

Comic Book Movies to Watch While Stuck at Home

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Everyone knows about the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) and the DC Universe (DCU) but there are many more comic book based movies that you can enjoy during this lockdown.

Hellboy (2004): Based on the Dark Horse comic *Hellboy: Seeds of Destruction*, Hellboy follows the titular character as he works for the Bureau of Paranormal Research and Defense to fight against paranormal creatures out to destroy the world, and bring a dead nazi scientist back from Hell. Hellboy got remade in 2019, but nothing can compare to Ron Perlman with a rock arm petting cats and eating candy bars.



Sin City (2005): Another Dark Horse comic; Sin City is a neo-noir crime anthology film. There are four different stories within this two-hour-long movie. The movie is rated R for the blood, gore, murder, and cannibalism. Two of the short stories in the film are split into two parts; The Customer is Always Right part one is placed at the beginning of the film while part two is placed at the very end. Being a noir film, everything is in black and white, but that doesn't deter the cinematography of the film.

Men in Black (1997): Based on comics from the former comic book publisher "Aircel Comics", Men in Black follows Agent J and his partner Agent K as they hunt aliens in the U.S. At this point, I think everyone's at least heard of Men in Black, if not seen it, but it's always a good watch.

Spawn (1997): Based on the Spawn comics published by Image Comics and written by Todd McFarlane; Spawn follows Special Forces agent Al Simmons as he's murdered and is resurrected by one of the rulers of hell, Malebolgia, in order to bring about Armageddon. Simmons, now Spawn, doesn't really agree with the whole Armageddon thing and turns his back on Malebolgia. Just because critics didn't like the movie when it came out, doesn't mean it's not a good movie.

Tales from the Crypt (1972): Based on a British comic book, Tales from the Crypt is an anthology film. There are five stories, based around the five main characters. These characters run into the Crypt Keeper who tells them how they'll die. Three of these stories also appear in the Tales from the Crypt TV series. If you're a fan of the Final Destination series, you might wanna check out this movie.

Tank Girl (1995): A post-apocalyptic British comic book. Tank Girl follows the titular character as she, along with her friend Jet Girl, fight the oppressive corporation Water & Power that controls the only remaining water on Earth. She's Harley Quinn if you took away her love for Joker and gave her a tank. Unhinged, explosive, and so much fun.

The Mask (1994): Based on The Mask comics published by Dark Horse comics. "The Mask" stars Jim Carrey as the mischievous protagonist with superpowers. Unlike everything else on this list, "The Mask" is a fun, goofy movie that the whole family can enjoy.

Even though Spider-Man brought superhero movies to the limelight, they've been around for years. What better way to spend your downtime than to engross yourself in magic, fantasy, and horror that thrives in the realm of comic books.

