

1930's.....Dark Times.

During the 1930's
America was facing
the threat of War.
People wanted to
find a way of escape &
Comic Books provided
this.

People wanted
Superheroes
that fought evil





DC Comics

Comic strips first appeared in newspapers.

They then took strips & put them all together to create a comic booklet. DC or 'Detective Comics' went further by introducing new characters....



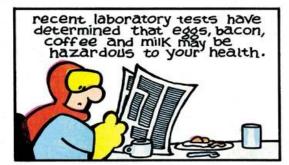






CAPTAIN VINCIBLE





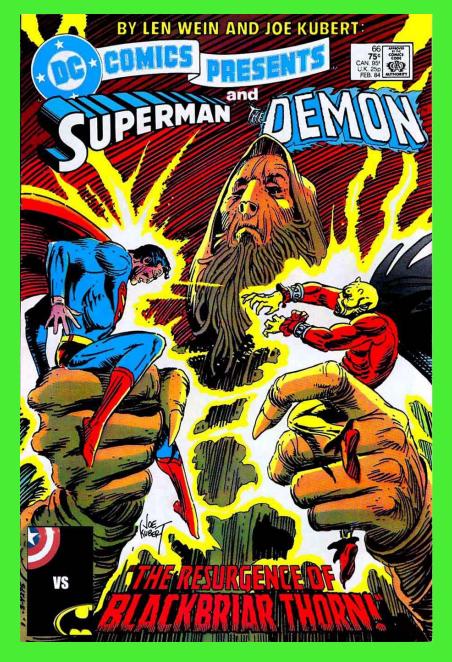






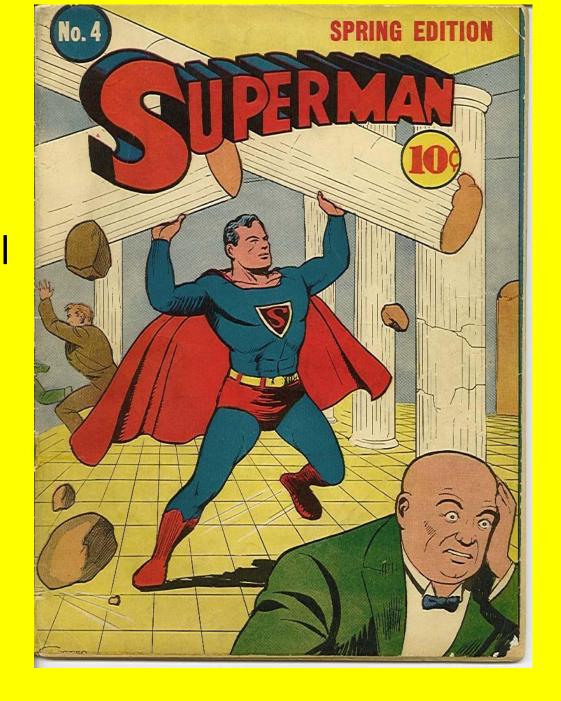






Superman

Superman was a hugely successful character. DC were keen to continue this success & introduce more characters.





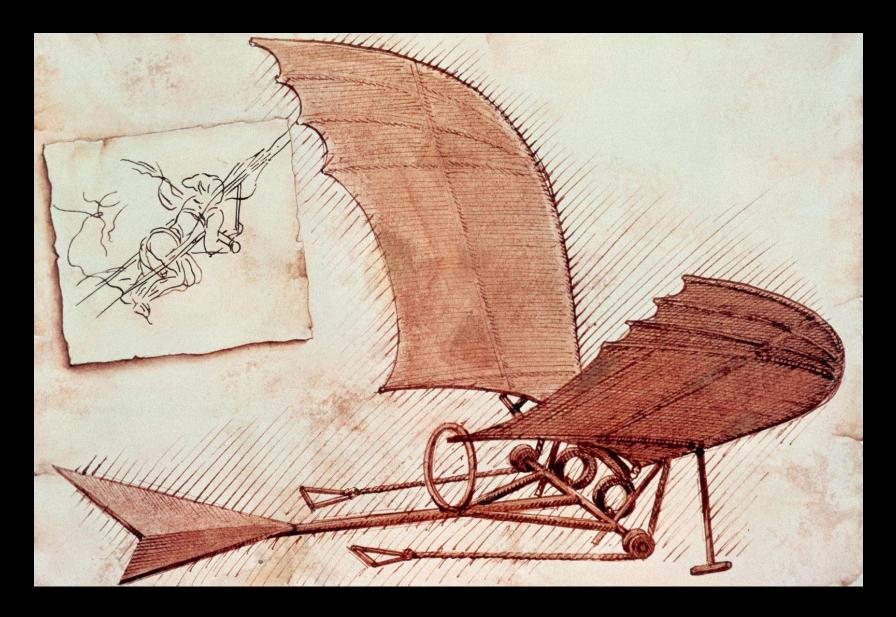
Bob Kane was given the task and was only a teenager when he created Batman

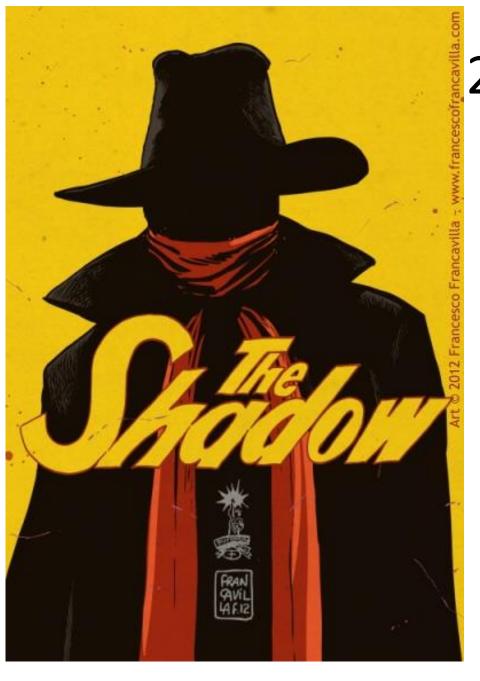




He was influenced by 3 things.....

1.Leonardo Da Vinci's Bat Glider





2.The Shadow



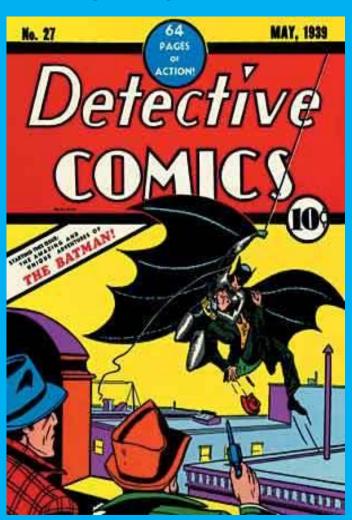
3.



Kane wanted Batman to be different Superman & gave him **no** superpowers

The Story......

As a young boy
Bruce Wayne watched his
parents killed in a street
mugging.
He decided to avenge their
deaths by making himself strong
enough to fight
the forces of evil.

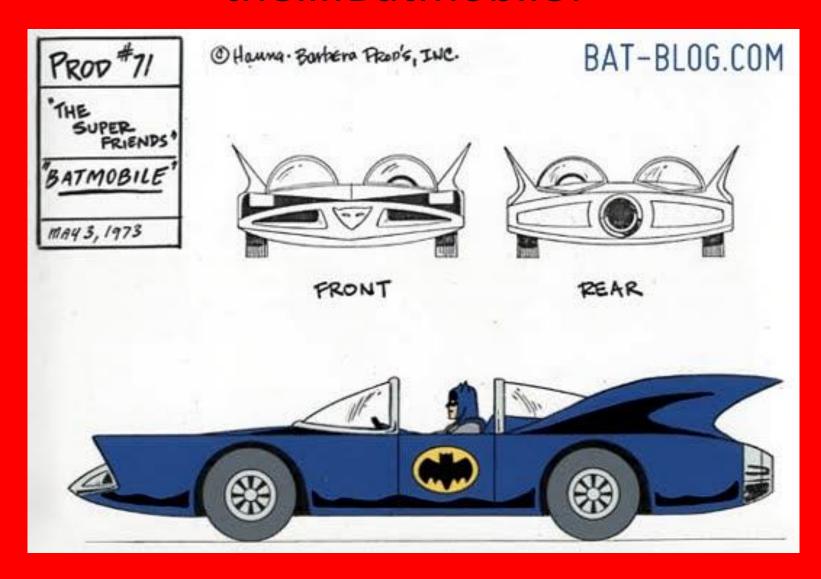


As a child Kane wanted to live in a castle in Italy with a butler.

Bruce Wayne is a millionaire living in a mansion with the butler Alfred.



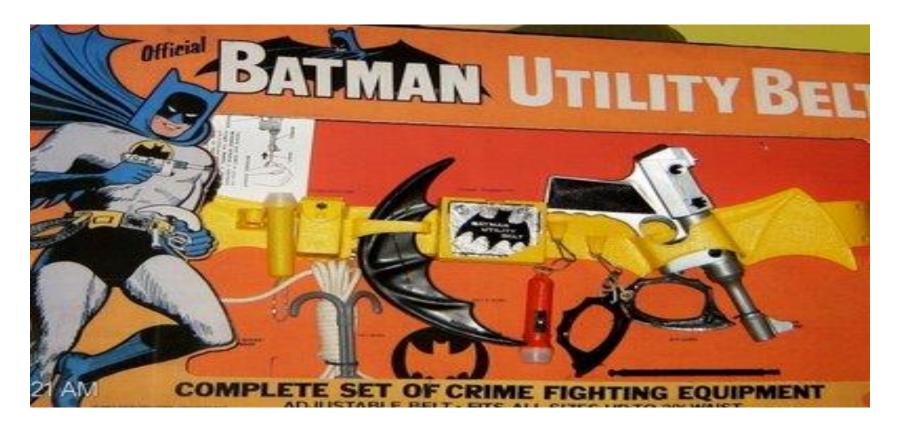
While Zorro had a horse Batman had the....Batmobile!

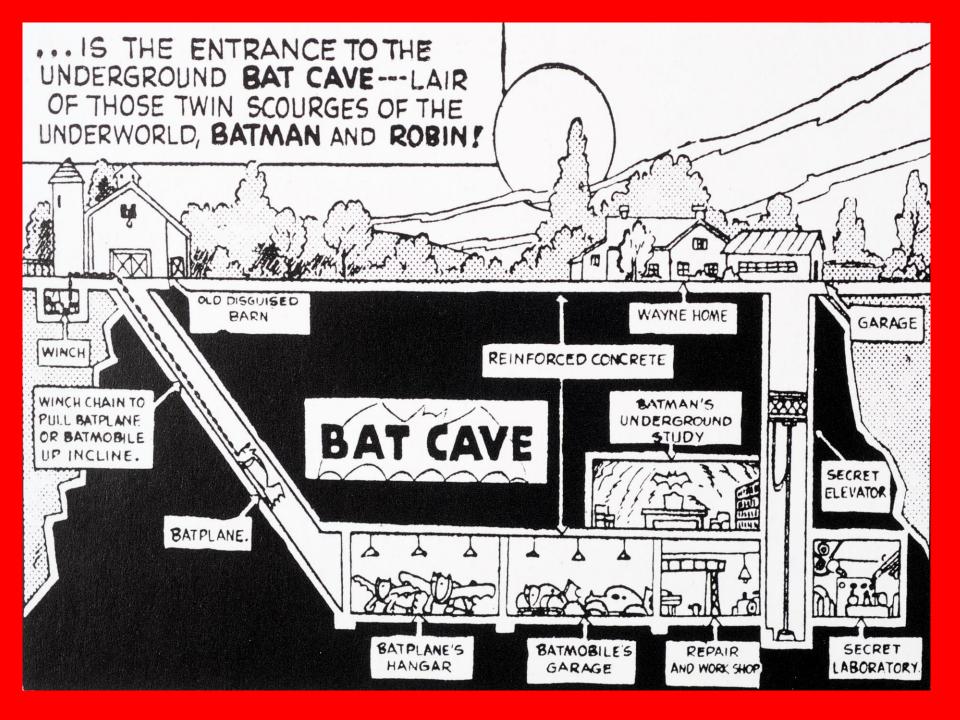














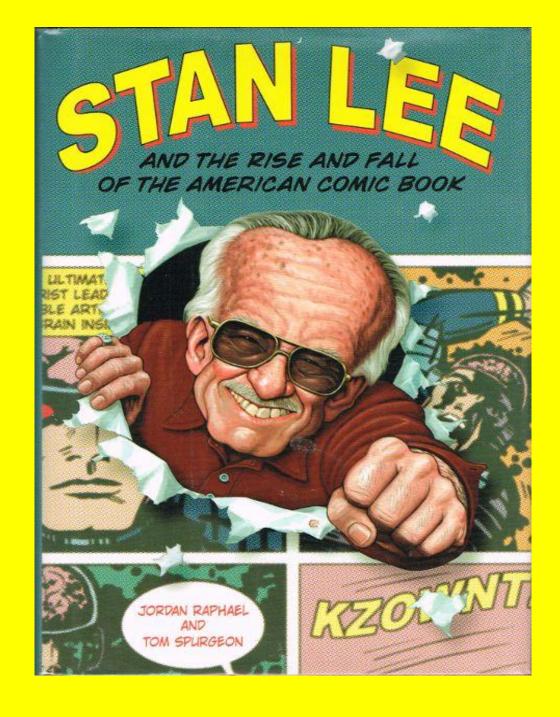
Batman became so popular
Kane needed help to produce the demand for new stories.

Stan Lee originally wrote with

him but then they took on

- Bill Finger
- Jim Robinson
- & Gardner Fox.

Since then many, many illustrators & writers have worked on Batman issues.

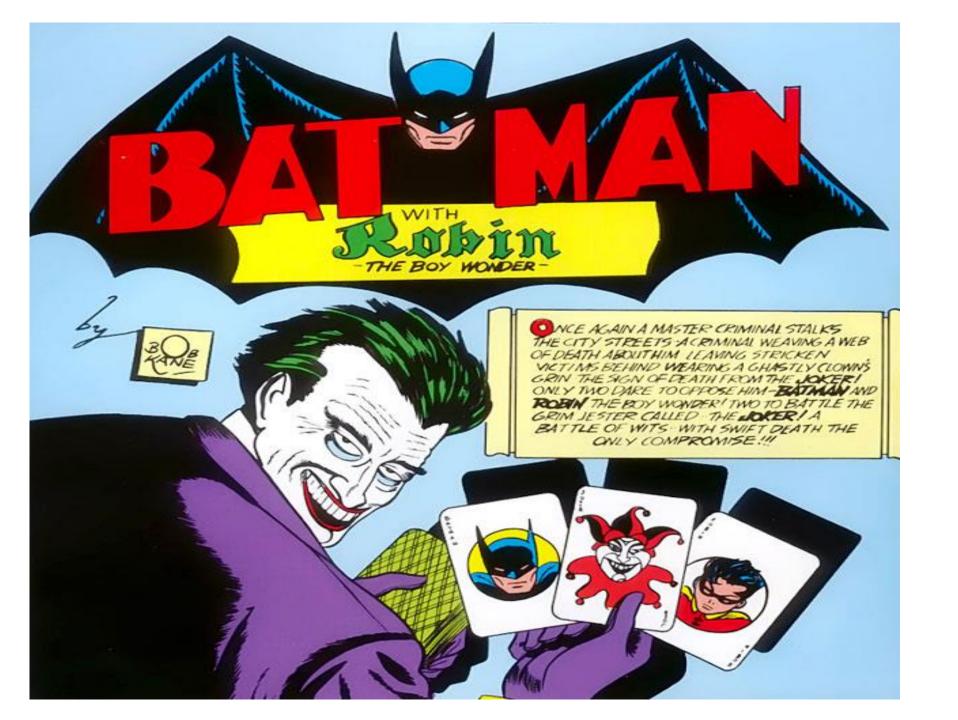


With Batman came a host of other characters other characters....... Robin. "Holy sidekicks, Batman!!"



....and of course the villains!!









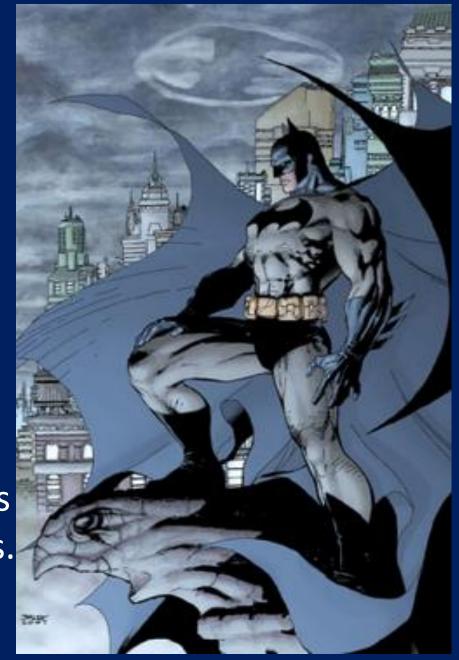


Batman started to appear everywhere-the radio television, books & film. The 1960's TV series became very popular –comic in style.



OMITA

Started to lose popularity in 1960's so they brought in a new editor Julius Schwartz. With a host of new Illustrators, Batman became more realistic....Neal Adams & Marshall Roberts were 2 of their best artists.









Films







Animated Series

Created by Bruce Timm in the 1990s



Merchandise

















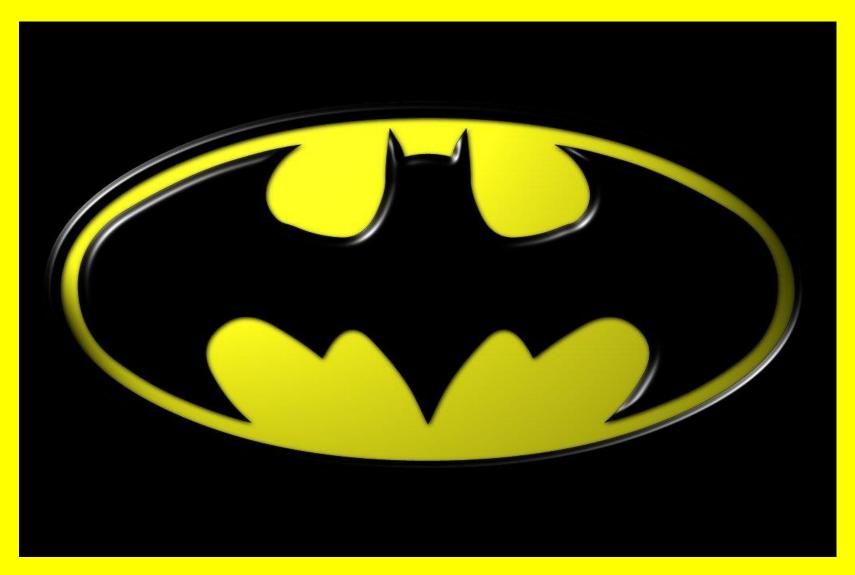


Recently a collector has sold a near-mint copy of the first issue of the Batman comic book for a whopping £700,000.





The logo can now be recognised all over the world.!



Art Competition Create a picture of Batman using any medium....

