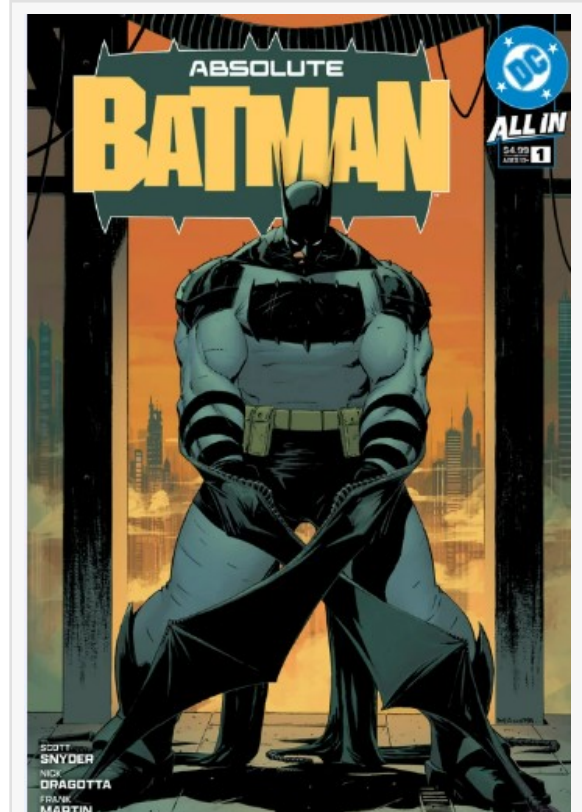


Absolute Batman, Only Two Years Old, Could Be Destined for Comic Book Fame

Is "Absolute Batman" a good long-term bet for collectors?

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 24, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A two-year-old comic book series is making news. It reimagines Batman's origin story, turning the millionaire crimefighter into a blue-collar vigilante, making an immediate splash when it was released in 2024.

Much like house-flippers, people bought Absolute Batman #1 at the \$4.99 cover price and are now selling them for \$200, \$300 or even more. Whether they will continue to increase in value, though, is an open question, says [Vincent Zurzolo](#), president and co-founder of ComicConnect.com, the premier auction site for vintage comics and pop culture collectibles.



Absolute Batman comic book

"The reception this series received when it was released just two years ago is pretty unprecedented," says Zurzolo, whose company has had multiple \$1 million-plus sales of vintage books. "There was an X factor about it – the story and the artwork – that immediately drew in fans ready for a new version of the Caped Crusader.

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“Absolute Batman #1 was the best-selling comic of 2024, and the series has continued to break its own sales records ever since. It’s the hottest thing on the market right now.”

Zurzolo says the Absolute series has given comic book stores a boost. "It's creating excitement around collecting and visiting your local comic shop on a weekly basis," he says. "That has been missing from comics for years. I do not think this is a fad any longer. People are going nuts for this and the rest of the Absolute series."



Artwork from Absolute Batman

Absolute Batman writer Scott Snyder and artist Nick Dragotta, longtime DC collaborators, both attended the recent San Diego Comic Con, where DC's "Absolute Universe" lineup – including not only Batman but also long-time icons Superman, Wonder Woman, Flash and the Green Lantern – took center stage.



Batman

"For fans, the hype is absolutely warranted," Zurzolo said. "It remains to be seen how well these books hold their value."

He summed up the reason in one word: Rarity.

"Rarity and condition are two of the driving factors in vintage comic book collecting," he said. "Having come out in the last two years, these books are clearly in good condition. However, there are thousands of copies flooding the market."

Absolute Batman #1 is already in its twelfth printing, and Absolute Batman #2 is in its ninth printing. The books are being reprinted with variant covers by different artists, which could help the rarity factor, Zurzolo said.

Whenever high profile artists work on an Absolute cover, it boosts sales and collectability. Therefore, any superstar artist will drive sales and demand.

Another variable is the recent announcement of an Absolute Batman animated series from DC in collaboration with Warner Bros., which will have Snyder as the showrunner and Dragotta as a producer. "If it's well done – and it should be with Snyder and Dragotta involved – we could see another bump in value for these books," Zurzolo said.

Snyder and Dragotta introduced a darker, alternate version of Gotham City plagued by the violent gang known as the Party Animals. In Absolute Batman #1, Bruce Wayne is re-imagined as a self-made hero who uses his intelligence and physical prowess to fight crime, while navigating complex relationships with characters who are familiar yet different from traditional Batman lore.

For example, Alfred the butler is now Alfred Pennyworth, a special agent tasked by MI6 to investigate the Party Animals.

"The comics are going for a lot but are still very inexpensive compared to vintage comics," Zurzolo says. "Another thing playing into this is that Batman will become public domain in 2035. But the intellectual property of Absolute Batman, because of its originality, will be protected for at least 98 years."

The original cover artwork from Absolute Batman and other DC Absolute Universe has hit the market selling from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Collector demand is through the roof with collectors waiting with open checkbooks.

"I always recommend that people new to comic collecting buy what they love, and clearly a lot of people love this new Batman," he said. "The increases in value are a bonus."

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