

Films and Comics

Graphic novels and comic books, as a notoriously popular media, are often adopted by the film industry. The panel layout of comics makes conversion into storyboards simple, and the stories are short enough for a feature film. For the Young Adult Librarian, this is convenient. Cut down your collection development time by considering the purchase of both the graphic novels and the films.

Keeping an ear open for up-and-coming films is as important as keeping tabs on catalogues. The following websites are portals and listings of movie news and comic book news. Specifically, most of these websites are focused on movies based on comic books, offering news of all levels of production and distribution.

<http://www.imdb.com/>

The Internet Movie Database is the essential web-guide for film information. International in range and with a scope dating to the beginning of the film and television industries, IMDB offers most the information a person could need.



<http://comicscontinuum.com/>

The Comics Continuum has a daily update of everything comic book. It is laden with unrelated advertisements, but the simple design makes for quick scanning. The site covers comic book titles, films (proposed, in production, or newly released), cartoons, and toys.



<http://www.comicbookresources.com/>

Comic Book Resources is essentially an online newspaper of comic book news. Columns and regular supplements make searching discussion easy. Of particular note, the section 'The Comic Reel' covers movie news, including links to the sources.



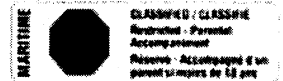
<http://www.superhero hype.com/>

Superhero Hype is focused on film conversions, but does include information on other media. The fact that this site regularly accepts blogs as news makes the content questionable but entertaining.



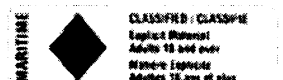
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The Comic Book Movies website has a sleek and unique layout; news about upcoming films is listed alphabetically by the character's name. This site does include information about cartoons, and excludes films whose subject is of comics. Otherwise, a valuable site for the fan.



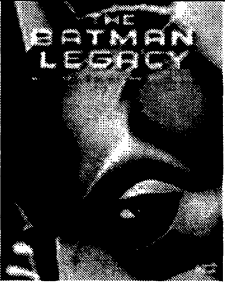


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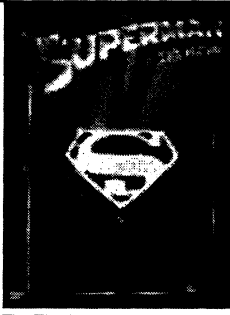

Comics-to-Film contains essentially the same news as any of the above. It is a bit of an eye and brain strain to find pertinent information. There are a number of bulletin boards, Blogs, and fan sites linked from this page; these may be useful, but otherwise the site is redundant.


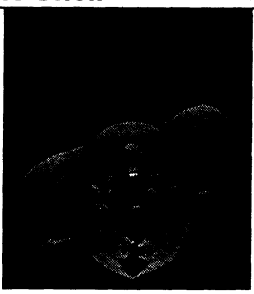


The following lists contain the titles of books and subsequent films, along with their ratings. The ratings are based on the most recent legislation in the province of Nova Scotia. The link below provides the history and the scope of these ratings; as well, there is a database searchable by title or date of release.

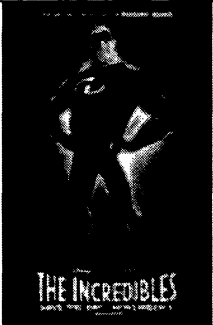
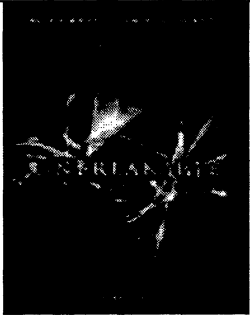
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/aga/filmclassification.asp>

Graphic Novel	Film	Rating
Batman 	Batman	14 Violent Scenes
	Batman Returns	14
	Batman and Robin	PG Frightening Scenes
	Batman Forever	14
Blade	Blade	18 extreme violence
	Blade 2	18 extreme violence
	Blade 3	18 extreme violence
Catwoman	Catwoman	PG
Constantine	Constantine	14 Violent Scenes
Crow	Crow	18 extreme violence
Daredevil 	Daredevil	14 Violent Scenes
Fantastic Four	Fantastic Four	G
From Hell	From Hell	18 extreme violence
Ghost World	Ghost World	14 offensive language
Hellboy	Hellboy	14 Gory Scenes
Hulk 	Hulk	PG Frightening Scenes
Judge Dredd	Judge Dredd	14 violent scenes
The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen	The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen	14 Violent Scenes
The Mask	The Mask	14 offensive language
	The Son of the Mask	PG
The Men In Black	Men In Black	PG
	Men In Black 2	PG
Punisher	Punisher (2004)	18 extreme violence
Spawn	Spawn	14 violence, offensive language

Spider-Man		Spider-Man Spider-Man 2	PG PG
Superman		Superman Superman 2 Superman 3 Superman: Quest for Peace	14 14 G G
X-Men		X-Men X-Men 2	PG PG

Graphic Novel	Animated Film	Rating
Akira	Akira	18 extreme violence
Ghost in the Shell	 Ghost in the Shell Ghost in the Shell: Innocence Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex	14 Violence Scenes, Offensive Language Not Yet Rated 14 Violent Scenes
The Maxx	 The Maxx (HBO)	Not Yet Rated
Spawn	Spawn (HBO)	14 violence, offensive language
Steamboy	Steamboy	

The following films are not based on particular comic books, but hold them as majors themes. For a library where comics are popular, these films are excellent additions.

Comic Book / Superhero Film	Rating
Comic Book Villians	14 Coarse Language
 <p data-bbox="87 558 315 590">The Incredibles</p>	PG
Mystery Men	PG Frightening Scenes
Sky High	Not Yet Rated
 <p data-bbox="87 947 277 978">Unbreakable</p>	PG Mature Theme

The following are documentaries about comic books. These can range from specials on artists, titles, genres, or periods. These also tend to be television specials and thus easily overlooked. In fact, there are many missing from the list.

Biographical / Historical Film	Rating
Comic Book: The Movie	PG
Comic Book Confidential	G
Comic Book Superheroes Unmasked (TV Special)	Not Yet Rated
Crumb	14
Sex, Lies & Superheroes (TV Special)	Not Yet Rated
Funny Ladies: A Portrait of Women Cartoonists	Not Yet Rated
Stan Lee: The Comix-Man	Not Yet Rated
Stan Lee's Mutants, Monsters, and Marvels (TV Special)	Not Yet Rated
The Masters of Comicbook Art	Not Yet Rated
The Devil You Know: Inside the Mind of Todd McFarlane	Not Yet Rated