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**Dave Stevens : The Rocketeer: The Complete Adventures** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rocketeer: The Complete Adventures:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Blast Off For Adventure !By GrrrrTHE ROCKETEER is my favorite comic book hero film. If you've seen the movie , you'll find that Dave Stevens' Rocketeer, being the inspiration, is edgier and darker than the Disney film. In the book, Cliff Secord is a bit of a brash jerk, and Betty is not the sweet and innocent young beauty as portrayed by Jennifer Connelly in the movie. Also missing is the Errol Flynn - inspired villain , superbly played by Timothy Dalton. That being said, Dave Stevens' incredible artwork and storyline in his book have to be enjoyed as a separate entity, and a masterpiece of 1930's /40's pulp fiction fantasy. If you're familiar with the era and literature of the times, you'll really enjoy this.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. there was dozens of amazing works in that decadeBy David AvalloneDave recreates the peak Pulp era, with

this loving tribute to the adventures of the 1930s, and returned Bette Page to richly deserved fame. A gorgeous romp, and essential reading. The comic book renaissance of the 1980s wasn't all Dark Knight Returns and Watchmen: there was dozens of amazing works in that decade, and this was one of them.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. One of the best independent comic book stories of all time... A masterpiece!By GSDA pulp classic. The Rocketeer is a fictional character, a superhero created by writer-illustrator Dave Stevens. In 1982, Mr. Stevens showed a great storytelling ability and a great love for all things old and vintage in his Rocketeer series. He pays tribute to the best pulp fiction with references to old Hollywood films, Bettie Paige, The Shadow, Doc Savage and other pulpy storytelling devices like Nazis and the mob.This collection features all of Dave Stevens Rocketeer work (8 issues) and is appropriately titled Dave Stevens' The Rocketeer, The Complete Adventures, which is the standard trade hardcover edition. It contains new coloring by Laura Martin, who had been chosen by Dave Stevens prior to his death.This is what the wonderfully visual and action packed movie is based on. No comics collection is complete without this masterpiece!

Cliff Secord, a down-on-his luck pilot, is always looking for ways to make a fast buck. Discovering a stolen rocket pack could be the one thing that will turn his fortunes around... but will it? What follows are government agents, German spies, deception, danger, and adventure. This is the world of... The Rocketeer! Dave Stevens' high-soaring pulp-inspired character was an instant classic when first released. Now, for the first time, all The Rocketeer stories by Stevens are collected in one edition and all meticulously remastered and re-colored bringing the complete death-defying adventures of Cliff Secord and company to a brand new audience!

From Publishers Weekly Starred . Speeding across the sky like a jet-propelled dream, Stevens's Rocketeer is one of the most enduring and endearing images of '80s comics. Set in the '30s, these tales follow Cliff Secord, an impulsive young stunt pilot who finds a mysterious jetpack that enables him to fly. And then his troubles and the fun begin. A charming, lively tribute to the pulp era several characters from well-known pulp serials make clandestine appearances Stevens's lively, gorgeous art captures every wide-eyed gasp and clenched-jaw struggle of the breakneck tale. While Stevens, who died in 2008, is a master of adventure, Cliff's girlfriend Betty, a delightful homage to pinup queen Bettie Page, often steals the show. Due to Stevens's slow output, only a handful of Rocketeer stories exist, collected for the first time following a checkered publishing trail and being out-of-print for over a decade. Those who have never seen the complete Rocketeer will be satisfied with the regular hardcover edition; an oversized deluxe edition brings together concept art, sketches, and background materials that make this the definite record of one of comics' most appealing recent characters. (Jan.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist The high-flying hero of this gloriously retro comic book, which inspired a 1991 feature film, is Cliff Secord, a pleasantly lunkheaded, barnstorming aviator in 1930s Los Angeles who comes into possession of a stolen rocket pack that enables him to fly. A bullet-shaped helmet designed by Cliffs mechanic pal, Peevy, completes the look, inspired by the 1949 King of the Rocket Men movie serial. The story lines, involving Nazi spies and the like, are slight but serviceable. What made The Rocketeer a fan favorite was Stevens luscious artwork, especially his rendition of Cliffs girlfriend, Betty. Stevens talent for drawing cheesecake-style gorgeous women was unsurpassed, and Betty, an overt homage to pinup queen Bettie Page, was the most dazzling of them. It took Stevens, notoriously slow and meticulous, a dozen years to produce the relative handful of stories gathered in this slim volume that, unfortunately, must stand as The Rocketeer in toto, since Stevens died in 2008. In this lovingly designed, newly recolored collection, though, that legacy is very impressive in quality, however meager in quantity. --Gordon Flagg About the Author Dave Stevens was born in Lynwood, California on July 29, 1955. His career in comics began in 1975, assisting veteran artist Russ Manning on the syndicated Tarzan newspaper strip. Stevens went on to toil as a storyboard artist for Hanna-Barbara, DePatie-Freleng and Filmation animation studios, working on such programs as Super Friends and The Godzilla Power Hour. Later, Stevens was asked by Steven Spielberg to create presentation boards for Raiders of the Lost Ark. During the same period, Stevens storyboarded the groundbreaking music video Thriller for Michael Jackson and did production design for Jacksons Victory Tour. In 1982, Stevens debuted the feature for which he is best known, The Rocketeer. Initially appearing as a back-up feature in the second issue of an independent comic, the pulp-inspired story of Cliff Secord, a daring stunt pilot who finds an experimental rocket pack, became an instant sensation. The Rocketeer went on to star in his own comic book series, and in 1991 would become a well-received major motion picture from Walt Disney Studios. Stevens lush figure work, particularly when rendering the female form, coupled with his elegant brush line, brought him much acclaim far beyond the confines of comic books. In particular, his breathy portrayals of Cliffs girlfriend Betty, inspired by famed pin-up queen Bettie Page, helped revitalize interest in the 50s icon, a fact openly acknowledged by Page, who became close friends with Stevens in her final years. On March 11, 2008, Dave Stevens lost a long battle against leukemia.