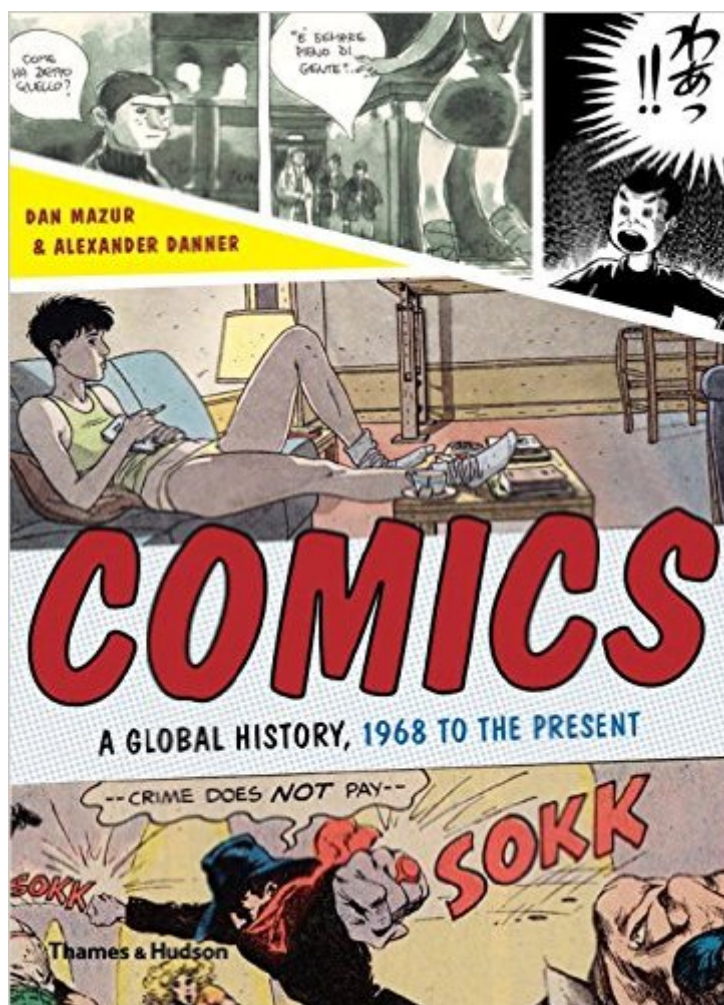


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Good overview of comics history since 1968, mainly in The US, Japan and the Franco-Belgian territories, with a few selected titles mentioned from other territories (Italy's Hugo Pratt and Guido Crepax, etc). The book is mostly about comics for older readers, so don't expect a lot of coverage of children's comics. Superheroes are mostly covered when the artist or writer has an 'artistic' edge, like in the case of Jack Kirby, Frank Miller, Alan Moore, etc. Newspaper strips are not covered, so no Calvin and Hobbes. What the book HAS got is a stunning overview of a lot of fascinating comics that would interest modern graphic novel readers, including a lot of foreign stuff that hasn't previously been covered in similar English language books. Some of this material has already been translated, some will hopefully be translated in the coming years. If that's what you're looking for, then this book is pretty definitive. Illustrations are well selected and well printed. It's a visually good looking book.

Great book!

1968? Why? Like 1001 Comics You Must Read Before You Die, which might have been better titled 1001 comics only complete obsessives need to have heard about and only a polylinguist could actually read, another idea that must have seemed good at the time. The full-page illustrations are fine; there are too many quarter-pages. Overall it feels like walking in for the last two acts of Hamlet. Is it a read-through, a reference or a coffee table? My feel is it's that dread object the gift book (the book equivalent of a bunch of flowers) and as such destined to end up in the john, where it's a little too bulky to sit snugly. Seriously, guys, The Essential Guide to World Comics is the one you want, whether novice or expert, with Dez Skinn's Comix for the arty intellectual stuff. (They'd nestle together very comfortably in your smallest room, should that be their fate.) Hah! Half the reviews posted on .co.uk say 'bought as a gift'. What kind of a moron reviews a book bought for someone else anyway?!

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