

## Batman Chronicles, Vol. 1

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**Bill Finger, Bob Kane : Batman Chronicles, Vol. 1** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Batman Chronicles, Vol. 1:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Of historical interestBy Fry BoyThe "Batman Chronicles, Volume One" presents the original Batman comics in chronological order. I obtained it because, frankly, all the movies and some comic reboots (Frank Miller) in the past twenty or so years had me both confused and intrigued about the origin

story of Batman. In this volume, you get 17 comics and meet the likes of Professor Hugo Strange (twice), the Joker (twice), Robin and, I believe, Catwoman. It was interesting that so many prime characters/villains were introduced so quickly. Although I'm glad I got the straight skinny on Batman's origin story (it's about two pages in all), I can't say the comics are a great read. The artwork is sketchy at best and the storytelling is somewhat lacking. It was probably great for kids back in the WWII era, not so much now.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **The Batman in All His Original Glory** By Neal Cornett Includes Detective Comics 27-38 Batman 1. First appearance of The Batman. The origin of The Batman, unlike that of Superman, is not given in his first appearance, but is given twice in these 12 issues. Also introduced is Robin, the Boy Wonder, who is likened to a modern Robin Hood (which is apparently the original explanation of the name). We also get the first appearances of the Monk, Hugo Strange, Catwoman (here called simply The Cat), and the Joker. The Bat-plane and Bat-arang also appear, but the Batmobile and Batcave are yet to come. Mysteriously appearing and vanishing without warning is Bruce Wayne's ( Batman's) moustache! Bruce also smokes a pipe, which I never knew. Great introduction to the character for both long-time fans and new ones.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. **Pulp Batman** By Elvin Ortiz I had never read any Batman comic books earlier than the 1970s. I thought that these texts were quite interesting because they resemble more the Batman that one reads in the post-Frank Miller era or the recent Dark Knight films than the Batman I read in the 70s. First, I was surprised by the number of times that Batman purposefully kills some of the villains here. In his very first case, Batman knocks the bad guy into a tank of acid and states shamelessly "A fitting end for his kind." There are several other deaths caused by Batman. Secondly, during this period, Bob Kane and Bill Finger show us a Batman no different from Spiderman: a hero who fights crime and yet, he is not recognized for what he does; instead, he gets persecuted by the law. Other things that are equally interesting are that the setting for this first Batman is New York City (Batman versus the vampire, September 1939); and Bruce Wayne has a girlfriend named Julie Madison. Some of these stories are also weird, or gothic, like the vampire stories referred to above, or his fight against Dr. death. In November 1939 the origins of Batman are introduced, and retold in Batman #1. Also, we get to see the origins of Robin and the first appearances of the classical villain, the Joker. The language of this text is also quite challenging and above today's levels for adults. I got a kick out of "Wending his way homeward" on the first page of DC, (February, 1940), plus the number of other adjectives and adverbs that are used to give life to the Batman character. After Robin is introduced quite well, the story's dark tone starts to vanish. The last comic book has Robin crossing an old man across the street.

At last, an affordable collection of every Batman adventure, in color, in chronological order! **The Batman Chronicles Vol.1** begins with the very first appearance of the Dark Knight in Detective Comics #27, and continues with every subsequent appearance in sequence. Created by Bob Kane, Batman is featured in adventures written by Bill Finger, with art by Bob Kane, Jerry Robinson and various. This volume reprints Detective Comics #27-37 and Batman #1.