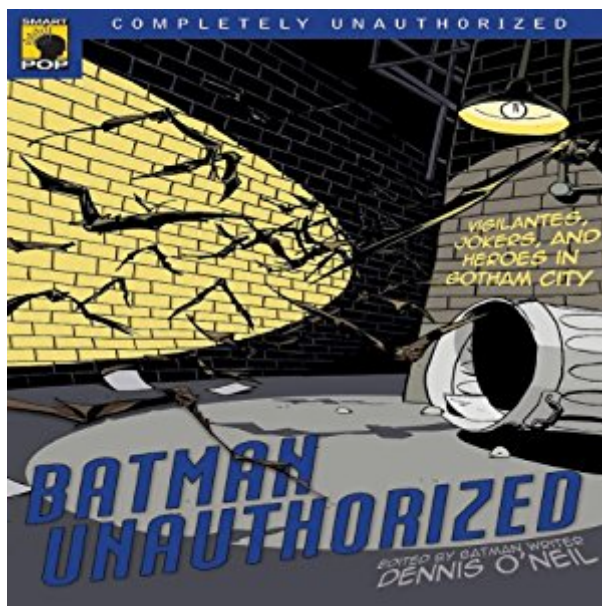


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# Batman Unauthorized: Vigilantes, Jokers, And Heroes In Gotham City



## Synopsis

Compiled by a veteran writer of the comic series, this collection of essays explores Batman's motivations and actions, as well as those of his foes. Batman is a creature of the night, more about vengeance than justice, more plagued by doubts than full of self-assurance, and more darkness than light. He has no superpowers, just skill, drive, and a really well-made suit. One of the most recognized superheroes ever created, Batman has survived through campy TV shows and films, through actors like Adam West, Michael Keaton, and Christian Bale. It covers both the silly and the solemn, asking questions like Why is the Joker so good at pushing Batman's buttons? What does Batman's technology say about the times? Why are Batman's villains crazier than average? and Why is Batman the perfect, iconic American hero?

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## Customer Reviews

If you are a Batman fan this is a fun must read for you! Every essay has kept my interest and challenged my own thoughts on many aspects of Bruce Wayne and Batman. Batman in the comics, in cinema, TV, there is something here on every version! Mind expanding and enjoyable!

It was interesting to read other people's points of view into Bruce Wayne/Batman. Parts of the book were understanding what it takes to be Batman, which the research it took was helpful into the mind set of the Batman.

I loved this book I read anything about batman and his people try it today you won't regret it

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This book is very good and the authors who write the essays on Batman have some interesting opinions on topics concerning him. Although, some of the essays are saying how Batman is just a novelty and he shouldn't be taken seriously. If you are a momentous Batman fan, like myself, you will not take kindly to these opinions. It shouldn't have honestly been in this book. But whatever. It's really interesting, because I don't really think there has been a book released that has had many opinions of Batman elements. Of course, the great Dennis O'Neil edited the book and writes the foreword. He always has great things to say. And he was obviously the person who turned Batman around and had him become what he is today. The book is a very quick read and I enjoyed it thoroughly. It's a great book to take "on the go" with you, as some of the essays are very short. The book has interesting takes on the new Batman movie - "The Dark Knight" - which was my favorite part of the book. Bottom line: the people who know what they're talking about when it comes to Batman, they're worth it. The one's who seem like they've never had a connection to Batman, it shows - and it can be kind of frustrating. But, highly recommended!

'Batman Unauthorized: Vigilantes, Jokers, and Heroes in Gotham City' is edited by Dennis O'Neil which should give lie to the "unauthorized" part of this title. It may not have the blessing of DC Comics, but it's edited by a Batman legend. It's a series of essays and criticisms about the Caped Crusader. I found it much better than a similar one I've recently read about Superman, but I am biased towards the character. The essays include an argument in favor of Frank Miller's *The Dark Knight Strikes Again*, which left most fans wondering what happened. There is an essay on what the true cost of being Batman would be (including time spent in forensics and martial arts classes). It turns out you really would need to be a billionaire to pull it off. There is an essay about the murky origins of Batman and how we've heard one story, but there is much more to who is owed credit. The wacky stories of Batman in the 1950s are defended and praised in 'Batman in Outer Space.' And we learn that we get the Batman we deserve, as we look at how the character evolves with the times he lives in. Most Bat-related things are discussed, but I would have liked a bit more on the really fine animated series. Since the book was writing about 10 years ago, only the first Christopher Nolan work is discussed. It's also nice that nobody came to the defense of the truly dreadful Joel Schumacher Batman films. This book would have lost a star or two if anyone had defended them. I received a review copy of this ebook from BenBella Books and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this ebook.

Different views of Batman, since his first apparition on Detective Comics from the pen (pencils) of Bob Kane till now. Experts talk of the differences between the first Batman and, mostly, Miller's Batman (Return of the Dark Knight). All the different Robin: Dick Grayson (who has his own comics right now and it's not so bad), the life, death and resurrection of Jason Todd and the actual Tim Drake. The father figures in Batman's life like Alfred, Commissioner Gordon and Ra's Al Ghul, who even stole the coffins of Bruce Wayne's parents. There is even a diagnosis following the DSM-IV and we have our vigilante declared an antisocial personality with a PTSD. What is missed are mostly his relationships with women: Catwoman, Poison Ivy and Talia of course, who will give him Damian, Batman of the future. If you love Batman this is the book for you.

Differenti visioni di Batman, dalla sua prima apparizione su Detective Comics, dalle matite di Bob Kane fino ad oggi. Diversi esperti parlano delle differenze tra il primo Batman e, fondamentalmente, il Batman di Miller (Il ritorno del Cavaliere Oscuro). Tutti i vari Robin: da Dick Grayson, che ora gode di una serie di fumetti tutta per lui e non Ã© neanche male; la vita, la morte e la " pessima" resurrezione di Jason Todd; l'attuale Tim Drake. Le varie figure paterne che si susseguono nella trama come per esempio Alfred, il commissario Gordon e anche Ra's Al Ghul, che arriva addirittura a rubare le bare dei genitori di Bruce Wayne. In un capitolo c'Ã© anche la diagnosi di disturbo di personalitÃ antisociale con possibile Disturbo Post Traumatico da Stress, il tutto seguendo le linee guida del DSM-IV. In realtÃ quello che salta all'occhio Ã© la quasi totale assenza delle donne nella vita di Batman: Catwoman, Poison Ivy e Talia, figlia di Ra's Al Ghul che gli darÃ anche un figlio: Damian, che prenderÃ poi il suo posto diventando il Batman del futuro. Se vi piace Batman, questo Ã© il libro per voi.

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