

# '80s Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Comic Sets Record Sale Price of \$250,000 at ComicConnect.com Auction

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, December 21, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Vintage comic book values just keep soaring—and not just ultra-rare, 80-year-old Golden Age treasures. Recently, a [Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #1](#)—published in 1984—sold for a record price of \$250,000.

It's the latest in a series of record-breaking deals for the #1 comic of its era, but it certainly won't be the last.

"This is the most important comic published in the last forty years," says Vincent Zurzolo, COO and co-founder of ComicConnect.com, the industry's leading online auction house.

"Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello, and Raphael—not to mention Splinter and Shredder—are modern pop culture icons."

When the Turtles burst on the scene in the mid-1980s, the wise-cracking, pizza-loving superheroes—a mash-up parody of Ronin, X-Men and Teen Titans—were an unexpected hit, surprising even its own creators.

Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird had envisioned the comic as a one-time novelty project, scraping up just enough to self-publish slightly more than 3,000 black-and-white copies.

"Eastman and Laird transformed what started as an inside joke into a media juggernaut and merchandising machine," notes Zurzolo, who handled the auction.

"This single book led to scores of comic titles, movies, tv shows, spin-offs—not to mention video games and licensed toys."

TMNT belong to the Copper Age of comics, which spans 1984 to 1991. Today, as now-grown children of the '80s dive more deeply to comic collecting and investing, nostalgia for their youth



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #1



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is helping to drive demand for Copper Age comics.

And of course, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #1 is the most valuable, sought-after comic of that age. Zurzolo and his team also hold records for the book's two previous threshold-breaking sales, for \$240,000 and \$245,000 respectively.

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"Collectors are lining up for this book and there just aren't enough copies to go around—wouldn't it be great to help set another record?"

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