born Stanley Lieber in Manhattan, New York City, on 28th December 1922, he graduated from high school early and eventually became an assistant at Timely Comics – which would later evolve into Marvel Comics. Following a stint in the United States Army, Stan was tasked by publisher Martin Goodman in the late 1950s to create a superhero team to rival that of DC Comics.

The first superheroes Stan and artist Jack Kirby created were the Fantastic Four. In collaboration with Jack and Steve Ditko, he went on to co-create Spider-Man, the Hulk, the X-Men, Iron Man, Thor, the Silver Surfer, the Avengers and many other fictional characters.

From the tip of his pen and the keys of his trusted typewriter flowed not only larger-than-life superheroes, but an exploration of social issues such as bigotry, injustice and discrimination. As a result, Stan's Marvel Revolution extended beyond the characters and storylines to engage with his audience and create a community between readers and creators.

His unconventional approach may have got him into hot water with the Comic Codes Authority, but in 1984 Stan was awarded the National Medal of Arts by the United States Congress – the highest honour awarded to an individual artist in the USA. Previous recipients include Georgia O'Keefe, William de Kooning, Roy Lichtenstein and Bob Dylan.

Known as much for his rapport with fans as his impact on the world of comic books, he remarked in an interview with the Radio Times: "It's always great when people come up to me and mention how much they like the characters I've created. It's always a great feeling to hear that."

Such was Stan's legend that upon his passing at the age of 95 in Los Angeles, California, on 12th November 2018, millions of messages poured in from around the world. Countless generations united to remember the man who made us believe that there is a hero inside us all.

## IN MEMORY OF STAN LEE (1922-2018)

If there's one thing that jumps from the pages of Stan Lee's comic books – more so even than his fantastic superheroes – it is courage, and the tireless pursuit of justice. The bravery to speak for those whose voices were unheard, and the conviction to stay strong when those opposing him sought to ensure silence.

Through his comic books, Stan opened our eyes to a world where good will always triumph over evil. And as we remember his legend, we are humbled to present Marvel Superheroes, a commemorative series of six hand-signed limited edition prints featuring some of his most popular characters.

Almost 80 years after he first signed his name as 'Stan Lee' for a byline on the 1941 debut of Captain America, we welcome the super soldier once again in this exclusive release, alongside The Amazing Spider-Man, Thor, Wolverine, Iron Man and the Hulk. These iconic comic book covers pay homage to the larger-than-life heroes created by some of the greatest artists to emerge from the industry.

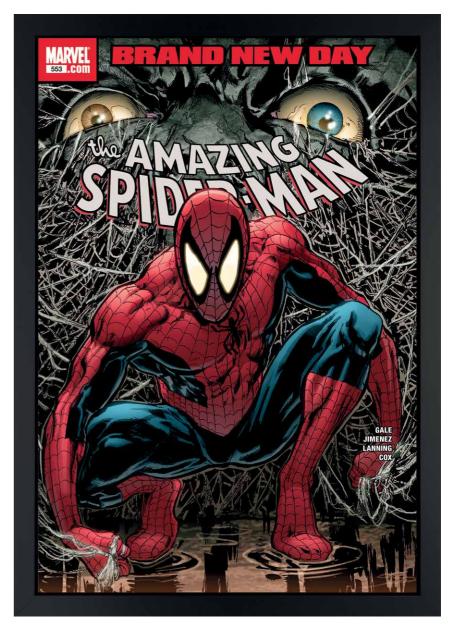
Stan Lee's creations are ever-evolving as they transcend generations. What once only existed in the well-loved pages of comic books is rendered in CGI in Hollywood blockbusters. Yet nothing will ever compare – in honesty or craftsmanship – to the original illustrations.

Our collection is a celebration of a life-long passion for depicting the truth. Stan was not only the editor-inchief of Marvel Comics, and latterly made Chairman Emeritus, but a guiding voice for generations who needed to hear that it was okay to be different. As we salute his life and mourn his passing, we remember his touching words: *"I feel that if you're able to entertain, you're doing a good thing."* 

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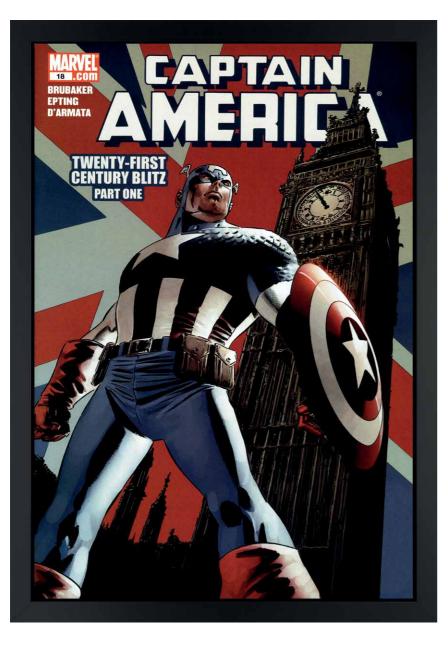
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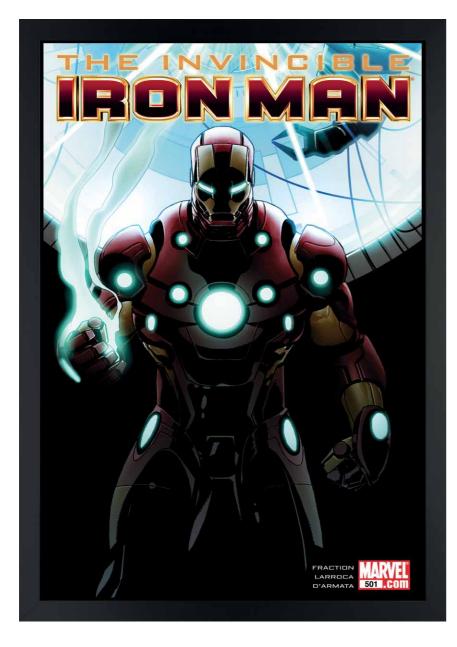


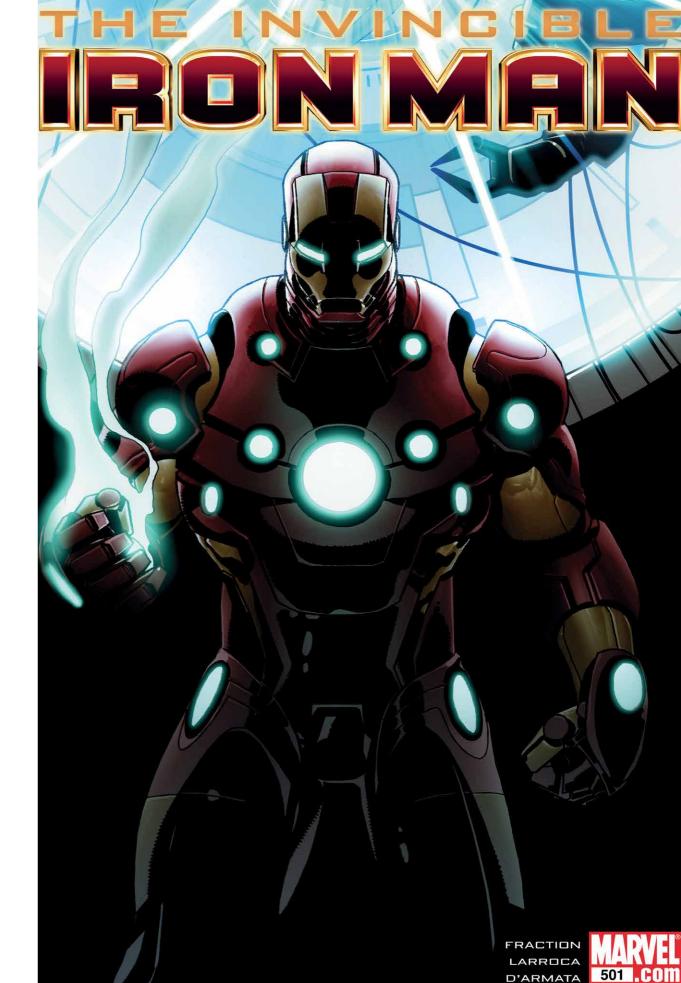






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