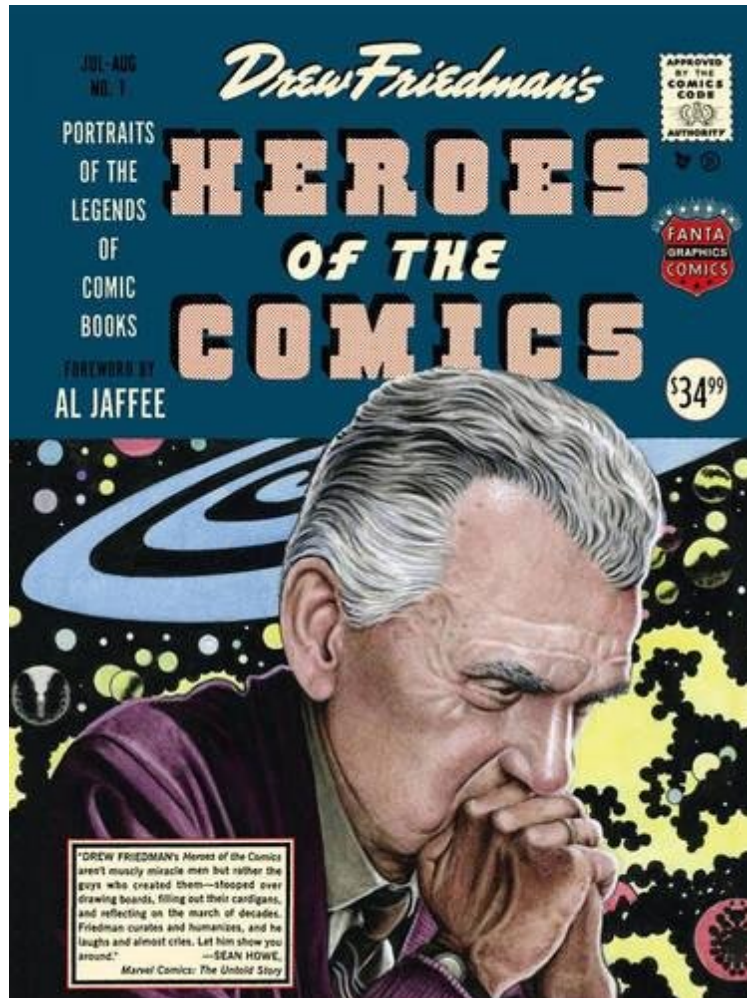


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hits it out of the park again with this book. As a kid growing up and reading Mad magazine and tons of comic books, I was never aware of the people who actually drew, wrote, and published the comics that helped shape who I am today. Friedman captures my true heroes' portraits with a sweet and nostalgic tone - it's not just the faces that stand out, but the backgrounds are amazing as well. Drew loves his subjects and it shows. I wish I could tell every single person in this book how I feel about them - I've had the honor of telling Al Jaffee how much I love him. However, Drew has done it for me for all the others with these wonderful portraits.

This collects Drew Friedman's portraits of famous and not-so-famous cartoonists: the men and women who created superheroes, Mad magazine, and much more. Featuring over 80 full-color portraits of the pioneering legends of American comic books, including publishers, editors and artists from the industry's birth in the 30s, through the brilliant artists and writers of behind EC Comics in the 50s. All lovingly rendered and chosen by Drew Friedman, a cartooning legend in his own right. Featuring subjects popular and obscure, men and women, as well as several pioneering African-American artists. Each subject features a short essay by Friedman, who grew up knowing many of the subjects included (as the son of writer Bruce Jay Friedman), including Stan Lee, Harvey Kurtzman, Will Eisner, Mort Drucker, Al Jaffee, Jack Davis, Will Elder, and Bill Gaines. More names you might recognize: Barks, Crumb, Wood, Wolverton, Frazetta, Siegel Shuster, Kirby, Cole, Ditko, Werthem it's a Hall of Fame of comic book history from the man BoingBoing.com call America's greatest living portrait artist! Full color illustrations throughout

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